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Education and Professional Preparation

University of Vienna	Social and Cultural Anthropology	B.A. equivalent, 1983
	Social and Cultural Anthropology	M.A. equivalent, 1985
	Social and Cultural Anthropology	Ph.D., 1990
	Social and Cultural Anthropology	Habilitation (postdoctoral thesis), 2002

Professional Appointments

2012-Present	Professor, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
2013-Present	Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks
2016-2020	Director, Austrian Polar Research Institute
2016-2020	Department Chair, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
2007-2012	Director, Alaska EPSCoR
2002-2012	Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks
1997-2002	Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks
1992-1997	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Major Fields of Interest

Regional: Russia; Circumpolar North (Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Northern Europe, Siberia); Eastern Europe; Central Asia

Topical: Built Environments; Climate Change; History of Anthropological Theory; Human-Environmental Interactions; Hunting and Gathering Societies; Movements of People and Ideas; Social Lives of Infrastructure

Recent Publications (selected)

O. Povorožnyuk, and **P. Schweitzer**. 2023. "Ignoring Environmental Change? On Fishing Quotas and Collapsing Coastlines in Bykovskiy, Northern Sakha (Yakutiya)." *Ambio* 52: 1211-1220.

O. Povorožnyuk, and **P. Schweitzer**. 2023. "What Difference Does a Railroad Make? Transportation and Settlement in the BAM Region in Historical Perspective," in *The Siberian World*. J.P. Ziker, J. Ferguson, and V. Davydov, eds. Pp. 364-377. London: Routledge.

P. Schweitzer. 2022. "Between Resource Frontier and Self-Determination: Colonial and Postcolonial Developments in the Arctic," in *Global Arctic: An Introduction to the Multifaceted Dynamics of the Arctic*. M. Finger and G. Rekvig, eds. Pp. 351-367. Cham, Switzerland: Springer.

P. Schweitzer, and O. Povorožnyuk. 2022. "Infrastructural Legacies and Post-Soviet Transformations in Northern Sakha (Yakutiya), Russia." *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning* 24(3): 297-308.

P. Schweitzer. 2022. "Afterword: Inuit Worlds in a Global Arctic," in *The Inuit World*. P. Stern, ed. New York: Routledge: 433-438.

P. Schweitzer. 2021. "Remote Connections: Human Entanglements with Built and Natural Environments in the Arctic and Elsewhere," in *Anthropology in Motion: Encounters with*

- Current Trajectories of Scholarship from Austria*. A. Gingrich, ed. Canon Pyon: Sean Kingston Publishing: 40-63.
- A. Bartsch, G. Pointner, I. Nitze, A. Efimova, D. Jakober, S. Ley, E. Högström, G. Grosse, and **P. Schweitzer**. 2021. "Expanding Infrastructure and Growing Anthropogenic Impacts along Arctic Coasts." *Environmental Research Letters* 16.
- F. Mühlfried, and **P. Schweitzer**. 2021. „Kaukasus, Katholizismus und Kommunismus: Die verschlungenen Wege des Robert Bleichsteiner,“ in *Völkerkunde zur NS-Zeit aus Wien (1938–1945): Institutionen, Biographien und Praktiken in Netzwerken*. A. Gingrich and P. Rohrbacher, eds. Vol. 2. Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften: 667-686.
- P. Schweitzer**, and O. Povoroznyuk. 2020. "Introduction: Precarious Connections: On the Promise and Menace of Railroad Projects." *Transfers* 10(2/3):137-151.
- P. Schweitzer**, and O. Povoroznyuk. 2019. "A Right to Remoteness? A Missing Bridge and Articulations of Indigeneity along an East Siberian Railroad." *Social Anthropology* 27(2):236-252.
- P. Schweitzer**, F. Stammler, C. Ebsen, A. Ivanova, and I. Litvina. 2019. "Societal Impacts of Non-renewable Resource Development on Indigenous Communities in Alaska, Greenland, and Russia," in *Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic*. C. Southcott, F. Abele, D. Natcher, and B. Parlee. New York: Routledge: 42-64.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2019. "Charting a Course Through the *Etnos* Archipelago." Comment on the article "The Etnos Archipelago" by David Anderson and Dmitry Arzyutov. *Current Anthropology* 60(6):763-764.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2019. "Review of 'Maritime Hunting Cultures of Chukotka' and 'Litsom k moriu: Pamiati Liudmily Bogoslovskoi'". *Sibirica* 18(1):94-95.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2017. "Polar Anthropology, or Why We Need to Study More than Humans in Order to Understand People". *The Polar Journal* 7(1): 1-8.
- P. Schweitzer**, O. Povoroznyuk and S. Schiesser. 2017. "Beyond Wilderness: Toward an Anthropology of Infrastructure and the Built Environment in the Russian North". *The Polar Journal* 7(1): 58-85.
- S. Yamin-Pasternak, **P. Schweitzer**, I. Pasternak, A. Kliskey and L. Alessa. 2017. "A Cup of Tundra: Ethnography of Water and Thirst in the Bering Strait," in *Meanings and Values of Water in Russian Culture*. J Costlow and A Rosenholm, eds. London: Routledge: 117-136.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2017. „Der hohe Norden als Teil globalen Südens? Koloniale und postkoloniale Entwicklungen in der Arktis und Subarktis vom 19. bis zum 21. Jahrhundert,“ in *Arktis und Subarktis. Geschichte, Kultur, Gesellschaft*. G. Saxinger, P. Schweitzer and S. Donecker, eds. Wien: New Academic Press: 46-66.
- A. Petrov, Andrey N., S. BurnSilver, F. Stuart Chapin III, Gail Fondahl, Jessica Graybill, Kathrin Keil, Annika E. Nilsson, Rudolf Riedlsperger, and **Peter Schweitzer**. 2017. *Arctic Sustainability Research: Past, Present and Future*. London: Routledge.
- G. Saxinger, **P. Schweitzer**, and S. Donecker, eds. 2017. *Arktis und Subarktis. Geschichte, Kultur, Gesellschaft*. (Edition Weltregionen; 24). Wien: New Academic Press.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2016. "Albert C. Heinrich and the post-World War II Trajectory of (Alaskan) Inuit Kinship Studies," in: *Early Inuit Studies: Themes and Transitions in Eskimology, 1850s–1980s*. I. Krupnik, ed. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press: 265-288.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2016. "Korennyye narody i urbanizatsiya na Alyaske i na kanadskom Severe" [Indigenous Peoples and Urbanization in Alaska and the Canadian North]. *Etnograficheskoe obozrenie* (1): 10-22.
- E. Marino and **P. Schweitzer**. 2016. "Speaking Again of Climate Change: An Analysis of Climate Change Discourses in Northwestern Alaska." in *Anthropology and Climate Change: From Actions to Transformations*. S.A. Crate and M. Nuttall, eds. New York: Routledge: 200-209.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2016. "Wer bestimmt über die Ressourcen der Arktis," in *Handbuch für Entwicklungsforschung*, M. Boatca, K. Fischer und G. Hauck, eds. Wiesbaden: Springer: 351-354.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2015. "Arctic: Sociocultural Aspects." in: *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, James D. Wright, ed. 2nd edition, Vol. 1. Oxford: Elsevier: 927–932.

