

## Curriculum vitae

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#### Academic positions

since 2020

**Postdoctoral Researcher at the Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America ▶**

University of Cologne, Germany, History Institute ▶

- Project: *Valued difference. Assembling social hierarchies in Rio de Janeiro*
- Second affiliations: Institute of Anthropology and Global South Studies Centre (U Cologne) ▶ ; Programa de Pós-Graduação em Antropologia Social, Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Postdoctoral Fellow ▶
- Service: Member of the Executive Board (2020–2021)
- Teaching: BA and MA Social and Cultural Anthropology ▶
- Coordination: Research Stream [Hi]stories of Conviviality

2017–2020

**Incoming Pegasus<sup>2</sup> Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow ▶**

University of Leuven, Belgium ▶

- Project: *Valued difference. Assembling social hierarchies in Rio de Janeiro*
- Second affiliation: Programa de Pós-Graduação em Antropologia Social, Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Postdoctoral Fellow ▶
- Collaboration: with Dr Meron Eresso (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) on female and transit migration, VW Foundation ▶
- Service: Postdoc representative of Anthropology to External Advisory Board (2020)
- Examiner: MA Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies and MA Social and Cultural Anthropology, theses and research seminar results
- Teaching: MA Research Seminar Social and Cultural Anthropology
- Fieldwork: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (13 months, 2017-20), Senegal (2 months, 2018)

- 2013–2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher and Member of the Steering Committee of the Doctoral Programme 'Europe in the Globalised World' ▶**  
University of Konstanz, Germany: Center of Excellence  
'Social Foundations of Cultural Integration'
- Project: *(Un)equal lives of migrants in Rio de Janeiro*
  - Management: Recruitment of researchers and academic coordination of the Doctoral Programme, international cooperations, budget responsibility over 400,000 EUR/year
  - Service: Member of decision-taking plenary of the Center of Excellence, internal peer-review of the Center and the Institute of Advanced Studies, design and organisation of workshops and conferences
  - Teaching: BA and MA seminars, doctoral research colloquium
  - Fieldwork: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (17 months, 2014-16), Buenos Aires, Argentina (1 month, 2014), Catalonia, Spain (1 month), Senegal (1 month)
- 2009–2013 **Doctoral Research Fellowship ▶**  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (MPI MMG), Göttingen, Germany
- Project: Cohabitation *and* convivencia. *Comparing conviviality in Casamance and Catalonia*
  - Collegiality: Doctoral trainings, Doctoral representative
  - Co-editorship: *Diversities* (2011)
  - Fieldwork: Catalonia, Spain (8 months) and Casamance, Senegal (8 months)

## Education

- 2009–2013 **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UK | INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**  
DPhil in Social and Cultural Anthropology (10 May 2014, no corrections) ▶
- Thesis: Cohabitation *and* convivencia. *Comparing conviviality in Casamance and Catalonia*
  - Examiners: Prof Ralph Grillo (Sussex) & Dr David Pratten (Oxford)
  - Supervisors: Prof Steven Vertovec & Dr H el ene Neveu Kringelbach
- 2007–2008 **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UK | CENTRE FOR MIGRATION, POLICY AND SOCIETY**  
MPhil (Distinction on Thesis) in Migration Studies
- Thesis: *Networks of residents in Catalonia: a Senegambian perspective*
  - Fieldwork: Catalonia, Spain (3 months)
  - Examiner: Dr Katherine Charsley & Prof David Parkin (both Oxford)
  - Supervisor: Dr Mette Louise Berg
- 2003–2006 **HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSIT AT BERLIN, GERMANY | GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCES**  
Vor-Diplom (1.2 | very good)
- 2005–2006 **STUDIENKOLLEG ZU BERLIN, GERMANY**  
Interdisciplinary Studies
- Project: *The Irish reaction on the Central and Eastern European immigration*

