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Academic career

Since 09/25 Apl. Professor in Development Studies

2015 Habilitation in anthropology, "Production and Representation of Belonging in Migration – Latin Americans in Madrid," Faculty of Philosophy, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (University of Bonn)

1998 – 2005 PhD (Dr. Phil.) in Sociology, "The Ecotourism Experiment – Guided Change and Acceptance in the Mayan Village of Yaxuná," Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt (magna cum laude)

1990 – 1996 Master's degree in Ethnology (MA), Romance Studies, and Sociology, University of Cologne (magna cum laude)

1987 – 1990 Bachelor in Ancient American Studies, Hispanic Studies, and Geography, University of Bonn

Recent professional experiences

Since 08/2023 Senior Researcher, professor and head of the Cultural and Political Change (ZEFPCPC) research group, Center for Development Studies, University of Bonn

Since 01/2018 Project manager of the bilateral graduate school "Environmental Peace and Development in Colombia," funded by the DAAD

12/2022 – 08/2023 Senior Research Fellow at CALAS Center for Advanced Latin American Studies (funded by the BMBF) in Buenos Aires, Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM), Argentina

09/2015 – 10/2023 Acting director of the Department of Political and Cultural Change, Center for Development Studies (ZEFa), University of Bonn

- 05/2013 – 02/2014** Managing director of the Interdisciplinary Latin America Center (ILZ), University of Bonn
- 04/2010 – 02/2014** PostDoc at the Research Network on Latin America: Ethnicity, Citizenship, Belonging
- Researcher and Manager at Interdisciplinary Latin America Center (ILZ), University of Bonn
- Habilitation candidate and lecturer at the Department of Ancient American Studies, University of Bonn
- 06/2009 – 01/2010** Senior Researcher, ILZ, University of Bonn
- 05/2005 – 05/2009** Senior Researcher (PostDoc) in the GLOWA Volta Project (Ghana) ZEF, University of Bonn
- 04/2001 – 04/2005** Junior Researcher in the GLOWA Volta Project (Ghanadoctoral candidate at ZEF, University of Bonn)

Research Focus

- Themes** Critical development studies (interrelationships and interdependencies between world regions), critical urban studies (housing crisis, urban renewal, feminist urbanism), mobility and mobilization, feminization (precarization) of labor migration, environmental conflicts, human-environment relations
- Approaches** Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research approaches, gender and intersectionality, material semiotic perspectives, actor-network theory (actor-rhizome ontology), assemblage approaches, sociology of translation, situation analysis, participatory approaches
- Regional Focus** Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina), Southern Europe (Spain), Africa (Ghana, Burkina Faso)

Supervising activities

Dissertations successfully completed or submitted as part of the Bon International Graduate School for Development Research (BIGS-DR) at the ZEF at the University of Bonn

Annan, Adjoa: Standards in the Shea and Cocoa Commodity chain in Ghana (**completed**)

Barsallo, Gabisel: Socio-cultural practices that have effect on human development: University dropouts in Panama (**completed**)

Priv. Doz. Dr. Eva Youkhana Curriculum Vitae

Dakyie, Albert: Between free movement and citizenship struggles - migrant livelihood strategies in Ghana (**submitted**)

Ekren, Elizabeth: Institutions, innovation and opportunity in asylum-seeker communities - evidence from Germany (**completed**)

Fellahi, Anis: Rural youth outmigration in light of employment and development in Algeria (**completed**)

Gella, Asrat: Gender (in)equality and family farming in Ethiopia (**completed**)

Martin Espinosa, Mayra Alejandra: On-line social movement campaign of Colombian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) regarding the implication of the COVID-19 crisis on their activities (**submitted**)

Mashingaidze, Mercy: Pooling resources, scattering the family: Zimbabwean family life after the crisis driven migration to the UK (**completed**)

Mora Motta, Alejandro: Well-being, sustainability and territorial transformation: fundamental human needs in the context of the planation model in Chile (**completed**)

Rawat, Namrata: Youth Aspirations, Decision Making and Migration Choices in the Hill Region of Uttarakhand, India (**completed**)

Rosales Salgado, Maryoriet Nicole: The Space where we belong: Female Perspectives on Religion and Insecurity in Urban Honduras (**completed**)

Saleem, Sofia: Peace Education in Pakistan: Concepts, contexts and Challenges within State Schools (**completed**)

Thapa, Poornima: Patterns of adverse pregnancy: The role of water and sanitation in disadvantaged communities in Jaipur, India (**completed**)

Taore, Aminata: Food habits and nutrition security in West Africa, Burkina Faso (**completed**)

Selected publications since 2020

Aviles, Dennis, Tobón, Carolina and **Eva Youkhana (2025)**. Critical Approaches to Environmental Conflicts. A growing area on development research and sustainability. In: Rethinking Sustainability: Principles and Practice. Brown, Antje and Sandra Gilgan (eds.). In press

Youkhana, Eva 2025. Ensamblajes de resiliencia urbana. Conflictos en tiempos de crisis inmobiliaria. CALAS Publicaciones (Mexico, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina) and Transcript verlag, Germany. In press

Chaudhry, Rabia and **Eva Youkhana (2024b)**: Deconstructing the climate migration myth: Assessing the impact of the 2022 floods on the movement of local populations in rural Punjab, ZEF Working Paper Series, No. 234, University of Bonn (Open Access)

Barbosa dos Santos, Fernanda, Clément Roux, Carolina Saldarriaga Cardona and **Eva Youkhana (2023)**: Una escena musical sentipensante en la transición posacuerdo en

Colombia: El caso de la Casa de la Paz. Cuadernos de Música, Artes Visuales y Artes Escénicas, 18 (2):142-163. (Open Access)

Preiti, Francisco.J and **Youkhana, Eva (2023b)**: Environmental Movements in Insurgent Territories. An anthropological framework to study the performance art in Rosario, Argentina. kult-ur, 10 (20): 103-124. (Open Access)

Youkhana, Eva and Saed Hedayatiy Cilia **(2023c)**: Participatory Mapping of Diverse Perspectives of Safety and Fear in the Latin American Urban Space. Alternautas , 10(2): 33-61. (Open Access)

Youkhana, Eva, Rojas-Robles, Rosario, Avilés Irahola, Dennis Lucy, Mora-Mota Alejandro, and Santander, Jenny **(2021)**: Pensamiento Ambiental, Criticas al Desarrollo y Propuestas de Cooperación Sur-Norte-Sur en Construcción. In. Gestion y Ambiente. Journal of the Institute for Environmental Studies (Universidad Nacional). No. 1 (Volume 24): 11-38 (Open Access)

Tobón, Carolina, Zamora, David, Ángel, Mauricio and **Youkhana, Eva (2021b)**: Deforestation in Tinigua National Natural Park: Socio-environmental consequences of the Peace Agreement in Colombia. ZEF Working Paper Series No. 210, University of Bonn.

Youkhana, Eva (2020): Viewing and dancing nature. Environmental conceptions and the politics of belonging of the 'danzantes prehispánicos'. In: Robinson, Matthew Ryan and Inderst, Inja (eds.): What does Theology Do, Actually? Observing Theology and the Transcultural. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt: 135 - 148.



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