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CURRENT POSITION

01/2022 – UNIVERSITY ASSISTANT (post-doc)
(01/2026) Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Austria.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sanskrit and Prakrit *belles lettres* (*kāvya*) and its commentarial literature
Indic systems of knowledge: poetics (*alaṃkāraśāstra*), grammar (*vyākaraṇa*), logic and debate (*nyāya*)
History of Indian medicine (*āyurveda*)
“Traditional” modes of Sanskrit scholarship in Contemporary India
Sanskrit Education and Didactics in Early Modern and Contemporary India
Sanskrit and Prakrit Philology
Manuscript Studies

EDUCATION

02/06/2017 **PHD** (*summa cum laude*) in Classical Indology, Universität Hamburg (Germany).
THESIS: “[Texts composed while copying: A Critical Study of the Manuscripts of Selected Commentaries on the Kirātārjunīya, an Epic Poem in Sanskrit.](#)”
SUPERVISORS: Prof. Harunaga Isaacson (Hamburg University), Prof. Dominic Goodall (École française d’Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry); EXTERNAL ACCESSOR: Dr. Csaba Dezső (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest).
06/12/2010 **MA** in Classical Indology and Tibetology, Universität Hamburg (Germany).
THESIS: “[The Nepalese version of the Suśrutasamhitā and its Interrelation with Buddhism and the Buddhists.](#)”

OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

10/2021– RESEARCH FELLOW, “[The Textual and Cultural History of Medicine in South Asia Based on Newly Discovered Manuscripts Evidence](#),” University of Alberta, Canada.
12/2021 Critical edition and study of the Nepalese version of the *Suśrutasamhitā* (100% FTE).
09/2016– Specially-Contracted Foreign Language SENIOR LECTURER, Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University, Japan.
09/2021 Teaching various indological courses and research activities (100% FTE).
08/2011– RESEARCH ASSISTANT (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”), Nepalese-German Manuscript
06/2012 Cataloguing Project (Hamburg, Germany).
Work on an [online catalogue](#) of Sanskrit manuscripts from Nepal (50% FTE).

ACADEMIC GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

THIRD-PARTY FUNDED PROJECTS

- 2017 Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI) awarded by the Japanese Society for Promotion of Science
Grant nr. 17K17835: “Use of *belles-lettres* in the Basic Sanskrit Education in the Early Modern South Asia.” Funding amount: 3.000.000¥.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2016 [Gonda Fellowship for Indological research](#)
Residential RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP at the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden, the Netherlands (granted for six months).
- 2016 EFEO Field Scholarship
Scholarship to conduct FIELD RESEARCH based at the École française d’Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry, India (granted for four months).
- 2012–2015 DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures, University of Hamburg (Germany).
- 2009–2010 MA FELLOWSHIP, Center for Buddhist Studies, University of Hamburg (Germany).

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- Forth. (2022) Klebanov, Andrey. “In Search for the earliest commentary on *mahākāvya*. The *Laghuṭīkā* by Prakāśavarṣa.” In: *Journal of Indological Studies (JIS)*, Vols. 32 & 33, 21–59.
- 2021 Klebanov, Andrey. “On the formation of the *ekadeśisamāsa*-s.” In: Peter M. Scharf (ed.), *Śabdānugamaḥ: Indian linguistic studies in honor of George Cardona*. Providence: The Sanskrit Library, 238–296.
- 2021 Klebanov, Andrey. “On the Textual History of the *Suśrutasamhitā* (1): A Study of Three Nepalese Manuscripts.” In: *Electronic Journal of Indian Medicine*, Vol. 12 (1, Special issue guest-edited by A. Cerully, Ph. A. Maas and K. Preisendanz), 1–64. DOI: [10.21827/ejim.12.1.37385](https://doi.org/10.21827/ejim.12.1.37385).
- 2020 Klebanov, Andrey. “On the Textual History of the *Suśrutasamhitā* (2): An Anonymous Commentary and its Identified Citations.” In: Knudsen, Toke Lindergaard, Speyer, Sara and Schmidt-Madsen, Jacob (eds.), *Body and Cosmos. Studies in Early Indian Medical and Astral Sciences in Honor of Kenneth G. Zysk*, Leiden/ Boston: Brill, 110–139. DOI: [10.1163/9789004438224_008](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004438224_008).
- 2020 Klebanov, Andrey. “Application of Structure Analysis to the Study of Sanskrit Commentaries on *mahākāvya*.” In: Anandakichenin, Suganya and D’Avella, Victor (eds.), *The Commentary Idioms of the Tamil Learned Traditions*, Pondicherry: Institut Française de Pondicherry/ École française d’Extrême-Orient, 523–590.