<b>Teaching qualifications</b>	2020	<i>Supervising a Master's Thesis</i> , Professionalisation module, KU Leuven, Belgium <i>Screencasting from A to Z</i> , Professionalisation module, KU Leuven, Belgium <i>Making knowledge clips</i> , Professionalisation module, KU Leuven, Belgium
	2013	<i>Course Planning and Student Motivation</i> , Teaching certificate module, U Konstanz, Germany
<b>Fellowships and grants</b>	2017–2020	<b>Incoming Pegasus<sup>2</sup> Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship</b> , applicant, Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen (FWO), Belgium, 150,000 EUR
total of ca. 400,000 EUR	2016–2020	<b>South-North Cooperation Senior-Postdoc Grant Dr Eresso</b> , co-applicant, Volkswagenstiftung, Germany, 140,000 EUR (own share: 30,000 EUR) ▶
	2009–2013	<b>Doctoral Fellowship</b> , Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Germany, 83,000 EUR
	2009–2011	<b>Doctoral Stipend</b> , German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany, 15,000 EUR
	2009–2010	<b>Travel Grant</b> , Abbey Santander, Oxford, UK
	2007–2008	<b>Student Stipend</b> , German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany
	2005–2006	<b>Student Fellowship</b> , Studienkolleg zu Berlin, Germany
	2003–2008	<b>Student Stipend</b> , German National Academic Foundation
<b>Awards</b>	2015	<b>Otto-Hahn Medal 2014</b> , Max Planck Society, Germany
	2007–2008	<b>Victor Ford Scholar</b> , Sir Richard Stapley Trust, UK
<b>Collegiality and management</b>	since 2020	<i>Scientific coordinator</i> , Research Stream [Hi]Stories of Conviviality, Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila), Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Germany  <i>Member of the Executive Board</i> , Mecila, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Germany
	2020	<i>Reviewer</i> , IX Prêmio Antropologia e Direitos Humanos: lutas sociais, mobilização política e alteridades, edição 2020 [9th Prize in Anthropology and Human Rights: Social struggles, political mobilization, and alterities, 2020 edition], Human Rights Commission of the Brazilian Anthropological Association (ABA)
	2017–2020	<i>Examiner</i> , Masters Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies and Master Social and Cultural Anthropology, KU Leuven, Belgium.
	2013–2017	<i>Scientific coordinator</i> , Doctoral Programme 'Europe in the Globalised World', Centre of Excellence, U Konstanz, Germany.  <i>Member of decision-taking plenary</i> , Centre of Excellence and Centre for Advanced Studies, U Konstanz, Germany.
	2013–2014	<i>Selection committee member</i> , Doctoral Programme 'Europe in the Globalised World', Centre of Excellence, U Konstanz, Germany.
	since 2011	<i>Selection committee member</i> , German National Academic Foundation.

- 2011 *Co-editor*, Diversities Journal, UNESCO, Paris, France and Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2009/10 *PhD representative*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2007/08 *Class representative*, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, U Oxford, UK.  
*Treasurer*, Migration Studies Society at Oxford, UK.
- Peer-review Anthropologica; Environment and Planning D: Society and Space; Migration and Ethnic Studies; Journal of Intercultural Studies; Migration and Society; Revista Internacional da Mobilidade Humana; New Diversities; International Journal of Latin American Religions; Novos Estudos; Iudere

**Major collaborations and associations**

- since 2020 **University of Cologne, Germany**  
Global South Studies Center, Principal Investigator  
Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Research and Teaching Associate
- since 2020 **KU Leuven, Belgium**  
Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre, Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Noel Salazar, Prof Karel Arnaut
- since 2016 **Casa Rui Barbosa Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**  
Centro de Estudos em Direito e Política de Imigração e Refúgio [Center for the Study of Rights and Politics of Immigration and Refuge], Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Charles Gomes on international migration ▶
- since 2015 **Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany**  
Department of Ethnic Diversity, Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Steven Vertovec on diversification ▶  
**Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Museu Nacional, Brazil**
- since 2015 Programa de Pós-Graduação em Antropologia Social, Postdoctoral Fellow, collaboration with Prof Dr Luiz Fernando Dias Duarte and Prof Dr Giralda Seyferth on the anthropology of complex societies ▶
- since 2014 Núcleo Interdisciplinar de Estudos Migratórios [Interdisciplinary Center for Migration Studies], Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional [Research Institute for Urban and Regional Planning], Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Helion Póvoa Neto on immigration to Brazil ▶
- since 2012 **University of Tilburg, Holland**  
International Consortium on Language and Superdiversity, Research Associate, collaboration with Prof Dr Jan Blommaert on sociolinguistics ▶

- 2017–2020 **Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia**  
 Center for Human Rights, Postdoctoral Research Partner, collaboration with Prof Dr Meron Zeleke Eresso on gender and transit migration ▶
- 2014–2015 **Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**  
 History Department, Visiting Researcher, collaboration with Prof Joana D’Arc Bahia on African migration to Brazil
- University of Oxford, United Kingdom**
- 2012–2013 Oxford Diasporas Programme, Doctoral fellow
- 2009–2013 Centre of Migration, Policy and Society, Doctoral Fellow

