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EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, University of Vienna	03/2010–05/2016
MA Sociology, University of Vienna	10/2006–09/2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral researcher , Institute of Sociology, Goethe University Frankfurt	since 04/2018
Lecturer , Department of Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna	09/2017–02/2018
Affiliated researcher , The Seed Box: A Mistra-Formas Environmental Humanities Collaboratory, Linköping University	01/2017–12/2017
Lecturer , Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, University of Graz	03/2016–08/2016
Lecturer , Department of Theatre, Film & Media Studies; and Department of Political Sciences, University	09/2015–02/2016
Visiting researcher , Posthumanities Hub; and GEXcel International Collegium for Advanced Transdisciplinary Gender Studies, Linköping University	08/2015–09/2015
Lecturer , Institute of Sociology, University of Vienna	09/2013–02/2014
Visiting researcher , Department of Sociology; and Science and Justice Research Center, University of California, Santa Cruz	10/2012–03/2013
Research fellow , research training group “Gender, Violence and Agency in the Era of Globalization”, Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna	03/2010–02/2013

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- Barla, J.** and Trischler, R. (forthcoming). Neomaterialistische Techniksoziologien – Potenziale, Spannungen und Desiderata, *Behemoth: A Journal on Civilisation* 15(1).
- Barla, J.** (forthcoming). Rück-kehren als antworten: Technik, ‚Race‘ und das gespenstische Erbe von Materialisierungen, *Behemoth: A Journal on Civilisation* 15(1).
- Barla, J.** and Bjork-James, S. (2022). Introduction: entanglements of anti-feminism and anti-environmentalism in the far-right, *Australian Feminist Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/08164649.2022.2062668.
- Barla, J.** and Bjork-James, S. (2022). A climate of misogyny: gender, politics of ignorance, and climate change denial – an interview with Katharine Hayhoe, *Australian Feminist Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/08164649.2022.2056873.

Barla, J. (2021). Beyond reflexivity and representation: diffraction as a methodological sensitivity in science studies, *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*, DOI: 10.1080/1600910X.2021.1934506.

Barla, J. and Hubatschke, C. (2018). Technoecologies of borders: thinking with borders as multispecies matters of care, *Australian Feminist Studies* 32(94): 395–410, DOI: 10.1080/08164649.2017.1466648

Monographs

Barla, J. (2019). *The Techno-Apparatus of Bodily Production: A New Materialist Theory of Technology and the Body*, Bielefeld: transcript.

Edited books

Barla, J., Kluzik, V., and Lemke, T. (forthcoming). *Biokapital. Beiträge zur Kritik der politischen Ökonomie des Lebens*, Frankfurt am Main and New York: Campus.

Barla, J., Böcker, A. C., Maly, K., Kimm, S., Koller, N., Kraml, B., Mandl, E., Petran, A., Sußner, P., Thiel, L., Tiefenbacher, K., Vedernjak-Barsegiani, A. (2012). *Gewalt und Handlungsmacht: Queer_Feministische Perspektiven*, Frankfurt am Main and New York: Campus.

Book chapters

Barla, J., Hinton, P., and Lorenz-Meyer, D. (under review). Provocations of new materialisms on the crossroads of the natural and human sciences. In I. van der Tuin and F. Coleman (Eds.), *Methods and Genealogies of New Materialisms*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Barla, J., Hinton, P., and Lorenz-Meyer, D. (under review). New materialisms across the natural sciences and humanities: trajectories, inspirations, and stirrings. In I. van der Tuin and F. Coleman (Eds.), *Methods and Genealogies of New Materialisms*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Barla, J. (2021). Response-ability in the age of insects. Towards a politics of re-presenting as responding. In B. Çinçik and T. Torres-Campos (Eds.), *Postcards from the Anthropocene* (pp. 242–247), Barcelona: dpr.

