

## PERSONAL DATA

Birth / Nationality: Vienna / Austrian citizen

## EDUCATION

High school in Vienna - classical education

Studies of **Psychology** combined with Communication, Anthropology and Human Biology

Studies of **African Linguistics** combined with Development Politics

1984 Doctorate of Philosophy

1994 Magistra of Philosophy

**Language Skills:** German (MS), French, English, Fulani, Bambara, Spanish, ...

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

as **Scientist** at the Department of African Studies at the University of Vienna since 1989

1989 - 1994 Research Assistant

since 1992 Lecturer

since 1985 **Field-Researches** and **Projects** in West Africa (Mali, Ivory-Coast, Senegal, Gambia)

*with different priorities (some examples)*

- ✦ Communication: intercultural comparison on non-verbal expressions
- ✦ Cultural Studies: importance and meaning of dance performances
- ✦ Sociological Studies: the influence of new technologies in rural areas
- ✦ Linguistic research & linguistic comparison in dialects of the Fulfulde

## DOMAINS OF WORK:

### *Psychology*

- 1980*ies* Standardization of new adapted intelligence tests  
International Development Policy & woman affairs
- 1990*ies*: Ethno-Psychology  
Asylum work - *Asylcoordination*  
Psychological Aspects of Communication and Conflict Resolution
- 2000*ies*: Intercultural Conflict-Management  
Socio-cultural Consultant within interdisciplinary research-projects in West Africa

### *History and language*

- 1980*ies* „Language seen as a reference of History“ - language change viewed in the context of historical facts and political realities
- 1990*ies* Etymological work on the Fulani Language  
Historical Research in Dakar (Senegal), Bamako and Niuro (Mali) concerning the Fulbe of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- actual interest: Ajami-Manuscripts - Collections at the *Ahmed Baba* Research-Center - IHERI-AB at Timbuktu / Mali

### *Linguistics*

- 1990*ies* Linguistic research in Mali, Gambia and Senegal  
Manager responsible for Documentation and Publication in the field of terminology at *Infoterm*, information and standardization activities  
Fulani language: comparison in dialects
- 2000*ies* Lecturer - language and culture of the Fulani  
Projects with transdisciplinary and transcultural approaches