**Invited lectures**

- 2020 *Concepts between romanticism and realism: the case of conviviality* (working title), invited lecture, Departmental seminar Anthropology, University of Oslo, Norway, 03/12/2020.
- Risks and opportunities of conviviality* (working title), invited evening lecture, Research Area ‘Migration and Inclusive Societies (MIS)’, Université de Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 22/20/2020.
- Reducing complexity when evaluating urban difference. The role of visual materials in making sense of urban complexity*, invited research seminar, Núcleo de Antropologia Visual [Visual Anthropology Research Group], Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, online, 06/12/2020.
- Alteridades migratórias atuais: africanidade e europeidade em questão no Rio de Janeiro* [Contemporary migrant alterities: Africanness and Europeanness at stake in Rio de Janeiro], invited panelist at VII Simpósio Internacional de História e Cultura do Brasil: Lutas por liberdade em 200 anos de Brasil independente [7<sup>th</sup> international symposium on Brazilian history and culture: Struggles for freedom in 200 years of an independent Brazil], Fundação Casa Rui de Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, online, 17/08/2020.
- Presentation and debate on African migrant women in Europe and Latin America*, invited interview, Online Course ‘Current African Migrations and Gender Dynamics, Museo de la Mujer, Argentina, online, 11/05/2020.
- 2019 *Dis/enchanting conviviality. On a mode that engages difference*, invited keynote lecture, International Summer School ‘Problematizing Morality. Ethnographic Approaches to the Normative Dimensions of Everyday Life’, University of Tübingen, Germany, 24-27/09/2019.
- 2018 *Conceptualising conviviality. Follow the people - sharpen a concept?* Invited lecture, Lecture Series Latin America, University of Cologne, Germany, 05/07/2018.
- Conviviality, Difference and Conflict. A quest for the limits*, invited paper, International Workshop Convivialidad y Migración [Conviviality and Migration], El Colegio de México, Ciudad de México, México, 16/03/2018.

- 2017 *Convivialidade no liminar* [Conviviality on the brink], invited roundtable intervention, 'Juntos e Separados: quem são os outros? [Together and Apart: who are the others?]', International Colloquium at the IX Forum of Migration/Migratic and the V Research Symposium on Migration, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil, 16–20/10/2017.

*Unequal Conviviality: Social Structure, Environment, Everyday Relations*, panellist at the Inaugural Conference of the Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Conviviality in Unequal Societies, Berlin, Germany, 13–14/07/2017.

- 2016 *Papéis na prática. Senegaleses e espanhóis (não) preocupados com o seu status no Rio de Janeiro* [Papers in practice. Senegalese and Spanish (not) worried with their status in Rio de Janeiro], invited talk, Fundação Casa Rui Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 29/08/2016.

- 2015 *Muslim – Queer encounters in Rio de Janeiro. West African migrants making sense of relative positionalities in Brazil*, invited talk, IMMRC, KU Leuven, Belgium, 19/11/2015.

*Fragile and changing. Conviviality in contexts of difference, diversification and inequality*, invited lecture to Sociology Department and Latin American Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 16/11/2015.

*On the analytical and normative dimensions of conviviality and cosmopolitanism*, invited lecture at 'Cosmopolitization, Recognition, Solidarization?' Conference, with Magdalena Nowicka (HU Berlin), U Tübingen, Germany, 25/05/2015.

*Novas periferias sociais no Rio de Janeiro. Os posicionamentos locais dos imigrantes Senegaleses num contexto transnacional* [New social peripheries in Rio de Janeiro. Local positionalities of Senegalese immigrants in transnational context], invited lecture, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 25/03/2015.

- 2014 *The role of truncated multilingualism for conviviality. Comparing Casamançais practices in Casamance and Catalonia*, invited lecture at Crossroads Project, SOAS, London, UK, 29/04–02/05/2014.

**Organisation of scientific meetings**

- 2021 *Emerging urban political subjectivities: synergies, tensions, contradictions, and transformations in pluralizing cities*, panel at the IUAES 2020 Congress 'Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and Next Generation Anthropology', Šibenik, Croatia, Convener with Raúl Acosta (LMU Munich)
- 2020 *(Post)colonial migrants in non-metropolitan places*, Workshop at European Association of Social Anthropologists, online, Chair with Dr Elisabeth Boesen (U Luxembourg)
- 2019 *What we are stuck with – Current junctures in Decolonizing Anthropology*, roundtable at the ARE Network Meeting 'Decolonizing European Anthropology?' University of Leiden, Convener with Ajay Gandhi (U Leiden).

