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Education

since Sept.2007 Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Zürich, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology
2001 - 2005 Graduate School, *University of Bielefeld*, SDRC, ongoing PhD. Project
1993 – 2000 Studies in Sociology, Social Anthropology, Development Politics and – Planning at the *University of Bielefeld*, / SDRC. MA in Sociology "With Distinction" in February 2000.

Areas of Interest

- Political Anthropology
- Gender Studies
- Anthropology of Development
- Regional: South Asia, especially India

- Local State, Democratization, Decentralization, Gender and Political Participation
- Religious Nationalism, Politicized Religious Identities

Work

Since April 2005 **Lecturer** at the University of Zürich, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology
May 2001 – March 2005 **Lecturer** in Social Anthropology at the SDRC, *Department of Sociology, University of Bielefeld*.
2004-2005 **Scientific Collaborator and Internal Project Board Member** of the EU Asia Link Programme „The Micro Politics of Democratisation: European-South Asian Exchanges on Governance, Conflict and Civic Action“.

Dec. 2000 – April 2001 **Research Associate, Research Project** on *Global Experts in Development Cooperation and Knowledge Management*, Department of Sociology (SDRC), University of Bielefeld.

April - May 2000 **Student Research Assistant** at Self-Help oriented Poverty Alleviation Programme (SHPAP), GTZ New Delhi

Jan – March 2000 **Student Research Assistant** at GTZ (Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit), Eschborn (Germany), Research Project *Global Experts in Development Cooperation and Knowledge Management*

Jan 1998 – Dez. 1999 **Student Research Assistant** at the *Documentation Centre for Asian, African and Latin American Studies*, University of Bielefeld (SDRC).

July – Dez. 1998 **Student Research Assistant** at the *IWT*, Institute for (Sociology of) Science and Technic), University of Bielefeld. Research Project: *Public Mediation, Direct Democracy and Genetic Engineering*.

1994 – 2000 Volunteer, *terre des homes*
• Internship at the India Department, tdh head office in Osnabrück (1994)
• Project evaluation of rehabilitation programmes for child labourers in India (1995/96)
• Exhibition "Child Labour in India", Bielefeld 1998-2000

Research Projects

Sep.2008 - Feb.2009 Fieldwork (India), Research Project: *Muslim Middle Class: Competing Narratives of Modernity and National Identity*.

July – October 2003 Fieldwork (India), Guiding student research group (Lehrforschung) on *Local Democracy*, funded by University of Bielefeld and DAAD

July 2001 – Oct. 2002 Fieldwork (India) for Research Project *Politics Embedded: Political Participation of Women in Local Governance and Changing Gender Relations*.

March–Nov.2000 Fieldwork (India), Research Project on *Women and Panchayati Raj*, funded by *University of Bielefeld*.

Aug.- Dec. 1998 Fieldwork (India), Research Project: *Women in the Hindu Right: Rashtriya Sevikas – Scope for Agency within the Saffron Agenda*.

July – Oct.1997 Fieldwork (Bolivia & Peru), Research Project *New Forms of Development Cooperation: Democratizing Donor – Executing NGO Relations*, DAAD scholarship.

July 1995 – March 1996 Fieldwork (India, Nepal), Research Project on *Child Labour*, funded by Carl Duisberg Foundation, ASA – Programme.

Papers Presented at International Conferences

Monte Verita, 03.-08.06.2007

Centro Stefano Franscini – Ascona, Switzerland, Workshop on: Borders and Boundaries: Grenzüberschreitungen – Geschichte und globale Gleichzeitigkeit

STRULIK: "Women's Political Participation in Local Governance: Gender Relations, Shifting Symbolic Boundaries and Social Space"

Dhaka, Bangladesh 14-18. November 2006

Worldbank, IUSSP Panel on Gender and the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies organized Conference on "Gender and Access in South Asia"

STRULIK: "Women's Political Participation in Local Governance: Gendered Constructions of the Political Space".

16th World Congress of Sociology, Durban, South Africa, 21.-30.07.2006

Paper presented at ISA: TG 02 Historical and Comparative Sociology, Joint Session on: "Global Governance, Multiple Modernities and Local Politics - Perspectives from the Post-colonial World"

STRULIK: "The Mantra of Democracy and its Vernacularization in Rural Northern India"

University of Oxford, 26.06-29.06.2005

Conference organized by European Asia link Programme and MIDEA on: "Activism and Civil Society in South Asia", University of Oxford.

STRULIK: "Mobilizing Women for Local Politics in India?"

Hisar, Haryana Agricultural University 06-15.12.2004

"International Conference on Globalization and Women's Work in South Asia and the EU: Frictions, Networks and Perspectives", Conference organized by EU Asia Link Programme and ILO New Delhi

STRULIK: "Democratic Ideals, Local Appropriations and Women's Political Work in Panchayati Raj Institutions in India"

Kathmandu, CNAS Tribhuvan University, 30.11 – 01.12.04

"Local Democracy in Nepal And South Asia" organized by the EU Asia Link Programme MIDEA, „The Micro Politics of Democratisation: European-South Asian Exchanges on Governance, Conflict and Civic Action"

STRULIK: "Engendering Local Democracy Research: Local Governance and Changing Gender Relations in India"

University of Lund, Sweden, 05-09.07.2004

18th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Panel on: "Gender and the Local State"

STRULIK: "Women at the Interface of State and Village Politics: Gendered Constructions of the Political Space"

New Delhi, Institute of Social Sciences, 20-22.10.2003

Conference on: Women's Participation in Local Governance and Women's Empowerment

STRULIK: "Against the Notion of „PROXIES": A Methodological Critique of the Widely Applied Poxy – Terminology to Describe and Explain Women's Failure to Become Politically Active Despite the 33% Women's Reservation"

Publications:

- 2009 "Mobilizing Women for Local Politics in India?" In: Gellner, David and Joanna Pfaff Czarnecka, eds., *Activism and Civil Society in South Asia*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2008. "Engendering Local Democracy Research: Panchayati Raj and Changing Gender Relations in India". In: David Gellner and Joanna Pfaff Czarnecka, eds. *Local Democracy in South Asia: Microprocesses of Democratization in Nepal and its Neighbours*. Sage: London.
- 2007. "Local Governance and Women's Quota Reservations in India". In: *Pakistan Journal of Women's Studies*, 14,2:53-72
- 2007. „Die geschlechtsspezifische Konstruktion von politischen Räumen: Frauen und Lokalpolitik in Indien". In: *Olympe: Feministische Arbeitshefte zur Politik*, 26:07.
- 2004. "Women Panchayat Electives at the Interface of State and Village Politics: Gendered Constructions of the Political Space." In: *EASAS Working Papers*, <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/EASASpapers/16StefanieStrulik.pdf>
- 2003. "Against the Notion of Proxies: Women Pradhans in Himachal and Uttar Pradesh". In: Mohanty, Bidyut, ed. *A Decade of Women's Empowerment through Local Government in India*. New Delhi: Institute of Social Sciences.
- 2000. *Women in the Hindu Right: Rashtra Sevika's Scope of Agency Within the Saffron Agenda*. University of Bielefeld: Bielefeld.