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Selected publications:

- "'Co není v knichách není vůbec': Pohraničí v české literatuře bezprostředně po válce" ["'What is not in our book does not exist at all': The Borderlands in Czech Literature Immediately After the War"], in: *dějiny a současnost 11*, 2010, pp. 14-17.
- With Schulze Wessel, Martin (eds.), *Zukunftsvorstellungen und staatliche Planung im Sozialismus: Die Tschechoslowakei im ostmitteleuropäischen Kontext 1945-1989*, München, 2010 (Bad Wiesseer Tagungen des Collegium Carolinum 30).
- *Zwischen Ost und West: Tschechische politische Diskurse 1945-1948*, München, 2009 (Veröffentlichungen des Collegium Carolinum 118).

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Selected publications:

- *Geschichte als Kriminalroman. Historische Fragen nach Freud und Hitler*. Göttingen, forthcoming spring 2011.
- *Die Politik des Traumas. Frankfurter Adorno Vorlesungen 2009*, Frankfurt/Main, forthcoming spring 2011.

- *Die Praxis der Wiedergutmachung: Geschichte, Erfahrung und Wirkung in Deutschland und Israel.* Co-edited with Norbert Frei and Constantin Goschler, Göttingen, 2009.
- *Freud and the Politics of Psychoanalysis*, Oxford, 1995; German: *Psyche und Macht: Freud politisch lesen*, Stuttgart, 2001.

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Selected publications:

- Erfurter Vortrag in den Thüringer Verwaltungsblättern
- *Friedrich Schiller und seine Universität. Seine Universität?*, Jena, 2010.
- The Culture of Commemoration in Germany and Friedrich Schiller's Cosmopolitan Legacy

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Selected publications:

- *Literatur und Subversion: Politisches Schreiben in der Gegenwart*, Bielefeld, 2011 (in preparation).
- " 'Wie übersetzt man ,Wir haben es nicht gewusst?'" Zur niederländischsprachigen Untertitelung deutschsprachiger Spielfilme über den Nationalsozialismus, in: Henri Bloemen and Jan Ceuppens (eds.), *Germanistische Mitteilungen*, Themenheft, Aussaart/Dissemination, 72 (2010) (accepted).
- "Die deutsche Sprache als Minorität? Multilinguale Gegenwartsliteratur in der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft Belgiens und in Luxemburg," in: Corinna Albrecht, Andrea Bogner, Ernest W.B. Hess-Lüttich (eds.), *Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Germanistik*, Kulturwissenschaftliche Herausforderungen interkultureller Germanistik, Lang, 2010 (in press).

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Selected publications:

- "Droning Airplanes and Reversed Memories: The Historiosonic Vocabulary of the Air War Over Germany During the Second World War," in: Robert Maier (ed.), *Akustisches Gedächtnis und Zweiter Weltkrieg*, Göttingen, 2010, pp.149-159.

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Georg Kreis studied in Basel, Paris and Cambridge, history, German and geography. In 1972 he received his PhD at the University of Basel. In 1981 he wrote his Postdoctoral thesis at the University of Basel.

Selected publications:

- Georg Kreis, Reconstruction sans restauration: l'image de l'Allemagne dans la Nouvelle Gazette de Zurich (Neue Zürcher Zeitung) de 1945 à 1956. In: *Relations internationales* 52, hiver 1987. pp. 413-429.
- Georg Kreis, Von der Anlehnung zur Abgrenzung. Schweizerische Beziehungen zu Deutschland im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert. In: Ders., *Vorgeschichten zur Gegenwart. Ausgewählte Aufsätze*. Bd. 3, Basel 2005. S. 455-472
- Georg Kreis, Das schweizerische Bild der Deutschen um 1945. In: *Deutsche und Deutschland aus Schweizer Perspektive*. Hg. v. Georg Kreis und Regina Wecker. Basel 2007. S. 66-90. (Itinera Fase. 26).

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Selected publications:

- "Polnisch-russische Beziehungen im Spiegel der unabhängigen katholischen Publizistik Polen 1956-1989," in: E. Muehle (ed.), *Vom Instrument der Partei zur Vierten Gewalt: Die ostmitteleuropäische Presse als historische Quelle*, Marburg, 1997, pp.67-81.
- "Die 'antikosmopolitische Kampagne' in der spätstalinistischen Sowjetunion und die polnischen Märzereignisse - ein Vergleich," in: *Forum für osteuropäische Ideen- und Zeitgeschichte Köln*, 2/1999, pp. 215-237.

- "Dissidentenbewegungen in Osteuropa 1956-1989," in: *Halbjahresschrift für südosteuropäische Geschichte, Literatur und Politik*, 2/2002, pp.5-18.

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David Newman has been a Professorial Fellow, Roehampton University, London, 2008-2011; Visiting Scholar, Research Programme in *The Critical Junctures of Globalization*, University of Leipzig, Germany, December 10-20th, 2007; Visiting Professor, Department of Geography, Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, 2007-2008; Leverhulme Fellowship, Visiting Professor of Geopolitics, Department of Geography, University of Bristol, UK – Academic Year 2006-2007; 1981 - Ph.D., University of Durham, England.