- 2018 *Stranded in transit. Why people stay, move or settle in a place they wanted to pass through*, Workshop at European Association of Social Anthropologists, Stockholm, Sweden, Chair and Introduction with Dr Meron Zeleke (U Addis Ababa).
- Making Cities, Cities in the Making: Moments of Arrival, Appropriation and Resistance*, Workshop at the 18<sup>th</sup> IUAES World Congress, Florianópolis, Brazil, Chair and Introduction with Dr Monika Palmberger (U Vienna).
- 2016 *Mobilities, ethnographically connected: beyond the 'gap' between internal and transnational migration*, Workshop at European Association of Social Anthropologists, Milan, Italy, Chair and Introduction with Prof Dr Bruno Riccio (U Bologna).
- 2015 *Transgressing Dividing Lines: Making and Unmaking of Urban Grids*, Workshop at International Sociological Association, RC21, Urbino, Italy, Chair and Introduction with Dr Fran Meissner (European University Institute, Florence).
- Migration as Crisis, so What?* Workshop at *Belonging: Affective, moral and political practices in an interconnected world*, GAA Conference, Berlin, Germany, 4-7/10/2017, Chair and Introduction with Migration Working Group.
- 2013 *Conceptualizing and Operationalizing "Culture" in Immigration Settings*, Workshop at GAA Conference, Mainz, Germany, 2-5/10/2013, Chair.

**Memberships of scientific societies**

- since 2015 **International Sociological Association (ISA)**  
Urban Studies Network RC 21, Member
- since 2013 **European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)**, Member  
Race and Ethnicity Network, Member  
Urban Anthropology Network, Member  
AnthroMob Network, Member
- since 2013 **German Anthropological Association (GAA)**, Member  
Urban Anthropology Working Group, Member  
Migration Working Group, Chair (2013-2015) and Member

**Other work experience**

- 2008 **Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Eschborn, Germany**  
Market analysis of migration policies and aid programmes, intern (3 months) and junior expert (2 months)

**Languages**

- fluent German, English  
very good French, Portuguese, Spanish  
good Dutch (B1)  
basics Catalan, Wolof, Jola, Mandinka

**IT**

- very good Data analysis and security | atlas.ti, F4, NVivo, Truecrypt  
Literature management | Endnote, Citavi  
other | MS Office, Libre Office, GIMP, Inkscape, Prezi
- basics mapping | ArcGis  
statistics | Stata

## Supervision, examination, and teaching

<b>Supervisions</b>	2014–2017	<b>Doctoral candidates:</b> 3 (three), co-supervision, Chair for Anthropology, U Konstanz, Germany
	2015–2016	<b>Master candidate:</b> 1 (one), second supervisor, U Konstanz, Germany
<b>Examinations</b>	2017–2020	<b>Master theses:</b> 22 (twenty-two), examiner, KU Leuven, Belgium
<b>Teaching</b>	2020	<i>Cosmopolitanism, conviviality, and deromanticizing integration</i> , doctoral colloquium, in English, 'Metamorphosis of Law. Pathologies of Unity: Democracy, Decentralization, Multinormativity', Postgraduate Programme in Law, Universidade do Vale dos Sinos, Brazil (3hrs)
Doctoral		<i>Key challenges regarding borders, identities and socialities: difference, sameness, and conviviality</i> , doctoral colloquium, in English, "Current Approaches in Migration Studies: Migration, Diversity, Conviviality", research area "Migration and Inclusive Societies" (MIS), Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences University of Luxemburg, Luxembourg (3 hrs)
	2019	<i>Cohabitation, Fellowship, Conviviality: Being a good fellow human</i> , doctoral master class, in English, International Summer School 'Problematizing Morality', Universität Tübingen (3 days)
	2013–2017	<i>Doctoral Research Colloquium 'Europe in the Globalised World'</i> (termly), taught in English and German, University of Konstanz, Germany
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Theoretical approaches to identification, transnationalism and globalisation (2 hs/week, summer term 2013)</li> <li>- Practising Interdisciplinarity, (2hs/week, winter term 2013/14)</li> <li>- Work in Progress meetings and focussed readings (2hs/term, termly 2014-2017)</li> <li>- Workshops on 'Mosaics of Legitimacy'; 'Deaths at the Gates of Europe'; 'Black Box Identity'; and '(De)Coding the Social' (2014-2016)</li> </ul>
Doctoral / Advanced Masters	2020/2021	<i>Ethnography between decoloniality and ontological turn</i> , MA and Doctoral reading course in Anthropology (9 ECTS), with Prof Dr Michaela Pelican, University of Cologne, Germany (in English)
Master	2018–2020	<i>Master Research Seminar</i> (6 ECTS), KU Leuven, Belgium collectively taught in English together with Prof Dr Filip de Boeck, Prof Dr Karel Arnaut and Dr Anna Matyska (2018/19) and Prof Dr Nadia Fadil, Prof Dr Steven Van Wolputte (2019/20)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Module: Research ethics (3 hs, 2018-19)</li> <li>- Module: Positionality and decolonization (3 hs, 2019-20)</li> </ul>
	2019/20	<i>Race, ethnicity, and the postcolonial condition</i> , MA course (5 ECTS), KU Leuven, Belgium, by Prof Dr Nadia Fadil (in English)
		- Guest lecture: Contestations over Africanness in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (3hs)
	2016	<i>Urban Materiality and Sociality. Intermediating concepts</i> , MA seminar (9 ECTS), in English, cancelled due to lack of participants, University of Konstanz, Germany