- P. Schweitzer**, P. Sköld, O. Ulturgasheva. 2014. "Cultures and Identities," in: *Arctic Human Development Report II: Regional Processes and Global Linkages*. J.N. Larsen, G. Fondahl, H. Rasmussen, Eds. Copenhagen: Nordic Council of Ministers: 105-150.
- S. Yamin-Pasternak, A. Kliskey, L. Alessa, I. Pasternak, and **P. Schweitzer**. 2014. "The Rotten Renaissance in the Bering Strait: Loving, Loathing, and Washing the Smell of Foods with a (Re)acquired Taste." *Current Anthropology* 55(5): 619-646.
- J. N. Larsen, **P. Schweitzer**, and A. Petrov, eds. 2014. *Arctic Social Indicators II: Implementation*. Copenhagen: Nordic Council of Ministers.
- P. Schweitzer**, R. Barnhardt, M. Berman, and L. Kaplan. 2014. "The Inuit Regions of Alaska," in: *Arctic Social Indicators ASI-II: Implementation*. Copenhagen: Nordic Council of Ministers: 183-224.
- P. Schweitzer**. 2014. "Alaska, Living Conditions of the Inupiat," in: *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research*. Michalos A.C. ed. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer: 122-126.
- P. Schweitzer**, E. Golovko, and N. Vakhtin. 2013. "Mixed Communities in the Russian North; or, Why Are There No 'Creoles' in Siberia?" *Ethnohistory* 60(3): 419-438.