Barla, J. (2021). Feministische spekulative Fabulation und die Frage der Bevölkerung im Anthropozän. In B. Blättel-Mink (Eds.), *Gesellschaft unter Spannungen. Verhandlungen des 40. Kongresses der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie 2020*, <https://publikationen.sozioologie.de/index.php/kongressband_2020/article/view/1350>.

Barla, J. and Hubatschke, C. (2019). Governing the flows of information in control societies. In K. Mosene and M. C. Kettmann (Eds.), *Many Worlds, Many Nets, Many Visions. Critical Voices, Visions and Vectors for Internet Governance* (p. 38), Berlin: Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society.

Barla, J. and Hubatschke, C. (2019). Technoecologies of borders. Thinking with borders as multispecies matters of care. In D. Lorenz-Meyer, P. Treusch, and X. Liu (Eds.), *Reimagining Matters of Care in and Sustainability* (pp. 45–60), New York and London: Routledge.

Barla, J. (2016). Technologies of failure, bodies of resistance: science, technology, and the mechanics of materializing marked bodies. In V. Pitts-Taylor (Ed.), *Mattering: Feminism, Science and Materialism* (pp. 159–172), New York: New York University Press.

Barla, J. (2016). Verschränkungen von Gewicht: Von Verbindungen zu Un/Bestimmtheiten. In K. Harrasser and S. Rößinger (Eds.), *Neue Perspektiven auf das Leben mit Technik*, Schriften des Deutschen Hygiene-Museums Dresden (pp. 164–173), Köln: Böhlau.

- Barla, J.** (2015). 'Ihr wortlos Lied, vielstimmig, scheinbar eins': Die Frage nach dem Politischen in Bruno Latours Technikphilosophie. In M. Singer (Ed.), *Technik und Politik. Von Benjamin und Deleuze bis Latour und Haraway* (pp. 88–115), Wien: Löcker.
- Barla, J.** (2014). Apparate körperlicher Produktion und die Materialität der Figuration. In T. Goll, D. Keil, and T. Helios (Eds.), *Critical Matter: Diskussionen eines neuen Materialismus* (pp. 148–164), Münster: edition assemblage.
- Barla, J.** (2012). Flucht und Migration als Kritik?. In J. Barla et al. (Eds.), *Gewalt und Handlungsmacht: Queer_Feministische Perspektiven* (pp. 196–203), Frankfurt am Main and New York: Campus.
- Barla, J.** and F. Steinschaden (2011). Kapitalistische Quasi-Objekte. Zu einer Latourschen Lesart Marx' Ausführungen zur Maschine. In A. Dunshirn, E. Nemeth, and G. Unterthurner (Eds.), *Crossing Borders: | Thinking (across) Boundaries* (pp. 361–370), Wien: Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie, <<http://phaidra.univie.ac.at/o:128384>>.

Other

- Barla, J.** (2018). Anthropocene. In S. Skinner and D. Gauthier (Eds.), *New Materialism Almanac*, 18 March 2018, <<http://newmaterialism.eu/almanac/a/anthropocene>>.
- Barla, J.** (2018). Technology/Technicity/Techné. In S. Skinner and D. Gauthier (Eds.), *New Materialism Almanac*, 16 March 2018, <<http://newmaterialism.eu/almanac/t/technology-technicity-techne>>.
- Barla, J.** (2017). Cyborg. In S. Skinner and D. Gauthier (Eds.), *New Materialism Almanac*, 4 July 2017, <<http://newmaterialism.eu/almanac/c/cyborg>>.
- Barla, J.**, Hinton, P., and Mehrabi, T. (2015). New Materialisms/New Colonialisms. In I. van der Tuin (PI), Proceedings of ISCH COST Action IS1307 *New Materialism* working group two New Materialism on the Crossroads of the Natural and Human Sciences, <http://newmaterialism.eu/content/5-working-groups/2-working-group-2/position-papers/subgroup-position-paper-_new-materialisms_new-colonialisms.pdf>