Master / Advanced Bachelor	2015–2017	<p><i>Diversity: (Ir)Relevance of Difference in Politics and Social Sciences</i> – Four one-week summer schools, with Prof Dr Magdalena Nowicka, Dr Kristine Krause, Gesellschaftswissenschaftliches Kolleg, German National Academic Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Gender and Sexuality (Autumn 2015, equal to 2 hs/week of full term)</li><li>- Diversity and Migration (Spring 2016, equal to 2 hs/week of full term)</li><li>- Racism, Activism, Epistemology and Decoloniality (Autumn 2016, equal to 2 hs/week of full term)</li><li>- How to be otherwise? (Spring 2017, equal to 2 hs/week of full term)</li></ul>
Bachelor	2015	<p><i>As críticas ao conceito de transnacionalismo. Exemplos das migrações africanas</i>, BA and MA Workshop, taught in Portuguese, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</p>
	2014	<p><i>Culture and Social Stratification</i>, BA seminar (5 ECTS, 2 SWS) taught in English, University of Konstanz, Germany</p>
	2013	<p><i>Everyday Living Together with Cultural Difference</i>, BA seminar (5 ECTS, 2 SWS) taught in English, University of Konstanz, Germany</p>

## Most important publications

Heil, T. 2020. *Comparing conviviality. Living with Difference in Catalonia and Casamance*. Global diversities series. London: Palgrave, doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-34717-8 ▶

Heil, T. 2020. Interweaving the fabric of urban infrastructure: The emergence of a Senegalese presence in Rio de Janeiro. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (forthcoming). doi: 10.1111/1468-2427.12963 [OA, 5y-IF: 3.064]

Heil, T. 2020. Post/colonial reconfigurations. The disregarded, renewed arrival of Spaniards in Rio de Janeiro. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, doi: 10.1080/15562948.2020.1754994 ▶ [OA, IF: 2.298]

Heil, T. 2019. Muslim – Queer encounters in Rio de Janeiro. Making sense of relative positionalities. *Ethnography* online first, doi: 10.1177/1466138119859601 ▶ [5y-IF: 1.382]

Heil, T. & F. Meissner 2020. Deromanticising integration. On the importance of convivial disintegration. *Migration Studies* online first, doi: 10.1093/migration/mnz056 ▶ [OA, IF: 1.511]

## All publications

For updated online publication lists, see **KUPS** ▶, **LIRIAS** ▶ or **ORCID** ▶

