

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Helmut LUKAS**

**Current Coordinates**

- Senior Researcher, Institute for Social Anthropology (ISA), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria; e-mail: helmut.lukas@oeaw.ac.at
- Senior Lecturer, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna
- Senior Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, University of Vienna
- Lecturer & Scientific Instructor, Austrian Institute for China and Southeast Asia Research, Vienna

Austrian citizenship, born 07.06.1951

**Main areas of research**

Southeast Asia, especially Thailand, Indonesia, and Southern China (Yunnan, Guangxi)

**Research interests & research scope**

Southeast Asian studies (social structures, cultures), hunter-gatherer studies, cognitive anthropology, indigenous knowledge, human ecology, ritual, kinship, interethnic relations, materialist theory

**Academic Functions (international)**

2015	February – August, Visiting Professorship at the Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
2012	Visiting Lecture, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
2010	Visiting Lecture, Phetchaburi Rajabhat University, Phetchaburi, Thailand
2010	Visiting Lecture, Phranakhon Si Ayutthaya Rajabhat University, Ayutthaya, Thailand
2007	Visiting Lecture, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
2005	Visiting Lecture, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
2002	Visiting Lecture, Nationalities Research Institute, Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, PR China
2002	Visiting Lecture, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
1998-2002	Visiting Lectures, Ruprecht-Karl-University, Heidelberg, South Asia-Institute, Department of Anthropology, Germany
2001	Visiting Lecture, Silapakorn University, Center for Sanskrit Studies, Bangkok, Thailand
2001	Visiting Lecture, Silapakorn University, Department of Archaeology, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand
1996	Visiting Lecture (in Bahasa Indonesia), University of Northern Sumatra (USU), Department of Anthropology, Medan, Indonesia
1996	Visiting Lecture (in Bahasa Indonesia), Gajah Mada University, Department of Anthropology, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
1996	Visiting Lecture (in Bahasa Indonesia), University of Indonesia, Department of Anthropology, Jakarta, Indonesia
1996	Visiting Lecture (in Bahasa Malaysia), National University of Malaysia, Academy of Malay Studies, Petaling Jaya/Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### Academic Functions (Austria)

- 2013-2016 Deputy Director, Institute for Social Anthropology (ISA), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- 2007 Karl-Franzens University, Philosophy Department, Graz, Austria: Visiting Lecture
- 2000 graduation: Habilitation (Post-Doc Thesis)
- 1996 Lecture at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna
- 1995 Johannes-Kepler University, Institute for Philosophy and Philosophy of Science, Linz, Austria: Visiting Lecture
- 1993 – 1994 Lectures at the Austrian Orient-Association Hammer-Purgstall
- 1992 – 2017 Research associate and lecturer at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for China and Southeast Asia Research
- 1990 – 2017 Lecturer, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria (Introductory and special lectures on Insular & Continental Southeast Asia) as well as at the Department of Linguistics, University of Vienna)
- 1986 – 1989 Tutor, Institute for Ethnology, University of Vienna
- 1990 graduation: Doctoral Thesis

### Ethnographic Field Work Experience

- 2002 – 2020 Thailand: Satun, Phatthalung, Trang (ethnie: Maniq-Semang)
- 2015 Thailand, Pattani (ethnie: Malays)
- 2002 – 2008 PR China: Guangxi & Yunnan (ethnies: Zhuang & Yao)
- 2005 Indonesia, Sumatra (ethnies: Orang Rimbo / Anak Dalam / "Kubu" and Jambi Malays)
- 2003 – 2006 Indonesia: Java & Sumatra (ethnie: Arab Diaspora Communities/Hadrami)
- 1996 – 2001 Thailand: Satun, Phatthalung, Trang (ethnie: Maniq-Semang)
- 1979 – 1980 Indonesia, Sumatra (ethnie: Orang Rimbo/Anak Dalam/"Kubu")
- 1976 – 1981 Indonesia: Sumatra (ethnie: Toba-Batak)