Selected publications:

- "Theorizing Borders: New Directions in Border Studies," in: D. Wastl-Water (ed.), *Research Companion to Border Studies*, Surrey, 2011.
- "The Renaissance of a Border which Never Died: The Green Line between Israel and the West Bank," in: A. Diener & J. Hagen (eds.), *Border Lines: History and Politics of Odd International Borders*, Lanham, 2009.
- With Paasi Anssi, "Fences and neighbours in the post-modern world: boundary narratives in political geography," in: J. Agnew, V. Mamadouh (eds.), *Politics: Critical Essays in Human Geography*, Series on Contemporary Foundations of Space and Place, Surrey, 2009 (reprinted from *Progress in Human Geography*, 22 (2), 1998, pp. 186-207).

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Columbia University, New York, Ph.D. in History, defended October 2010, Expected February 2011. Dissertation: *Ironing the Curtain: Border and Boundary Formation in Cold War Rural Germany*. June 2004 - M.A. *summa cum laude*, Tel Aviv University School of History. June 1998 - B.A., History and Behavioral Sciences, *summa cum laude*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Selected publications:

- "Hidden Behind the Wall: West German State-Building and the Division of Germany," in: *Central European History* 43 (2011, forthcoming).
- "Border-Land: Property Rights, Kinship and the Emergence of the inter-German Border in the Eichsfeld," in: Miriam Rürup (ed.), *Praktiken der Differenz: Diasporakulturen in der Zeitgeschichte*, Göttingen, 2009, pp. 197-214 (in English).

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Since 2001 Maître de conférences at the university Paris VIII (Saint-Denis); 2004-2006 Alexander-von-Humboldt-Fellowship at the Frankreich Zentrum Freie Universität Berlin; 2006 Thyssen-Fellowship at the Foundation Genshagen (Berlin-Brandenburg Institute for German-French Cooperation in Europe).

Selected publications:

- *Provinz Posen, Ostmark, Wielkopolska: Eine Grenzregion zwischen Deutschen und Polen 1848-1914*, Marburg, 2005.
- "Les imaginaires sociaux dans la cristallisation de la frontière germano-polonaise au XIXe siècle," in: Catherine Maurer (ed.), *Les espaces de l'Allemagne au XIXe siècle: Frontières, centres et question nationale*, Strasbourg, 2010, pp.73-85.
- "Geschichtskultur und Territorialität: Zum Verhältnis von historischem und räumlichem Bewusstsein im deutsch-polnischen Grenzraum im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert," in: Etienne François, Jörg Seyfarth, Bernhard Struck (eds.), *Die Grenze als Raum, Erfahrung und Konstruktion. Deutschland, Frankreich und Polen vom 17. Jahrhundert bis 20. Jahrhundert*, Frankfurt, 2006, pp.243-267.

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Selected publications:

- *Europäische Bilderwelten: Visuelle Darstellungen EU-Europas aus österreichischer Perspektive*, Gertraud Diendorfer (ed.), Innsbruck, 2009.
- *Kulturen der Differenz – Transformationsprozesse in Zentraleuropa nach 1989. Transdisziplinäre Perspektiven*, Heinz Fassmann, Wolfgang Müller-Funk (eds.), Vienna, 2009.
- *1938, The Beginnings of the Shoah in Austria: Places – Pictures – Memories*, Dieter J. Hecht, Eleonore Lappin, Michaela Raggam-Blesch, Lisa Retzl (eds.), Vienna, 2008.

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Since 1972 at Tel-Aviv University, Department of History, the Cummings Center for Russian and East European Studies and the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of

Contemporary Anti-Semitism, served as Visiting Professor, at the University of Calgary, and Concordia in Montreal, research interests: ethnicity in Central-Eastern Europe, extremists movements, modern anti-Semitism, the Holocaust.

Selected publications:

- "The Roma in Central and Eastern Europe: The Plight of a Stateless Minority," in: *Antisemitism Worldwide 2000/1*, Tel-Aviv University, 2002.
- "Antisemitism and Politics in Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe," in: *Antisemitism at the End of the 20th Century*, Bratislava, 2002.
- "Was There a Romanian Jewry?" in: Randolph Braham (ed.), *The Romanian Jewish Tragedy*, 1995.

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Recent publications:

- *Ženska obrobja : vpis žensk v zgodovino Slovencev [Women's Peripheries: The Inscription of Women in the Slovene History]*, Ljubljana, 2005.
- *Il confine degli altri [The Border of the Others]*, Rome, 2008.
- *Stadt und Land: Paradigma einer ethnozentrischen Lesart*, Munich, 2006.

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For the past seven years (2001-2007) Professor Weiss has been the head of the Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society at the University of Haifa. Her research concentrates on questions of ethnicity, nationalism, nationality and emigration.

Selected Publications

- With Salib, Wadi, *A Confiscated Memory*, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, 2007 (in Hebrew)
- "Encounters with the Past: Lea Goldberg and Ilsabe Huenke von Podewils," in: *Zmanim 100 (2007)*, pp. 112-125 (in Hebrew)
- "Ethnic Cleansing, Memory and Property: Europe 1944-1948," in: R. Gross and Y. Weiss (eds.), *Jüdische Geschichte als allgemeine Geschichte*, Göttingen, 2006, pp. 158-185.