<b>Monograph</b>	2020a	<i>Comparing conviviality. Living with Difference in Catalonia and Casamance</i> . Global diversities series. London: Palgrave.
<b>Special Issue</b>	2017a	<i>Mobilities, migratory experiences ethnographically connected</i> . New Diversities 19 (3), edited with Riccio, Bruno, Schwartz, Inga and Andrea Piori. [OA]
<b>Peer-reviewed articles</b>	2020b	Conviviality on the brink. Blackness, Africanness and Marginality in Rio de Janeiro, in Scarato, Luciane et al. (eds.) <i>Convivial Constellations in Latin America from Colonial to Contemporary Times</i> , Routledge.
	c	Deromanticising integration. On the importance of convivial disintegration. <i>Migration Studies</i> online first. [with Fran Meissner, OA].
	d	Entangled infrastructure. How Senegalese arrive in Rio de Janeiro. <i>International Journal of Urban and Regional Studies</i> . [forthcoming]
	e	Post/colonial reconfigurations. The disregarded, renewed arrival of Spaniards in Rio de Janeiro. <i>Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies</i> online first. [OA]
	f	Alteridades migratórias atuais: Africanidade e Europeidade em questão no Rio de Janeiro [Contemporary migrant alterities: Africanness and Europeaness at stake in Rio de Janeiro]. <i>Brésil[s]. Sciences humaines et sociales</i> forthcoming. [OA]
	2019a	Muslim – Queer encounters in Rio de Janeiro. Making sense of relative positionalities. <i>Ethnography</i> online first.
	b	Conviviality as diasporic practical knowledge. <i>African Diaspora</i> 11(1-2): 53-70.

- 2018 Uma infraestrutura muçulmana de chegada no Rio de Janeiro. *Revista Interdisciplinar da Mobilidade Humana (REMHU)* 26(52): 111–129. [OA]
- 2017b Mobilities – Migratory experiences ethnographically connected. An introduction, with Riccio, Bruno, Schwartz, Inga and Andrea Piori. *New Diversities* 19 (3). [OA]
- 2015a Between phatic communion and coping tactic: Casamançais multilingual practices. *Multilingual Matters* 2 (1): 67–82. [OA]
- b Conviviality. (Re-)negotiating minimal consensus, in Steven Vertovec (ed.) *Routledge International Handbook of Diversity Studies*, 317–324. Oxford: Routledge.
- 2014a Are neighbours alike? Practices of conviviality in Catalonia and the Casamance, *European Journal of Cultural Studies* 17(4): 452–70.
- b Dealing with Diversity and Difference in Public. Traces of Casamançais Cohabitation in Catalonia?, in Stanislaw Grodz and Gina Gertrud Smith (eds.) *Religion, Ethnicity and Transnational Migration between West Africa and Europe*, 98–122. Leiden: Brill.

**Articles under peer review**

- a Sensing valued difference in bodies and the city. Developing repertoires of hierarchy, inequality and desire in Rio de Janeiro. *American Ethnologist* [under review]
- b Negão, Angolano, Africano? Sou Senegalês, Porra! Challenges to Senegalese Migration Ethics in Rio De Janeiro. *Cultural Anthropology* [under review, OA]

**Other book chapters**

- 2017c Perder, só perder. Vendedores senegaleses durante os jogos olímpicos no Rio de Janeiro, in João Carlos Tedesco and Giselle Kleidermacher (eds.) *Imigração senegalesa na América Latina*. Porto Alegre: EST Edições [OA]
- 2015c Living with difference locally, comparing transnationally: Conviviality in Catalonia à la Casamance, in A. Gamlen, G. Liberatore, H. Neveu Kringelbach and N. Signona (eds.) *Diasporas Reimagined: Spaces, practices and belonging*, 41–45. Oxford: University of Oxford. [OA]
- 2007 with Berzins, Kristaps, Haaker, Henry, Hondius, Paul and David Scheller: Die Reaktion der Iren auf Mittelosteuropäische Arbeitsmigranten. Eine explorative Fallstudie in Rush, nördlich von Dublin, in Studienkolleg zu Berlin (ed.) *Projekt Junges Europa 3*, Latzen: Wehrhahn-Verlag.

**Selected working papers**

- 2019 Conviviality on the brink. *Mecila Working Papers* 14.
- 2014 How and why does it matter to understand diverse urban engagements from the migrants' perspective? *MMG Working Paper* 14–03.
- 2012 Fragile convivialities: everyday living together in two stateless but diverse regions, Catalonia and Casamance, *COMPAS Working Paper* 12–100. Co-published as *MMG Working Paper* 12–18.