Translations

- Barla, J.** and Maly, K. (2018). Die Versuchungen. Donna Haraway, feministische Objektivität und die Frage der Kritik" (The Temptations: Donna Haraway, Feminist Objectivity, and the Problem of Critique, by Heather Love). In K. Busch, C. Dörflinger, K. Peters, and I. Szántó (Eds.), *Wessen Wissen? Materialität und Situiertheit in den Künsten* (pp. 115–134), Paderborn: Fink.
- Barla, J.** and Maly, K. (2016). Real werden. Technowissenschaftliche Praktiken und die Materialisierung der Realität (Getting Real: Technoscientific Practices and the Materialization of Reality by Karen Barad). In K. Peters and A. Seier (Eds.), *Gender & Medien-Reader* (515–540), Zürich: diaphanes.
- Barla, J.** and Maly, K. (2016). Fötus. Das virtuelle Spekulum in der Neuen Weltordnung" (Fetus: The Virtual Speculum in the New World Order by Donna Haraway). In K. Peters and A. Seier (Eds.), *Gender & Medien-Reader* (249–278), Zürich: diaphanes.

Reviews

- Barla, J.** and Handler, I. (2017). Review of "Extinction: A Radical History" by A. Dawson; and "Imagining Extinction: The Cultural Meaning of Endangered Species" by U. Heise, *Das Argument* 323: 435–438.

- Barla, J.** and Hubatschke, C. (2016). Review of “Radio Benjamin” by L. Rosenthal, *Das Argument* 314: 736–737.
- Barla, J.** (2015). Review of “Colebrook, Claire: Death of the PostHuman: Essays on Extinction, Vol. 1” by C. Colebrook, *Das Argument* 312: 260–261.
- Barla, J.** (2014). Review of “Posthumanismus” by R. Braidotti, *Das Argument* 309: 575–577.
- Barla, J.** (2013). Review of “Die Wiederkehr der Dinge” by F. Balke, M. Muhle, and A. Schöning, *Das Argument* 304: 755–757.
- Barla, J.** (2013). Review of “Agentieller Realismus” by K. Barad, *Das Argument* 301: 269–270.

FUNDING, HONORS, AND GRANTS

Fritz Thyssen Stiftung für Wissenschaftsförderung	15,000 EUR
Principal investigator of the research project “Ensuring public health through mobilizing death: Expectations as future-making practices in the bioeconomy of transgenic mosquitoes”	10/2021–09/2023
Freunde und Förderer der GU and GRADE Social Sciences fund	1,190 EUR
“Diffracting AI and Robotics” workshop and symposium	10/2019
DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service grant	1,834 EUR
Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans	09/2019
Research fund for the implementation of coordinated programmes	1,500 EUR
German Research Foundation research training school proposal “Fixing Futures”	05/2019
GRADE Social Sciences fund	4,000 EUR
“Digital ethnographies” workshop, with M. Rudolphi and F. von Verschuer	04/2019
European Cooperation in Science and Technology	2,500 EUR
Short-term scientific mission at the Posthumanities Hub, Linköping University	08/2015–09/2015
Research Award of the University of Vienna	4,000 EUR
Research award scholarship (Forschungsstipendium)	03/2013–06/2013
Short-Term Grant Abroad of the University of Vienna	2,050 EUR
Research award scholarship (Forschungsstipendium)	03/2013–06/2013
Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research and the University of Vienna	1,000 EUR
Scholarship for academic excellence (Leistungsstipendium)	2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

- Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Wissenschaft, Objektivität und Erkenntnis: Vom Positivismusstreit zu den Science Wars” Summer term 2022
- Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Technik und Gesellschaft: Summer term 2022

techniksoziologische Klassiker”	
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “‘Masters, Slaves, & Machines’: Race und Gender in der wissenschaftlichen Fiktion”	Winter term 2021/22
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Technikzukünfte: Soziologische Perspektiven auf Mensch, Maschine und Gesellschaft”	Winter term 2021/22
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Race and/as technology: biopolitics, race, and engineered inequality”; co-taught with Vicky Kluzik	Summer term 2021
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Natur, Technik und Gesellschaft im Anthropozän”	Summer term 2021
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Politik der Natur” co-taught with Franziska von Verschuer	Winter term 2020/21
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Technik und Gesellschaft: Einführung in die kritische Techniksoziologie”	Winter term 2020/21
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Making kin, not population?: biopolitics, race, and engineered inequality”	Summer term 2020
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “‘In the belly of the monster’: Wissenschaft, Technik und Geschlecht”	Summer term 2020
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Science-Fiction/Science-Facts: Schlüsseltexte feministischer Technowissenschaftsforschung”	Winter term 2019/20
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Roboter, Rechner und Automaten: Zu einer Soziologie der Maschine”	Winter term 2019/20
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Humanism, posthuman, and transhumanism: toward a sociology of the non/human”	Summer term 2019
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Technik und Gesellschaft: Einführung in die Techniksoziologie”	Summer term 2019
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Science Wars Revisited: science, objectivity, and democracy”	Winter term 2018/19
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Bruno Latour: ‘Technik ist stabilisierte Gesellschaft’”	Winter term 2018/19
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Biopolitik, ‚Race‘ und Wissenschaft: ‘Race is a fracturing trauma’”	Summer term 2018
Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, “Technik und Geschlecht: ‘In the belly of the monster’”	Summer term 2018

University of Graz, Austria

Lecturer, Interdisciplinary Women’s and Gender Studies, “Feminist perspectives on science and technology”	Summer term 2016
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Linköping University, Sweden

Visiting evening guest lecture, Department of Thematic Studies, Thema Genus “Introduction to interdisciplinary feminist philosophies of technology and technoscience studies”	Fall term 2015
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University of Vienna, Austria

- Lecturer, Gender Studies, "Einführung in die feministische: Winter term 2017/18
Wissenschafts- und Technikforschung"
- Lecturer, Institute of Theatre, Film & Media Studies, Winter term 2015/16
"Chaosmosen des Politischen: Barad, Deleuze, Foucault und
neue Medientheorien"; co-taught with Christoph Hubatschke
- Lecturer, Institute of Political Science, "Theoriegeschichte und Theoriedebatte: Winter term 2015/16
Utopie und Politik"; co-taught with Katharina Maly
- Lecturer, Institute of Sociology, "'Technik ist stabilisierte Gesellschaft': Winter term 2013/14
'Einführung in Bruno Latours Techniksoziologie"
- Teaching Assistant, Institute of Political Science, "Gewalt und Handlungsmacht: Summer term 2011
Feministische Perspektiven"; co-taught with Eva Kreisky, Birgit Sauer und GIK Fellows

