Curriculum vitae

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Current positions and affiliations

University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland

August 2026–present — **Research Associate in Digital History**, Department of History, permanent
Supports Digital History in research and teaching at the Department of History. Teaches every semester.

February 2023–present — **Associate Researcher in Digital Humanities**
Conducts research on critical AI literacy and the social history of computing.

ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

September 2025–December 2026 — **Information and Library Science Specialist**, Research Analytics Services, temporary
Contributes to national strategies for Open Science interoperability through the NAIF project.

University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

February 2024–present — **Technical Advisor**, hourly, *Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church in Switzerland*
Develops a secure MediaWiki research environment for highly sensitive historical sources. Implements semantic data modeling and trains project members. Manages the technical infrastructure on LeoMed at ETH Zurich.

Teaching appointments

November 2026 and March 2027 (forthcoming) — **University of Basel**, Basel, Switzerland. Trainer at the Graduate Center (GRACE) for *Stochastic Parrots and Beyond: Normative Dimensions of Generative AI*, with Laura Wagner.

October 2026–present — **Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU)**, Lucerne, Switzerland. External Lecturer in Data Design + Art for *All Data Are Local: Introduction to Data Literacy*.

Autumn 2026 — **University of Bern**, Bern, Switzerland. Lecturer in Digital Humanities for *GitHub as a Project Management Tool*.

September 2025–present — **UniDistance.ch**, Brig, Switzerland. Lecturer in History, part-time, for *Critical AI Literacy for Historians*.

Spring 2025 — **University of Bern**, Bern, Switzerland. Lecturer in Digital Humanities for *Decoding Inequality: Critical Perspectives on Machine Learning and Social Stratification*, with Rachel Huber.

Winter 2018/19 — **Bauhaus-Universität Weimar**, Weimar, Germany. Lecturer for *Bauhaus Digital Masterclass & Grundlagenkolloquium Digitalisierung*, with Christoph Engemann, Daniel Cardoso Llach, and Alexander R. Galloway.

Education

2022 **ETH Zurich:** Dr. sc. ETH Zurich, History of Technology.

2014 **ETH Zurich:** Master of Arts, with honors, History and Philosophy of Knowledge.

2011 **University of Zurich:** Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, Banking and Finance.

Former positions and affiliations

University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany

May–June 2026 **Visiting Research Fellow**
Conducted research and scholarly exchange in digital history and digital humanities.

University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland

October 2021–December 2025 **Project Manager, Stadt.Geschichte.Basel**
Led research data management and public history for a large public history project. Implemented an Open Science infrastructure with FAIR/CARE principles, digital sustainability, and accessibility.

University of Luxembourg, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg

September–November 2025 **Visiting Research Fellow**, Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C^2DH)
Conducted research on critical AI literacy and Internet Histories. Delivered *Managing Large-Scale Public History Projects* in the C^2DH public history talk series. Participated in scholarly exchange on experimental methods in contemporary and digital history.

Earlier appointments

August 2022–January 2023 **Walter Benjamin Kolleg, University of Bern**, Bern, Switzerland. IFN Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

February 2018–October 2022 **Chair for History of Technology and Collegium Helveticum, ETH Zurich**, Zurich, Switzerland. Research Assistant.

2008–2009 **Department of Informatics, University of Zurich**, Zurich, Switzerland. Tutor and Teaching Assistant.

Grants and fellowships

2024 **SNSF Open Access Books:** *Wie der Verwaltungscomputer die Arbeitsmigration programmierte: Elektronische Datenverarbeitung in der Bundesverwaltung 1964–1982*. Grant 221756.

2022 **University of Bern:** IFN Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Courses taught

Mähr, Moritz, and Laura Wagner. 2027. “Stochastic Parrots and Beyond: Normative Dimensions of Generative AI.” Course. GRACE Transferable Skills. AI-Skills Module 3, University of Basel, March 3. https://fortbildung.unibas.ch/courses/organizer/scientific-tools/stochastic-parrots-and-beyond-normative-dimensions-of-generative-ai-303499.
Forthcoming.

Mähr, Moritz, and Laura Wagner. 2026. "Stochastic Parrots and Beyond: Normative Dimensions of Generative AI." Course. GRACE Transferable Skills. AI-Skills Module 3, University of Basel, November 4. https://fortbildung.unibas.ch/courses/organizer/scientific-tools/stochastic-parrots-and-beyond-normative-dimensions-of-generative-ai-303499.
Forthcoming.