**Selected  
conference  
papers**

- 2021 Fragmented political action. Enacting multiplicity framed by coalitions among Rio de Janeiro's migrant and non-migrant inhabitants, paper accepted at the IUAES 2020 Congress '*Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and Next Generation Anthropology*', Šibenik, Croatia, 03/2021
- 2020 Performando diferenças valorizadas. Como recém-chegados africanos e europeus habitam a composição urbana desigual do Rio de Janeiro [Performing valued difference. African and European newcomers inhabiting Rio de Janeiro's unequal urban assemblage], paper accepted at *Desafíos emergentes. Antropologías desde América Latina y el Caribe* [Emerging challenges. Anthropologies from Latin America and the Caribbean], Montevideo, Uruguay, 23-28/11/2020 [online].
- Reduzir a complexidade na avaliação da diferença urbana. O papel dos materiais imagéticos na familiarização com a cidade e nas narrativas de sucesso entre residentes urbanos recém-chegados [Reducing complexity in the evaluation of urbana difference. The role of visual materials in getting familiar with the city and in telling success stories among recently arrived residents], paper accepted at *Saberes insubmissos: diferenças e direitos* [Unsubmissive knowledges: differences and rights], 32 Brazilian Meeting of Anthropology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 30/10-6/11/2020 [online].
- Mediating post/colonial strains. How coloniality permeates the relational positionality of Senegalese and Spanish newcomers in Rio de Janeiro, paper accepted at *New anthropological horizons in and beyond Europe*, EASA Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 21-24/07/2020.
- 2019 Hitting the end of the road? Translation as part of learning for life among Senegalese transnationals, paper presented at *The End of Negotiations?* GAA Conference, Konstanz, Germany, 29/9-2/10/2019.
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Muslim-Queer encounters in Rio de Janeiro. West African migrants making sense of relative positionalities in Brazil, paper presented at *Diversity Encounters. Intersectional and post-colonial perspectives*, Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany, 24-26/05/2016.

Conviviality, difference and inequality, presented at *New Urban Multicultures: Conviviality and Racism*, Goldsmith University London, UK, 17/05/2016.

2015 Invited intervention at the *Young Scholars Forum: Time and the City – Ethnographic Explorations of the Past, Present and Future in Contemporary Cities*, Vienna Anthropology Days, University Vienna, Austria, 23-25/04/2015.

2014 Which questions and whose concepts? Starting from the interlocutors' points of view, paper presented at *Rupture Dynamics: Interrogating the Here and Now of Cultural Studies*, Center for Advanced Studies, Konstanz, Germany, 26-28/06/2014.

Vidas (a)síncronos de migrantes. Una comparación de los procesos de estratificación social y diferenciación cultural, invited paper presented at *Núcleo Interdisciplinar de Estudos Migratórios*, Rio de Janeiro, 03/04/2014.

2013 How and why does it matter to understand diverse urban engagements from the migrants' perspective? Paper presented at *AAA Annual meeting*, Chicago, United States, 20-24/11/2013.

Conviviality: conceptualising everyday living with difference from the migrants' perspective, paper presented at *Locations: Anthropology in the Academy, the Workplace, and the Public Sphere*, GAA Conference, Mainz, Germany, 2-5/10/2013.

2012 Casamançais multilingual practices: a competence, phatic communion or coping strategy? paper presented at *Language practices, migration and labour: ethnographing economies in urban diversities*, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South-Africa, 9-10/10/2012.

Are neighbours alike? Practices of conviviality in Catalonia and the Casamance, paper presented at *Comparing Conviviality. Dreams and Realities of Living-with-Difference*, Göttingen, Germany, 16-17/06/2011.

2011 Conviviality: a comparison of life in society between the Casamance and Catalonia, paper presented at *Traces, Tidemarks and Legacies. AAA Annual meeting*, Montréal, Canada, 16-20/11/2011.

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## Research projects

### Current project

#### (1) Valued difference. Assembling social hierarchies in Rio de Janeiro (2014-2023)

*Valued Difference* traces social hierarchies, inequality, and urban change through the hi/stories of arrival of Senegalese (Heil 2020d, 2018) and Spanish (Heil 2020e) in Rio de Janeiro, a metropolitan space that envisioned a bright future before falling back into the current crisis. I enquire into how urban newcomers in Rio de Janeiro experience distinct social mobilities in(to) a locality which is characterized by multiple contradicting and interdependent social hierarchies that are historically shaped by race and class and, in recent years once more, by migration-related diversification. The project contributes to the emergence of a more nuanced, less concerted, and decentralized understanding of cities and social stratification. This conceptualization depends on how urban dwellers interpret, judge, and manage the situations through which they pass in everyday life and which take shape at the intersection of changing global relations and con/diverging social imaginaries (Heil 2020d, 2020e, 2019a, under review a, b). Questions of both situational and institutionalized hierarchisation take centre stage on multiple levels and in various arenas: origin, race, class, sex, gender, education, and legal status. Socio-economic precariousness (Heil 2017) intersects with problem-ridden constellations of black-black distinction (Heil 2020b, 2019c), postcolonial re/deconstructions of power hierarchies (Heil 2020e), and challenges of religious and gendered difference (Heil 2019a). Due to the interferences of unanticipated power configurations, knowledge regimes, public cultures, and sexual epistemologies, urban newcomers live their local incorporation in distinct spaces, shifting encounters, variously configured networks, and their respective temporalities. Different from long-term dwellers, newcomers draw upon conflicting translocal and diachronic reference frames. The project combines participant observation, informal, semi-structured interviews, and transect-walks with online ethnographic approaches to handle its vast geographic and temporal scope. This comparative study results in a 'thick', multi-sited, and multi-layered ethnographic account of valued difference, intersecting hierarchies, and trajectories of inequality.

Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila)</li> <li>- Incoming Pegasus<sup>2</sup> Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant 665501; Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)</li> <li>- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Centre of Excellence, University of Konstanz</li> </ul>
Fieldwork	Rio de Janeiro (2.5 years), Buenos Aires (1 month)
Most relevant network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)</li> <li>- Núcleo Interdisciplinar sobre Estudos Migratórios, UFRJ</li> <li>- Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro</li> </ul>

### Completed project

#### (2) Stranded on transit in Djibouti. Female Ethiopian migrations (2017-2020)

*Stranded in transit* comparatively enquires into the migration trajectories and lived experiences of East and West African women who migrate to Europe, the Middle East, or Latin America. Many are stranded in transit and some have returned to their places of origin. Taking different places of origin in Ethiopia and Senegal into account, the project aims to comprehend the lived experiences of, and challenges faced by Ethiopian and Senegalese female migrants. The risks and challenges they face range from sex trafficking and exploitation, over detention and kidnapping for ransom, to social

exclusion and accusations. This project, however, goes beyond a normative victimization narrative and pays particular attention to the women's agency: the creative strategies they employ while negotiating their precarious and vulnerable position. The project studies the different mechanisms female migrants use to overcome challenges they face and their different pathways of incorporation. Furthermore, we enquire into the prospects of mobility and/or settlement of migrants in a transit country and the factors that affect their decisions to further migrate, settle, or return home. Benefiting from long-term contacts in the field sites, the project is based on qualitative ethnographic methods and life-story interviews. Comparing East and West African migration, transit, and return, we highlight the parallels and differences in the conditions and experiences of two very disparate gendered migration dynamics which sharpen the re/conceptualisation of gendered migration.

Funding	Senior Postdoctoral Fellow, Volkswagen Foundation
Fieldwork	Senegal (2 months); Brazil (2 month); Ethiopia (1 month)
Most relevant network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Meron Zeleke Eresso (PI), Rift Valley University, Addis Ababa</li> <li>- Center for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa</li> <li>- Núcleo Interdisciplinar sobre Estudos Migratórios, UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro</li> <li>- Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar</li> </ul>

### (3) Comparing conviviality

My book (Palgrave, 2020) *Comparing Conviviality. Living with Difference in Casamance and Catalonia* ethnographically develops the concept of conviviality, the ways of living with difference in relative peace in cities, yet well aware that open conflict is a constant potentiality (Heil 2015b). As a conceptual notion, conviviality is set apart from its commonplace English meaning of simply having a good time. Challenging a recurrent ill in migration studies, within which the figure of the migrant is still recurrently othered through victimization or criminalization, my work provides insights into valuable, diasporic knowledges of resilient urban residents with long-standing, transnational experience of living with difference (Heil 2019b). It describes a particularly relevant but overlooked aspect of urban life and directs our focus on the everyday process of how people live together in mundane encounters, of how they re/translate between their differences and how they re/negotiate minimal consensuses. Contested political discourses, encounters in public spaces (Heil 2014b), practices of neighbourliness (Heil 2014a) and the practices of translation and negotiation (Heil 2015b) are key to the analysis of conviviality. As an alternative approach to social integration (Heil/Meissner 2020), my conception of conviviality combines an analysis of social relations, their materialization, and the meanings attached to them. Diversifying and changing societies demand the investigation of the fleeting, the precarious, the uncertain and the unstable. The role of (truncated) multilingualism exemplifies this point (Heil 2015a). Conviviality frames a sociality that is always called into question, at risk to break down and thus continuously re-constituted.

Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doctoral Research Fellowship, Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, 83,000 EUR;</li> <li>- German Academic Exchange Service</li> </ul>
Fieldwork	Senegal (8 months); Spain (8 months)
Relevant network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar</li> <li>- Anthropology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona</li> </ul>