JOINT ARTICLES

Second or Third author

- 2021 Birch, Jason, Wujastyk, Dominik, Klebanov, Andrey, Rimal, Madhusudan, Chakraborty, Deepro, Bhatt, Harshal, Shenoy, Devyani and Lele, Vandana. "Ḍalhaṇa and the Early 'Nepalese' Version of the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*." In: *Academia Letters*, Article 3733. DOI: [10.20935/AL3733](https://doi.org/10.20935/AL3733)
- 2021 Birch, Jason, Wujastyk, Dominik, Klebanov, Andrey, Parameswaran, Madhu, Rimal, Madhusudan, Chakraborty, Deepro, Bhatt, Harshal, Shenoy, Devyani and Lele, Vandana. "Further Insight into the Role of Dhanvantari, the physician to the gods, in the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*." In: *Academia Letters*, Article 2992. DOI: [10.20935/AL2992](https://doi.org/10.20935/AL2992)
- 2020 Leffner, Christopher T., Klebanov, Andrey, Samara, Wasim A. and Grzybowski, Andrzej. "The history of cataract surgery: from couching to phacoemulsification." In: *Annals of Translational Medicine*, Vol. 8, No. 22. DOI: [10.21037/atm-2019-rcs-04](https://doi.org/10.21037/atm-2019-rcs-04)

Co-Author

- 2021 Chakraborty, Deepro, Birch, Jason, Wujastyk, Dominik, Klebanov, Andrey, Bhatt, Harshal, Rimal, Madhusudan and Lele, Vandana. "The Graphemes *ch* and *cch* in the Nepalese Script" In: *Academia Letters*, Article 3954. DOI: [10.20935/AL3954](https://doi.org/10.20935/AL3954)

BOOK REVIEW

- 2013 Klebanov, Andrey (2013). "Review on *Ĵinadasa (Ed.): Bhesajjamañjūṣā Vol. II, Chapter 19-60. Oxford: The Pali Text Society, 2009*". In: *Orientalische Literaturzeitung* vol. 108, issue 1 (March 2013), 58–60.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *12/2022 "Once again on Prakāśavarṣa." *Bhūtārthakathane ... Sarasvatī*: Reading Poetry as a History Book, International Conference, Academy of Sciences of Bologna Institute (Bologna, Italy).
- 07/2022 "Some textual parallels between the *Suśruta-* and the *Carakasamhitā*." A Joint Research Meeting of the Sushruta Project and the Classical Āyurveda Text Study Group, Vienna University (Vienna, Austria).
- 05/2021 "Construction of the type *odanaḥ pacyate* and its analysis in the Pāṇinian system of grammar." The 42nd Seminar in Memory of G.A. Zograph "Problems of interpretation of traditional Indian texts", Institute of Oriental Manuscripts and Institute of Philosophy (St. Petersburg, Russia).
- 04/2021 "Reading Sanskrit commentaries on āyurvedic literature, with a special focus on textual history: Anonymous **Suśrutavyākhyā* on SS Sū 15." Meeting of the working group "[History of Science in Early South Asia](#)", hosted by the [Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine](#).
- 12/2020 "What it takes to understand a pun: Appayyadikṣita's interpretation of the semantics of the *śleṣālamkāra*." [The 27th annual conference](#) of the Association for the Study of the History of Indian Thought, Kyoto University (Kyōto, Japan).

- 8/2019 “On the meaning of *upasarga*-s, the Navyanyāya perspective: Gaṅgeśa’s *upasar-gavādaḥ*.” 30th annual conference of the Western Japanese Association of Indian and Buddhist Studies, Hiroshima University (Hiroshima, Japan).
- 12/2018 “In search for the text of the oldest commentary on *kāvya*. Problems involved in the preparation of the critical edition of the *Laghuṭīkā*.” The 25th annual conference of the Association for the Study of the History of Indian Thought, Kyoto University (Kyōto, Japan).
- 7/2018 “Poet’s authority versus Rules of Grammar. Selected stanzas from Bhāravis’s *Kirātār-junīya* and their analysis offered by Pāṇinians up to Bhaṭṭojī Dīkṣita.” 29th annual conference of the Western Japanese Association of Indian and Buddhist Studies, Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan).
- 08/2014 “The Commentaries on *kāvya*.” 12th Classical Tamil Summer Seminar, École française d’Extrême-Orient (Pondicherry, India)
- 11/2011 “The Nepalese Version of the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*.” Panel “The Transmission of Sanskrit Medical Texts” at the conference “Asian Diversity in a Global Context”, University of Copenhagen (Copenhagen, Denmark).