Recent Keynotes and Invited Talks

- 2023 Opening keynote at the *Arctic Science Summit Week 2023*, "One, Two or Many? Conceptualizing the Arctic in 2023", Vienna, Austria, February 2023
- 2020 Invited plenary participation at the roundtable *Resilient Arctic Communities* at the *Arctic Frontiers* conference; Tromso, Norway; January 2020
- 2019 Invited keynote speaker at the *Eleventh Siberian Studies Conference*, "The Affordances of Infrastructure: Examples from Transportation Projects in the Arctic and Other Remote Regions", St. Petersburg, Russia; October 2019
- 2019 Invited plenary presentation, *Thirteenth Congress of Russian Anthropologists and Ethnologists*; "Mobility and Communication in the Circumpolar North: Toward an Anthropology of Transportation Infrastructure"; Kazan, Russia, July 2019
- 2018 Invited keynote speaker at the *Twelfth Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS 12); Self-Determination in a Resource Frontier? The Contemporary Worlds of Northern Hunter- Gatherers*; Penang, Malaysia, July 2018
- 2018 Invited keynote speaker at the *Fifth International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-5); Remoteness and Infrastructure: On the Affordances of the Built Environment in Polar Regions*; Tokyo, Japan, January 2018
- 2017 Invited speaker at the roundtable on "Infrastructures" at the Conference "*High Altitudes meet High Latitudes: Globalizing Polar Issues*" in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, September 2017
- 2017 Invited plenary presentation at Arctic Science Summit Week, "*Arctic Social Sciences and Interdisciplinarity: Anthropological Perspectives on the Built Environment*", Prague, Czech Republic, April 2017
- 2015 Invited plenary speaker at the 2015 German Anthropological Association Conference; "*What Can Environments in Crisis Be Good For? Anthropology Facing Climate Change*", Marburg an der Lahn, Germany, October 2015
- 2014 2014 Invited Climate Histories Seminar presentation "Do We Need an Anthropology of Climate Change" (University of Cambridge, March 2014)
- 2014 AnthroLab presentation "Überhitzt. Anthropologische Kommentare zu Klimawandel in Alaska und anderswo" (Philipps-Universität Marburg, November 2014)
- 2014 Invited seminar presentation "Social and Cultural Transitions in the Circumpolar North – What Is the Role of Climate Change?" (CEARC, OVSQ, Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines)
- 2013 Keynote address (Ladislav Holy Lecture) at the Czech Association for Social Anthropology "Toward an Anthropology of Climate Change" (Prague, Czech Republic, October 2013)
- 2013 Keynote presentation "Looking at Siberia from the Margins: The Bering Strait Region and Other Vantage Points" at the Ninth Siberian Studies Conference (St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, October 2013)

Synergistic Activities

- 2022- Austrian (FWF) Representative at the European Polar Board
- 2021-2025 Project Leader, “Building Arctic Futures: Transport Infrastructures and Sustainable Northern Communities”, European Research Council (ERC)
- 2021-2025 International Advisory Board Member of the Japanese Research Project “Arctic Challenge for Sustainability II”
- 2017-2019 Scientific Advisory Board Member, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
- 2015-2017 Speaker, History of Anthropology Working Group, German Anthropological Society
- 2014-2017 Scientific Advisory Board Member, Mistra Arctic Sustainable Development: New Governance for Sustainable Development in the European Arctic
- 2014-Present Founding and Board Member of the International Society for Hunter Gatherer Research (ISHGR)
- 2014-Present Editorial Board Member of the Journal “Hunter Gatherer Research”
- 2014-Present Advisory Board Member of the Journal “Etnograficheskoe Obozrenie” (Russian Federation)
- 2013-Present Advisory Editorial Board Member of the Journal “Zeitschrift für Ethnologie” (Germany)
- 2012-2019 Steering Committee Member, Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic (ReSDA), a Canadian Major Collaborative Research Initiative
- 2011-Present Chair and U.S. (now Austrian) Representative, International Arctic Science Committee Social and Human Sciences Working Group
- 2010-2013 Member of the Board of Directors, Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS)
- 2001-2004 President, International Arctic Social Sciences Association (council member 2004-2014); organizer of ICASS V

Research Funding (recent)

- 2023-2025 OeAD (Austria’s Agency for Education and Internationalization) – *Snow2School*); Leader of the University of Vienna team (PI is at the University of Graz)
- 2021-2025 European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant – *Building Arctic Futures: Transport Infrastructures and Sustainable Northern Communities (InfraNorth)*; Project Leader
- 2019-2023 Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) – *Snow to Rain: From Phase Transition of Precipitation to Changing Local Livelihoods, Emotions and Affects in East Greenland (Snow2Rain)*; Leader of the University of Vienna team (PI is at the University of Graz)
- 2017-2023 European Commission (H2020) – *Nunataryuk: Permafrost Thaw and the Changing Arctic Coast: Science for Socio-Economic Adaptation*; WP co-lead
- 2017-2018 Austrian Science Fund (FWF) – *Infrastructure in the Russian Far East: Isolated Cities and Connected Economies*; Principal Investigator
- 2015-2021 Austrian Science Fund (FWF) – *Configurations of Remoteness: Entanglement of Humans and Transport Infrastructures*; Principal Investigator
- 2015-2016 Wenner-Gren Foundation: *Partial support of Eleventh Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS II)*; Co-Principal Investigator
- 2013-2019 NSF RCN-SEES *Arctic-FROST: Arctic Frontiers of Sustainability: Resources, Societies, Environments and Development in the Changing North*; Co-Principal Investigator
- 2013-2018 National Science Foundation – *Partial Support of the Arctic Human Development Report II (AHDR-II)*; Principal Investigator
- 2012-2018 National Science Foundation – *Alaska Adapting to Changing Environments (Alaska ACE)*; Co-Principal Investigator
- 2011-2012 National Science Foundation – *Partial Support of the Seventh International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VII)*; Principal Investigator
- 2011-2013 National Science Foundation – *Alaska EPSCoR RII C2: Cyberconnectivity and Data Visualization*; Principal Investigator