### Awards

Bernd Rode Award (BRA) 2022 entitled "*Nutrition & food habits of the Maniq, hunter-gatherers in Southern Thailand*" in the category "*project based*", Number of application (assigned by ASEA-UNINET): BRA 2022 / 7

### Grants

- 2020 ASEA UNINET<sup>1</sup>: *Nutrition and food habits of the Maniq.*
- 2019 ASEA UNINET: *Unveiling the genetic history of the Maniq (South Thailand)*
- 2017 – 2018 ASEA UNINET: *Preparing the project "Unveiling the genetic history of the Maniq"*
- 2015 – 2016 ASEA UNINET: *Sharing Behaviour & Naming Culture of the Maniq-Semang/ Southern Thailand.*
- 2011 – 2015 Austrian Ministry for Economy, Science and Research & ASEA UNINET: *Cognitive Concepts of the Maniq-Semang / Southern Thailand* (numerals, space – orientation – mobility, colour terminology etc.).
- 2009 – 2010 ASEA UNINET: *Space Concept & Orientation Behaviour of the Maniq-*

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed list of the ASEA UNINET projects, see "5\_ASEA UNINET\_ project list\_2003-2020"

- Semang (Southern Thailand).*
- 2007 – 2009 ASEA UNINET: *Numerical Cognition without Words: Numerical System of the Maniq-Semang/Southern Thailand.*
- 2003 – 2006 Austrian Science Fund (FWF): *Hadhramis in Indonesia: The Ethnic Identity of Yemeni Diaspora Groups Today. A Social-Anthropological Study of Inter- and Intraethnic Relations and Boundaries.*
- 2003 ASEA UNINET: *Mon-Khmer Documentation of Shared vs. Diverse Linguistic Knowledge in Three Endangered Mon-Khmer Languages.*
- 2002 – 2004 Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Culture (BMBWK): *Electronic Database of Research and Research Co-operations on South Asia, Southeast Asia and East Asia.*
- 1998 – 2001 Austrian Science Funds (FWF): *Ethnic Identity and Interaction in Southeast Asia: «Maniq and Hamiq – Us and Them». Social Organization and Inter-ethnic System of the Maniq-Semang (South Thailand).*
- 1996 Pilot study on the Maniq of Satun and Trang besides an investigation on the Semang of Yala (Kensiu) and of Narathiwat (Jahai), from January 27<sup>th</sup> until March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1996, funded by ASEA UNINET
- 1997 Austrian Science Fund (FWF): *G. Ch. Fernberger's sojourn in Southeast Asia 1590/91.*
- 1993 – 1994 Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Culture (BMBWK): *Concept and Implementation of a Social Anthropological Data Base.*

#### **Organisation of conferences/workshops (Selection)**

- 2015 (Co-organizing) 11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS 11), September 7-11, 2015, Vienna.
- 2010 International workshop: "*Space, numerical systems and color terminologies: Theoretical approaches and empirical analysis*" hosted by the Museum of Ethnology Vienna & the Institute for Social Anthropology (Austrian Academy of Sciences), University of Vienna; organization & speech.
- 2009 International Seminar: "*Islam and Democracy: Indonesian Perspective and Experience*" hosted by the Institute for Social Anthropology (Austrian Academy of Sciences) in co-operation with the embassy of the Republic of Indonesia; co-organization & speech.
- 2008 International workshop: "*Irreconcilable Differences? Ethnic Minorities and the State in Southeast Asia*" hosted by the Southeast Asian Association for Cultural Exchange/SOAC in co-operation with the Austrian Academy of Sciences & the Austrian Institute for China and Southeast Asia Research; organization & speech.
- 2006 International workshop: "*Austrian Research in Continental Southeast Asia. Continuities and Discontinuities*" hosted by the Southeast Asian Cultural Association/SOAC in co-operation with the Museum of Ethnology Vienna; organization & speech  
<https://homepage.univie.ac.at/helmut.lukas/program.PDF>