INVITED TALKS

- 05/2021 “On the formation of *ekadeśisamāsa*.” Professor George Cardona Felicitation Volumes Event, organized by the Sanskrit Library.
- 01/2021 “On the Meaning of Meaningless Words: Reading the *Upasargavāda* of Gaṅgeśopādhyāya’s *Tattvacintāmaṇi*.” A GUIDED READING SESSION at the [Sanskrit Reading Room](#), hosted by SOAS University of London.
- 09/2017 “Structural Analysis of Sanskrit commentaries on *mahākāvya*, on the example of the *Kirātārjunīya*” A PUBLIC TALK at the Centre for Religious Studies, Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities, Manipal University, India.
- 02/2015 INVITED SPEAKER at the 3rd NETamil workshop “Commentary Idioms”, École française d’Extrême-Orient in Pondicherry.
- 12/2010 “Textual Studies in Āyurveda. An Example of the Nepalese Version of the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*.” GUEST LECTURE at the Vaidyaratnam P. S. Varier Ayurveda College, Edarikode, Malappuram (Dist), Kerala, India.
- 12/2010 “Āyurveda, Past vs. Future. The Necessity of Textual Research.” KEYNOTE SPEECH at the Panel on “Yoga, Philosophy and Textual Studies” at the 4th World Āyurveda Congress, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ORGANISED

- 07/2022 A Joint Research Meeting of the Sushruta Project and the Classical Āyurveda Text Study Group, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies University of Vienna, Austria.

- since 2020 Monthly *online* meetings of the working group “[History of Science in Early Asia](#)” organised under the aegis of the Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine.
Co-convened with Dominik Wujastyk and Kenneth Zysk.
- 09/2020 Research workshop (*online*): “Interactions between the grammatical theory of *spṛoṭa*- and the so-called *Pātañjalayogaśāstra*”.
- 02/2020 Research seminar: “Interactions of *kāvya* and *alaṃkāraśāstra* with other systems of knowledge (*śāstra*-s)” at Kyōto University.
- 08/2016 Two time-slots (3 and 4) within the Indological programme at the 11th Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics taught by Dr. SLP Anjaneya Sarma (EFEO Pondicherry).
- 10/2014 [6th International Indology Graduate Research Symposium \(IIGRS\)](#) at the University of Hamburg. Co-convened with Judith Unterdörfler and Jonas Buchholz.
- 9/2014 Intensive Course on Indian Grammar and Poetics at the University of Hamburg taught by Dr. SLP Anjaneya Sarma (EFEO Pondicherry).

ACADEMIC CONSULTANCY & REVIEWING

- 10/2021 Invited participant at the WHO Technical Experts Consultation Meeting (*online*).
- since 2020 Reviewer for the WHO Standard Terminology in Ayurveda, document.
- 12/2019 Invited participant at the WHO Working Group Meeting on standard terminology documents of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha systems of medicine, Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- since 2015 Peer-review of several articles for the [Indologica Taurinensia](#).

RESEARCH GROUP MEMBERSHIPS (CURRENT)

- since 2021 “*Light on the Light*: Scholasticism in Second-millennium South Asia,” led by Prof. Yigal Bronner, Department of Asian Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
Weekly readings and discussions of selected sections of the *Kāvyaaprakāśa* along with its commentaries.
- since 2020 “[The Textual and Cultural History of Medicine in South Asia Based on Newly Discovered Manuscripts Evidence](#),” led by Prof. Dominik Wujastyk, Singhmar Chair in Classical Indian Society and Polity at the University of Alberta, Canada.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- since 2018 Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft, Germany.
- since 2017 Association for the Study of the History of Indian Thought, Japan.
- since 2011 Classical Āyurveda Text Study Group (CĀTS), Austria.

LANGUAGES

MODERN LANGUAGES: Russian (native), German (near native), English (fluent).

CLASSICAL LANGUAGES: Sanskrit (fluent), Middle Indo-Aryan languages (very good), Tibetan (good but rusted), Tamil (beginner level).