TALKS

- "Neue Materialismen, alte Gespenster? Von der Ökologisierung der Frage der Bevölkerung zum Ruf nach einer artenübergreifenden Responsabilität im Anthropozän", **invited keynote lecture**, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research seminar *Ökologie, Feminismus und Wissenschaftskritik*, University of Hamburg, 12 September 2021.
- "The Haunting Climate of Materialization: Bodies, 'Race', and Technologies of Anti-Blackness", **invited talk**, Mensch-Maschine-Verhältnis colloquium, Philipps University Marburg, 11 February 2021.
- "Cutting Technology and the Body Together-Apart: Bodies-in-Technology and the Haunted Climate of Materializations", **invited keynote lecture**, *Future Bodies From a Recent Past – Sculpture, Technology, and the Body Since the 1950s*, Brandhorst Museum Munich, 23 January 2021.
- "'Making Kin Not Population?' Feministische speculative Fabulation und die Frage der Bevölkerung im Anthropozän", paper presented at *40th Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie Kongress: Gesellschaft unter Spannung*, TU Berlin (online), 14–24 September 2020.
- "Reinventing Life and Death on a Molecular Scale: The Technobiopolitics of Planned Extinction", paper presented at the 4S 2020 annual meeting, Prague (online), 18-21 August 2020.
- "Patterns of Difference that Make a Difference: Diffraction as a Critical Tool of Analysis in STS?", **invited lecture**, *Ethnographic Interventions & Experimental Collaborations lecture series*, Institute of Cultural Anthropology & European Ethnology, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, 5 February 2020.
- "Diffracting AI and Robotics: Decolonial and Feminist Perspectives", morning lecture, Goethe University Frankfurt, 11–12 October 2019.
- "More-Than-Human Biopolitics and the Ethics of Rendering Life Dieable", **invited talk**, *Postmagicscience "Pure reason must never prevail": Witchcraft, Magic, and Materialism* symposium, Schloss Herrenhausen, Hannover, 25-27 September 2019.
- "Engineering Extinction: Genome Editing, Public Health, and Exterminism", **invited talk**, *'We, new utopians...': Genome Editing and Echoes of Future Life* symposium, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, 17-18 September 2019.

- “Rendering Life Dieable: Reconfiguring Mosquitos, Biocapital, and Technobiopower”, paper presented at 4S 2019 annual meeting, New Orleans, 4-7 September 2019.
- “A Climate of Misogyny: Climate Change Denialism, Epistemic Ignorance, and Toxic Masculinities in the Post-Truth Era”, paper presented at *NORA Conference 2019: Border Regimes, Territorial Discourses & Feminist Politics* conference, University of Iceland, 22-24 May 2019.
- “Economies of hope: transgenic mosquitoes as technoscientific matters of care”, paper presented at *EASST: Meetings – Making Science, Technology and Society Together* conference, Lancaster University, 25-28 July 2018.
- “Political Economies of Hope and the Commodification of Life Itself”, paper presented at *9th Annual Conference on the New Materialisms: Religious Matters in an Entangled World*, Utrecht University, 20-22 June 2018.
- “Response-Ability in the Age of Insects: Politics of Representing as Intervening for the Anthropocene”, paper presented at *Postcards from the Anthropocene: Unsettling the Geopolitics of Representation* conference, University of Edinburgh, 22-24 June 2017.
- “The Politics of Becoming-With in the Anthropocene: The Zika Virus Epidemic as a Naturalcultural Multispecies Entanglement”, paper presented at *8th Annual Conference on the New Materialisms: Environmental Humanities and New Materialisms. The Ethics of Decolonizing Nature and Culture*, UNESCO Paris, 7-9 June 2017.
- “Feminist Technoecologies”, **invited round table discussant** at *8th Annual Conference on the New Materialisms: Environmental Humanities and New Materialisms. The Ethics of Decolonizing Nature and Culture*, UNESCO Paris, 7-9 June 2017.
- “Chaosmopolitics: Becoming-more-than-human, becoming-worldly, becoming-response-able in the Anthropocene”, paper presented at *9th International Deleuze Studies Conference: Virtuality, Becoming and Life*, University of Roma Tre, 11-13 July 2016.
- “Verschränkungen von Gewicht: Zur Techno-Biopolitik der Apparate körperlicher Produktion”, **invited talk**, *Biotechnologie, Natur und Gesellschaft research colloquium*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 21 January 2016.
- “Technik und Politik”, **invited discussant**, *Depot*, Vienna, 5 October 2015.
- “Mensch – Maschine – the extended body”, **invited lecture performance and round table discussant** at *Wunder der Prärie: International Festival for Performance-Art*, Mannheim, 24–27 September 2015.
- “Technicity, Bodily Materiality, and Agency”, **invited keynote lecture**, *Wunder der Prärie: International Festival for Performance-Art*, Mannheim, 24–27 September 2015.
- “Posthumanist Politics of Nature: Becoming with Technologies and the Chthulucene”, **invited seminar** in the Environmental Humanities Forum | the Seedbox, Linköping University, 8 September 2015.
- “Techno-Becomings: Speculative Fabulations about Technology, Bodies and Agency”, **invited public lecture**, performance installation *imagnetanz 2015. “training”: Spielstätten eines inklusiven Humanismus*, Künstlerhaus Vienna, 6 March 2015.
- “Diffracting race: science, technology, and the mechanics of materializing marked bodies”, paper presented at the 5th New Materialism Conference, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Barcelona, 25–26 September 2014.