#### **Presentations (Selection)**

- 2017 "*Anton Payer in Siam (1876-1883): The First Austrian Pioneer in Thai Studies*", Special Lecture, Centre for European Studies (CES). Venue: Room 702 Chamchuri10 Building, Chulalongkorn University. Thursday, July 27, 2017, Time: 09.30-12.00 am.
- 2017 "*Ethnic Groups in Southeast Asia: Preservation and Change*", Songkhla, Thaksin Cultural Centre, Thaksin University, July 19, 2017, 1:30 – 3:30 pm.
- 2016 "*The First Austrian Meets the Violet Queen: Fernberger in Patani and Thailand*". Venue: Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy for Sciences, Seminar Room. Date/Time: Thursday, June 16, 2016, 17:00.

- 2016 *"From Ethnocide to Ethno-Development? Small-Scale Societies & Indigenous Peoples in Southeast Asia."* Faculty of Humanity & Sociology, Thaksin University, Songkhla. March 4, 2016.
- 2015 Opening Speech at the *Eleventh Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies* (CHAGS 11, Sept. 7-11, 2015), Festival Hall of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, September 7, 2015, 6-6:30 pm.
- 2015 (together with Pacchira Chindaritha): *"Culture-sensitivity in linguistic and anthropological research on hunter-gatherer societies."* *Eleventh Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies* (CHAGS 11, September 7-11, 2015), Vienna, Venue: Campus of the University of Vienna, Hörsaalzentrum, Spitalgasse 2-4 (Court 2), 1090 Vienna, Austria. Date/Time: Friday, September 11, 2015 (Slot 18, 1:30-3 pm).
- 2015 *"Fernberger's account on Raja Ungu, the 'Violet Queen' of Patani and on Songtham, the 'Just King' of Ayudhya"*. Book launch organized by the Centre for European Studies (CES) at Chulalongkorn University. Venue: Ruan Chulanarumit, Chulalongkorn University. Date/Time: Thursday, August 7, 2015, 14.00 – 16.00 hrs.
- 2015 *"Reflections of an anthropologist on Karl Polanyi's 'Great Transformation'"*, Special Lecture, Centre for European Studies (CES). Room Dipak C. Jain, Sasa International House, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Tuesday, July 7, 2015, 13:00 – 16:30 hrs.
- 2015 *"Gypsies or Roma? The largest and coevally the most discriminated ethnic minority of the European Union"*, Special Lecture, Centre for European Studies (CES). Venue: Room Dipak C. Jain, Sasa International House, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Friday, May 22, 2015, 13:30 – 16:00 hrs.
- 2013 *"Childcare Patterns, Ego Development, and Identity Formation in Foraging Societies"*. Internat. Conference "Language, Diversity and Communication – Cosmopolitan Perspectives", October 17 – 20, 2013, Graz (Austria).
- 2013 *"Comparing two hunter-gatherer societies (Pirahã and Maniq) on Theoretical Grounds"*. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the *Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies* (CHAGS 10), University of Liverpool (UK), June 25 – 28, 2013.
- 2012 *"Socialization and culture-specific patterns of emotionality"*. International Conference "Cognition – Emotion – Communication: Scope and Limits", October 18-21, 2012, Graz (Austria).
- 2011 *"No Baby Talk: Childhood in a Truly Egalitarian Society"*. Childhood and Democracy. New Philosophical Challenges, Conference, 20.-23. October 2011, Graz.
- 2011 *"Introduction: Architecture & Anthropology: A highly promising co-operation."* Symposium "Insular Diversity: Architecture – Culture – Identity in Indonesia", May 18, 2011, Technical University of Vienna.
- 2010 *"Preliminary results on cognitive concepts of the Maniq-Semang (Southern Thailand)"*, Hunter-Gatherers and Semantic Categories: An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Theory, Method and Documentation. Neuwied (Germany), May 30 – June 4, 2010.
- 2009 *"The Politics of Islam in a Democratizing Indonesia as seen by Western Observers."* Conference "Islam and Democracy: Indonesian Perspective and Experience", organized by the Indonesian Embassy & the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ISA), Wednesday, July 15, 2009, Vienna.
- 2008 *"Über die Notwendigkeit einer Zusammenarbeit zwischen Geschichtswissenschaft und Kulturanthropologie in Südostasien"* [in German: On the Necessity of Interdisciplinary Co-operation between Historiography and Cultural Anthropology]. 25. Österreich. Historikertag, 16.-19. Sept. 2008. St. Pölten.
- 2007 *"Christoph Carl Fernberger von Egenberg. The First Austrian in Pattani and Ayudhya (1624/25)"*. A Siam Society Lecture, in co-operation with the Centre for European Studies, Chulalongkorn University, July 5, 2007, Bangkok.
- 2006 *Der Wiederaufbau und die Hilfsmaßnahmen nach dem Tsunami aus der Perspektive*

