

Assoc Prof Dr Michelle Denise Proyer

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Main research foci

- Inclusive education
- Inclusive teacher training
- (Transdisciplinary) Studies at the nexus of disability and culture (global perspectives, religion, forced migration studies)
- Borderlands in education, transnational perspectives on inclusion
- Transcultural and participatory research design and collaboration

Academic Background

Education

03/2001 – 04/2008: University of Vienna. Diploma in Special Needs and Remedial Education

10/2008 – 01/2015: PhD studies, Education at the University of Vienna, Department of Education

Thesis: “Culture and Society – Bound Factors Affecting Educational Environments of Children with Disabilities in Greater Bangkok – Accepting Karma and Leading a Happy Life in a Transiting Urban Area”

Academic Work Experience

03 – 08/2008: Study assistant at the Department of Education, University of Vienna (Research Unit Special Needs and Inclusive Education)

10/2008 – 02/2009: Independent contractor at the Department of Education, University of Vienna (Research Unit Special Needs and Inclusive Education)

02/2010 – 07/2014: University Assistant (praedoc)/ lecturer at the Department of Education, University of Vienna (Research Unit Special Needs and Inclusive Education)

Tasks: Researcher in charge of research activities within the project ‘Classifications of Disabilities in the Field of Education in Different Societal and Cultural Contexts’ (CLASDISA, FWF/Austrian Science Fund).

Lecturer: Teaching at BA and MA level in the fields of inclusive education (focus on disability as cutting theme of international development, poverty, social justice. diversity, equality, gender, environment, culture etc.)

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10/2011 – 07/2014: Team member of the project Responding to Poverty and Disability Through Higher Education (RESPOND-HER) at the Department of Education, University of Vienna coordinating the research focus on gender and CBR Workers (APPEAR, Austrian Development Agency)

09/2014 – 09/2015: Research Associate at Kingston University London, School of Education

Tasks: Conceptualizing and writing research proposals, supporting colleagues in designing research projects, conducting literature reviews. Focus on interdisciplinary research projects.

11/2014 – 01/2015: Temporary contracts at the Department of Education, Special Needs and Inclusive Education

Tasks: Supporting final documentation and publication of the RESPOND-HER and CLASDISA projects.

10/2015 – 06/2017: Part-time senior lecturer and part-time post doc – researcher at the Department of Education and the Center for Teacher Education, University of Vienna

07/2017 – 07/2018: Tenure track position at the Center for Teacher Education and Department of Education, University of Vienna

08/2018 – 08/2022: Assistant Professor of Inclusive Education

Since 08/2021: Vice-Head of Study Program of the Center for Teacher Education

Since 09/2022: Associate Professor of Inclusive Education

Tasks: Coordination of third party funded, project, teaching and supervision of students (BA, MA, PhD levels), coordination of research unit 'Inclusive Education', research

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Academic Memberships

- ECER/EERA: Convenor of Network 4 (Inclusive Education)
- ÖFEB (Austrian Association of Research and Development in Education), Co-Representative of Emerging Researchers between 2018 – 2021
- Member of the DGFE (German Education Research Association)
- Member of editorial board of European Journal of Inclusive Education

Academic Awards/Scholarships

ERASMUS

2014/2019: Teaching staff mobility for teaching at Kingston University, London; UiT, Tromsø

EPU Uninet

2019/2021/2022: Scholarships for travels to Nepal, China, Bhutan and Nepal

ASEA Uninet

Since 2010: Continuous scholarships to (co-)fund research activities for PhD and PostDoc research in Thailand and Myanmar

2016:

Bernd Rode Award: Junior Researcher

ENITS/ The Project of Empowering Network for International Thai Studies (Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok): Scholarship for graduate students in 2013 and project-related award in 2018