“Rethinking agency and power with/in technology-body entanglements: towards a philosophy of apparatuses of bodily production”, paper presented at *Feminism, Science & Materialism* conference, CUNY, 14–15 February 2013.

“Rethinking agency and power with/in technology-body assemblages”, paper presented at *Violence and Agency: Controversies and Confrontations* conference, University of Vienna (online), 6–7 December 2012.

“New materialism, technology, and the body: theorizing technology and material bodies from an agential realist perspective”, paper presented at *Critical Matter: 3rd International Graduate Conference*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 31 May – 2 June 2012.

“Changing topologies, shifting relations. Toward a post-constructionist philosophy of technology-body entanglements”, paper presented at *Gender, Bodies and Technology: (Dis)Integrating Frames conference*, Virginia Tech, Roanoke, 26–28 April 2012.

“Mensch-Maschine-Verschänkungen und kapitalistische Quasi-Objekte. Zu einer Latourschen Lesart Marx’ Ausführungen zur Maschine”, paper presented at *9th Congress of the Austrian Society for Philosophy: »Crossing Borders: Grenzen (über)denken«*, University of Vienna, 2–4 June 2011, together with Fabian Steinschaden.

SERVICE

Co-Host of the “Kitchen STS” discussion group at Goethe University Frankfurt, since April 2019.

Member of the PhD Board at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Goethe University Frankfurt, October 2018 through May 2021.

Member of the Budget Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Goethe University Frankfurt, October 2018 through February 2019.

Co-Chair of the Working Group “New Materialisms on the Crossroads of the Natural and Human Sciences” of the European Cooperation in Science and Technology Action 1307 (PI Iris van der Tuin), from September 2016 through April 2018.

Guest referee for *Behemoth: A Journal on Civilisation*; *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience*; *Sociology of Health and Illness*; *Gender(ed) Thoughts*; and *Matter: Journal of New Materialist Research*.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

“**Communicating Science to the Public**”, Goethe Graduate Academy, 04/2021
certificate earned 16 April 2021.

“**Designing Data Management Plans**”, Human Resources Development, 11/2017–12/2017
University of Vienna, certificate earned 1 December 2017.

“**Project Management: Managing Research Projects**”, Human Resources Development, 11/2017
University of Vienna, certificate earned 28 November 2017

“**Data Management and Archiving**”, Human Resources Development, 11/2017
University of Vienna, certificate earned 9 November 2017.

“**Research Data Management and Sharing**”, University of North Carolina 06/2017–07/2017

at Chapel Hill and University of Edinburgh on Coursera, certificate earned 8 July 2017.

“**Teaching Qualification Certificate**”, Center for Teaching and Learning,
University of Vienna, certificate earned 15 February 2012.

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- iGEN – Interdisciplinary Genome Editing Network, University of Oxford
- LaSST – Lab for Studies of Science and Technology, Goethe University Frankfurt
- Cornelia Goethe Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt
- Posthumanities Hub, Linköping University
- Queer Death Studies Network, Linköping University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 4S Society for Social Studies of Science
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (German Sociological Association)
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Soziologie (Austrian Sociological Association)
- EASST: The European Association for the Study of Science and Technology
- Fachgesellschaft Geschlechterstudien
- dests - STS Germany