- der Human Ecology*. Renner-Institut, Wien 01.06.2006.
- 2006 *Coping with Natural Hazards in Indonesia: Report Based on a Fact Finding Mission in Tsunami Hit Areas in Aceh*. Workshop "Interdisciplinary Research on Regional Implications of Catastrophic Earthquakes and Discussion of Preventive Measures". Bangkok, Thailand, 14.08.2006.
- 2006 *Pioneering Studies on Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia: Schmidt, Heine-Geldern, Schebesta*). Internat.Workshop: Austrian Research in Continental Southeast Asia: Continuities & Discontinuities, organized by the Southeast Asian Association for Cultural Exchange (SOAC). Museum für Völkerkunde / Museum of Ethnology Vienna, 04.11.2006. <<http://homepage.univie.ac.at/helmut.lukas/workshop06.htm>>.
- 2006 *Who is Mr. Hego? – The Reception of Franz Heger in China*. International Workshop: Austrian Research in Continental Southeast Asia: Continuities & Discontinuities, organized by the Southeast Asian Association for Cultural Exchange (SOAC). Museum für Völkerkunde/Museum of Ethnology, Vienna, 03.11.2006 (together with Pachira Chindaritha), <<http://homepage.univie.ac.at/helmut.lukas/workshop06.htm>>.
- 2005 "*Robert Heine-Gelderns Theorien im Licht neuer wissenschaftlicher Forschung*" [in German: Robert Heine-Geldern's Theories in the Light of Current Research]. Museum für Völkerkunde Wien in co-operation with the Anthropologische Gesellschaft Wien, October 19, 2005, Department for Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna.
- 2005 (together with Khaled Hakami) Full-day Seminar: "*The Affluent Society': European Imaginations and Southeast Asian Reality*" / "*Masyarakat yang makmur: Imajinasi Barat dan kenyataan di Asia Tenggara*". Universitas Jambi, August 30 (Tuesday), 2005, Jambi, Indonesia.
- 2005 "*Indigene Gesellschaften Südostasiens und Naturkatastrophen: Wahrnehmungen – Deutungen – Reaktionen – Bewältigung*" [In German: Indigenous Societies of Southeast Asia: Perceptions – Interpretations – Responses – Coping Strategies]. Verein Freunde der Völkerkunde, Museum of Ethnology Vienna, 18 May 2005, Vienna.
- 2004 "*Representation of Islam and Religious Pluralism in Foreign and Indonesian Mass Media*". International Conference of Islamic Scholars (ICIS), "Upholding Islam as Rahmatan Lil'Alamin", Jakarta (Indonesia), February 23 - 25, 2004 (3-5 Muharram 1425 H).
- 2003 (together with Khaled Hakami) "*Kinship and/or Kingship? The Sacral Rulers of Early Rome from a Cross-Cultural Perspective*". State Formation Conference: Current Issues in State Formation: "The Mediterranean and beyond", An International Colloquium at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA), October 17-19, 2003.
- 2002 "*The perception of Indonesia's history and culture by Western historians and social Scientists*". Indonesia's Cultural Diversity in Times of Global Change. A one-day Seminar organized by the Indonesian Embassy, Brussels, in co-operation with The European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels, The Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences, Brussels, and The International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands (Hotel Tulip Inn Brussels Boulevard), Monday 16 December 2002, Brussels.
- 2002 "*The Maniq of Southern Thailand: Ethnicity, interaction and subsistence mode*". Panel "Sakais of Southern Thailand" at the "First Inter-Dialogue Conference on Southern Thailand", hosted by Prince of Songkhla University & Harvard University, June 13 – 15, 2002, Pattani (Thailand).
- 2002 "*Austria's Contributions to the Research into the Malay World*". ATMA-Kolloquium (in co-operation with Universiti Kebangsaan / Malaysia and Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität / Frankfurt a. Main) on "*German-speaking scholarship and the Malay world: Exploring an empirical tradition*", March 11-12, 2002, Universiti Kebangsaan,

