

DENNIS KÖLLING

Academic Curriculum Vitae

8/13/25

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Florence, 2025.

Thesis Title: *Popularizing the Neoliberal Utopia – Libertarian Fiction and the Quest to Design a Liberal Vision of the Future, 1930s to 1960s*, Supervisor: Professor Nicolas Guilhot.

M.Res., European University Institute, Florence, 2020.

Joint M.A. in Global History, Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin & Humboldt Universität, Berlin, 2019.

B.A. in North American Studies, John-F.-Kennedy-Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, 2015.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023 – 2024 Visiting Doctoral Fellowship, Leibniz Institute for European History (IEG), Mainz.

2023 Visiting Researcher (externally funded), John-F.-Kennedy-Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin.

2023 Doctoral Dissertation Grant, European University Institute, Florence.

2019 – 2022 Doctoral Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Ph.D.-Program at European University Institute, Florence.

2016 – 2017 Exchange Scholarship, Vanderbilt Graduate School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

2013 – 2014 Exchange Scholarship, Student Exchange Office, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin.

PUBLICATIONS

Work in Progress

2025 “Austrian Economics in One Lesson: Henry Hazlitt and the American Origins of Neoliberal Populism.” *Modern Intellectual History*, Under Review, August 2025.

Peer-reviewed articles

- 2021 “Capitalist Realism, Disappointment, and the History of Sensibilities: A Case for Fiction as Historical Source.” *Global Histories*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (2021), pp. 102-120.
- 2017 “Towards a Global Perspective on Contemporary History. A Critical Literature Review of Recent German Zeitgeschichte.” *Global Histories*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (2017), pp. 127-140.

Book Reviews

- 2025 Besprechungsessay “Revolution oder Evolution? Zum paradoxen Verhältnis von Neoliberalismus und Rechtspopulismus.” *Neue Politische Literatur*. Preprint.
- 2024 “Enter the Libertarian Multiverse.” Review of *The Individualists: Radicals, Reactionaries, and the Struggle for the Soul of Libertarianism* by Matt Zwolinski and John Tomasi. *CEU Review of Books*. September 2024.
- 2020 “Urban Horror: Neoliberal Post-Socialism and the Limits of Visibility, by Erin Y. Huang.” *European Review of History: Revue Européenne d’Histoire*, 28:4, pp. 613-615.
- 2017 “The Autonomous City: A History of Urban Squatting, by Alexander Vasudevan.” *Global Histories*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (2017), pp. 165-168.
- 2016 “The ‘Conspiracy’ of Free Trade. The Anglo-American Struggle over Empire and Economic Globalization, 1846-1896, by Marc-William Palen.” *Global Histories*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (2016), pp. 96-99.

Conference Proceedings

- 2017 “Conference Review: World History Student Conference, King’s College London, May 2017.” *Global Histories*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (2017), pp. 183-186.

Translations

- 2021 Ammermann, Friedrich et. al., “Für eine Faire(re) Globalgeschichte (For a Fair(er) Global History).” *Cromohs – Cyber Review of Modern Historiography*.

Blog Posts

- 2024 “Historicizing Libertarianism, or How to Write Intellectual History Without Intellectuals.” *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog*, March 4, 2024.

Interviews

2024 “Imagining the Free Market Eden.” *European University Institute, Department of History, Research Highlight Interview*, April 22, 2024.

Magazine Articles

2024 “Javier Milei’s Freak Show Act Is a Taste of Things to Come.” *Jacobin*, February 2, 2024.

German Translation: “Javier Mileis Freakshow in Davos zeigt, was auf uns zukommt.” *Jacobin.de*, February 7, 2024.

Spanish Translation: “Milei no es un loco, sino un anticipo de lo que está por venir.” *Jacobin América Latina*, February 13, 2024.

2018 “Pop vom Ende der Postmoderne.” *FURIOS*, February 6, 2018.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Papers Presented

2025 “Austrian Economics in One Lesson: Henry Hazlitt and the Quest to Make Austrian Economics “Palatable” for the Masses.” Workshop “Economics and other social sciences VII”, *Transforming Homo Economicus: The Use of Other Social Sciences in US Economics, 1918–2018*, CY Cergy Paris Université, June 20th, 2025.

2022 “Towards the Inner Frontier: New Wave Science Fiction and Landscapes of the Self.” Graduate Conference in European History (GRACEH) – Nature, Culture, History, University of Oxford, April 11-13, 2022.

2017 “A Global History of Now. Chances and Challenges.” World History Student Conference, King’s College London.

Panels Organized

2017 “Global Spaces.” Global History Student Conference 2017, Freie Universität Berlin.

2016 “Decentralizing the Cold War.” Global History Student Conference 2016, Freie Universität Berlin.

Discussant

2023 “Workshop Neoliberal Environmental Thought II”, University of Oxford, May 2023.

- 2023 Dieter Plehwe, Talk on “From Climate Denial to Policy Obstruction: Strategy Mobility in the Ranks of the Global Atlas Think Tank Network (2000-2022).” Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, January 2023.
- 2021 Eli Cook, Online-Talk on “Neoclassical Economics, Kaldor-Hicks, and Neoliberal Governance.” Conversations on New Histories of Capitalism, European University Institute, Florence, May 2021.
- 2020 Ashley J. Bohrer, Online-Talk on “Marxism and Intersectionality.” Conversations on New Histories of Capitalism, European University Institute, Florence, October 2020.
- 2020 Jessica Whyte, Online-Talk on “The Morals of the Market.” Conversations on New Histories of Capitalism, European University Institute, Florence, May 2020.

Departmental Talks

- 2024 “Popularizing the Neoliberal Utopia – Libertarian Fiction and the Quest to Design a Liberal Vision of the Future, 1930s to 1960s.” Research Colloquium, Leibniz Institute for European History (IEG), Mainz, April 30, 2024.
- 2022 “‘This Story is Dedicated to all Those Cyberpunks’: Science Fiction and the Rise of the Californian Ideology.” Workshop “Imagined Worlds: On the Entanglements of History and Literature,” Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Florence, May 2022.
- 2017 “Contre le Capitalisme, Contre la Vie. Nihilism and Neoliberalism in 1990s Popular Culture.” First Year Conference, Department of History, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, April 2017.

TEACHING

Certifications

- 2023 “Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.” Teacher Training Course, European University Institute, Florence.

EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2020 – 2023 Founding Member of the Editorial Board, “Conversations on New Histories of Capitalism.” Lecture and Podcast-Series, European University Institute, Florence.
- 2022 – 2023 Member of the Editorial Board, “Radio Cavolo.” Student Radio Station, European University Institute, Florence.

2015 – 2018 Editor, “Global Histories: A Student Journal.” Peer-Reviewed Journal, Center for Global History, Freie Universität Berlin.

2015 – 2017 Editor and Facilitator, “Global History Student Conference.” Center for Global History, Freie Universität Berlin.

LANGUAGES

German:	native
English:	near native
French:	excellent reading, speaking, and translation ability
Italian:	advanced reading, speaking, and translation ability
Spanish, Latin:	basic knowledge, reading and translation ability with dictionary