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# Jan-Boje Frauen, Ph.D.

## Researcher & educator

- ❖ High capability of pattern recognition, reflective and abstract thinking.
- ❖ Broad interdisciplinary background in the humanities.
- ❖ Strong publication record.
- ❖ Much experience in teaching at university level.
- ❖ Flexible and quick to adapt in different environments.
- ❖ Curious about the world and always eager to learn more.

### University career

09.2024-present

**Associate Professor,**

Department of German studies, College of Foreign Languages & Cultures, Zhejiang International Studies University (ZISU), PR China

09.2023-07.2024

**German Studies lecturer and Research Associate,**

Centre for Exchanges and Mutual Learning among Civilizations (EMLAC), College of Foreign Languages & Cultures, Xiamen University, PR China  
Full-time teaching & research position

10.2019-12.2022

**Postdoc in Philosophy,**

Department of Philosophy, School of Humanities, Xiamen University, PR China  
Full-time research position

09.2013-12.2018

**Ph.D. in International Relations,**

School of International Relations, Xiamen University, PR China  
China Scholarship Council (CSC) full scholarship

09.2012-08.2013

**HSK 5 in Mandarin Chinese,**

Overseas Education Department, Xiamen University, PR China  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) full scholarship

09.2011-08.2012

**Teaching German as a Foreign Language (DaF) qualification,**

Institute for Intercultural German Studies, Göttingen University, Germany  
Göttingen Graduate School of Humanities (GSGG) subsidy scholarship

05.2011-08.2011

**Summer School for Chinese Language & Culture,**

Overseas Education Department, Xiamen University, PR China  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) PROMOS scholarship

09.2009-08.2010

**German Studies lecturer and German language instructor,**

School of Foreign Languages and Cultures, Lanzhou University, PR China



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|                 | Full-time teaching position   |
| 09.2007-08.2009 | <b>M.A. (Magister Artium) graduate studies in English studies, American studies, German studies and Philosophy,</b><br>Faculty of Humanities, Göttingen University, Germany<br>Part-time teaching position at philosophy department |
| 09.2006-08.2007 | <b>Graduate studies in Humanities &amp; Social Sciences,</b><br>College Nine, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA<br>Education Abroad Program (EAP) full scholarship  |
| 09.2002-08.2006 | <b>Undergraduate studies in English studies, American studies, German studies and Philosophy,</b><br>Faculty of Humanities, Göttingen University, Germany   |
| 06.2002         | University entrance examination with core course in computer programming (C, C++) at Technical High School Meldorf, Germany   |

## Current research projects

### **The Silk Road and the Art and Culture of the Western Regions**

Book translation project on the history of the trade between China and the “Belt & Road” territories and its cultural impact. Responsibility: co-write funding application (class A funding obtained), translation and copy-editing

### **Chinese in Nazi Germany**

Research project on Chinese expats living in Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945. Responsibilities: Hamburg part of the project, establish contacts in Germany, collect sources, research output, co-edit book

### **The Great Collection of Chinese Paintings from all Dynasties**

Digitalization project of Chinese art from museums all over the world and associated three-part documentary film project. Responsibilities: assist with translation, narrate the German version of the documentary

## Graduate theses

### **Ph.D.**

#### ***Globalization, Alienation, and the Transformation of Collectivity***

- Study on the evolution of human collectivity from contractual top-down structures to dynamic-decentralized networks
- Develops a historical synthesis of rationalism and constructivism based on Nietzschean philosophy

### **M.A.**

#### ***Human Nature in the Works of William Golding and Anthony Burgess***

- Interprets Golding’s metaphysics as displaying the intrinsic urge of animation to overcome its spatiotemporal fragmentation
- Finds an inherent antagonism in the individual that leads to a cyclical theory of political history in Burgess’s metaphysics



| <b>Additional</b>      |   |
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| 2024-present           | Help translate, edit and proofread a book on the history of Chinese sociology for the German market   |
| 2023-present           | Help translate, edit and proofread translations of Xi Jinping texts for the German market   |
| 2023-2024              | Responsible for the English version of the EMLAC website  |
| 2023-2024              | Promotion videos for EMLAC, the College of Foreign Languages & Cultures and Xiamen University   |
| 2020-present           | Reviewer for <i>Qeios</i> , <i>Cosmos &amp; History</i> and <i>The Explicator</i>   |
| 2019                   | Taught elementary German (A1) to Chinese business people at a private school  |
| 2018                   | Taught extracurricular English classes for International School students and a winter school for International School students going to the U.S. for an academic exchange year at a private school  |
| 2015-2016              | Full-time language student at Orange Mandarin Chinese Academy (certified)   |
| 2014-2015              | Completed all core courses of Xiamen University's "Chinese Philosophy and Culture" master's program (certified)   |
| 2004-2008              | Completed additional qualification courses on literary criticism taught by German newspaper and TV critics at Göttingen University (certified)  |
| 2005-2006              | Worked at the University of California's Education Abroad Program (EAP) Study Center in Göttingen as an orientator and guide for exchange students  |
| 2016-present           | EdX and Coursera online courses: From Big Bang to Dark Energy (Tokyo); Big History: Connecting Knowledge (Macquarie); Question Reality: Science, Philosophy ... (Dartmouth); Understanding Einstein: The Special ... (Stanford); Intro. to Psychology (Toronto); Intro. to Psychology (Yale); Søren Kierkegaard: Subjectivity, Irony ... (Copenhagen); DNA and Atoms: The Secret ... (Seoul); China X series (Harvard) (mostly certified) |
| <b>Language skills</b> |   |
| German                 | Native speaker  |
| English                | Native speaker competence   |
| Chinese                | HSK 5   |
| Latin                  | Intermediate Latin (Göttingen University)   |
| <b>Other interests</b> |   |
|                        | Trail running, wild swimming, wild camping, hiking, writing, reading, theater, basketball   |