- Bangi, Selangor Darul Ihsan, Malaysia), 12-03-2002 (session 4).
- 2001 KEYNOTE: *"Can 'They' save 'Us', the Foragers? Indonesian and Thai Hunter-Gatherer Cultures under Threat from Outside"*. Conference: *Asia-Europe Seminar on Ethnic Cultures Promotion*. 18 - 20 September 2001, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 2001 KEYNOTE: *"Theories of Indianization exemplified by Selected Case Studies from Indonesia (Insular Southeast Asia)"*. Sanskrit in Southeast Asia: The Harmonizing Factor of Cultures, International Sanskrit Conference, Bangkok, May 21-23, 2001.
- 2000 *"European Family Structures in Comparison with Family Patterns in Southeast Asia"*. The Role of the Individual vis-à-vis The Family, Society and State in Asia and Europe. ASEF-Symposium, 18 – 19 September 2000, Vienna.
- 1996 *„Lawatan oleh «Pengembara Austria» ke Melaka pada akhir abad ke16“*. In Bahasa Malaysia: Visit of an «Austrian Traveler/Adventurer» to Melaka at the End of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, Seminar "Malay Studies from Dutch Sources", Dewan Besar Perbadanan Muzium Melaka, November 22, 1996, Melaka/Malaysia.
- 1996 *"Paul Schebesta und Hugo Adolf Bernatzik, die österreichischen Pioniere in der ethnologischen Erforschung der Malaiischen Halbinsel"*. [In German: Paul Schebesta and H. A. Bernatzik, the Austrian Pioneers in the Ethnological Exploration of the Malay Peninsula]. Österreichischer Historikertag – Österr. Archivtag, Mai 26, 1996, Vienna.
- 1996 *„Penyelidikan Paul Schebesta mengenai suku Semang (Orang Asli) di Semenanjung Malaysia“* (In Bahasa Malaysia: Paul Schebesta's Research among the Semang (Orang Asli) of the Malay Peninsula), Akademi Pengajian Melayu, University Malaya, November 26, 1996, Kuala Lumpur.
- 1996 *Riwayat Christoph Carl Fernberger mengenai Patani di bawah pemerintahan Raja Ungu (1624/1625)* (In Bahasa Malaysia: Christoph Carl Fernberger's account of Patani during the reign of Queen Ungu, 1624/1625), Akademi Pengajian Melayu, University Malaya, November 25, 1996, Kuala Lumpur.

### Teaching and Mentoring

- Lectures on Cultures and Social Structures in Southeast Asia at the University of Vienna (Department for Cultural and Social Anthropology);
- Lectures on Bahasa Indonesia and Bahasa Malaysia at the University of Vienna (Department for Linguistics)

### Supervision of Master & PhD Students

- University of Vienna (Austria)
- Karl-Franzens University of Graz (Austria)
- Leiden University (The Netherlands)
- University College of London (United Kingdom)

### Language Skills

German (mother tongue); English (fluent), French (sufficient), Indonesian/Malay (fluent), Toba-Batak (sufficient), Dutch (reading), Spanish (reading), Thai (basic)