Mähr, Moritz. 2026i. "GitHub as a Project Management Tool." Workshop (Autumn Term). October 16. https://maehr.github.io/github-as-a-project-management-tool/.

Mähr, Moritz. 2026c. "All Data Are Local: Introduction to Data Literacy." Block Course (Autumn Term). October 5. https://maehr.github.io/all-data-are-local/.

Mähr, Moritz. 2026e. "Critical AI Literacy for Historians: Source Criticism and Scholarly Practice in the Age of Large Language Models." Course (Spring Term). https://unidistance.ch/en/history/master/syllabus-1#flush-heading-9.

Huber, Rachel, and Moritz Mähr. 2025. "Decoding Inequality: Kritische Perspektiven auf Machine Learning und gesellschaftliche Ungleichheit." Kolloquium (Spring Term). https://dhbern.github.io/decoding-inequality-2025/.

Engemann, Christoph, Daniel Cardoso Llach, Alexander R. Galloway, and Moritz Mähr. 2018. "Bauhaus Digital Masterclass & Grundlagenkolloquium Digitalisierung." Seminar (WiSe 2018/19). https://www.uni-weimar.de/qisserver/rds?state=verpublish&status=init&vmfile=no&publishid=40104&moduleCall=webInfo&publishConfFile=webInfo&publishSubDir=veranstaltung.

Invited lectures and seminar sessions

Mähr, Moritz. 2026o. "Präludium: Logik vs. Stochastik im Zeitalter von KI." Invited Lecture. Einführung in die Logik, University of Potsdam, January 26.

Mähr, Moritz. 2025l. "Präludium: Einführung Metadaten." Invited Lecture. Projektseminar: Medienwissenschaft in digitalen Archiven, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, November 14. https://agnes.hu-berlin.de/lupo/rds?state=verpublish&status=init&vmfile=no&moduleCall=webInfo&publishConfFile=webInfo&publishSubDir=veranstaltung&veranstaltung.veranstid=236510.

Mähr, Moritz. 2025d. "Critical Metadata Practice for Historians." Guest Lecture. Data Management & Ethics, Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C^2DH), University of Luxembourg, October 8.

Mähr, Moritz. 2024e. "How to Organize Your Research (Digitally)." Lecture. DH Lab (fall semester 2024), University of Bern, April 16.

Mähr, Moritz. 2024g. "Mit ChatGPT Texte schreiben: Prompting-Methoden für Historiker:innen." Seminar Session. Geschichte schreiben mit künstlicher Intelligenz (600k506a), University of Zurich, March 8. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10815218.

Mähr, Moritz. 2022d. "The Corpus as a Network. Turning Source Documents into a Graph with NLP." Lecture. Lecture series Einblicke in die Digital Humanities (fall semester 2022), University of Bern, December 12. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7430555.

Mähr, Moritz. 2022b. "The Automation of Migration Policy in Switzerland in the 1960s." Seminar Session. Interdisciplinary Seminar on Migration and Mobility, ETH Zurich. ETH Zurich, March 25. 20 p. https://doi.org/10.3929/ETHZ-B-000538201.

Mähr, Moritz. 2020c. "Review (Sitzung 11)." Seminar Session. Schreibübung (600-009a), University of Zurich, May 5. https://doi.org/10.3929/ethz-b-000413518.

Mähr, Moritz. 2019c. "E-Mail wird 36 Jahre alt. Zeit für eine Quellenkritik." Lecture. Digital Masterclass, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, February 7. https://doi.org/10.3929/ethz-b-000324252.

Supervision

2021 **Nina Guyot**, *Inhabiting Zurich*, MA thesis, ETH Zurich. Supervisor: Alexandre Theriot. Co-supervisor: Moritz Mähr.

Organisation of conferences, workshops, and panels

Mähr, Moritz. 2026j. "Handbuch Zur Erstellung Diskriminierungsfreier Metadaten." Workshop. CAREing for Data in Dialogue. Perspectives on Social and Cultural Data, University of Bern, December 9. Forthcoming.

Bürki, Levyn, Joris Burla, Peggy Grosse, et al. 2025. "Diskriminierungssensible Metadaten für historische Sammlungen erstellen und verschiedenen Öffentlichkeiten zugänglich machen: Herausforderungen und Ansätze für inklusive Digital Humanities." Panel. Digital Humanities Conference 2025, NOVA University Lisbon, July 16. https://dokumentation.stadtgeschichtebasel.ch/products/talks-posters/dh25-metadata/index.html.

Feichtinger, Moritz, Moritz Mähr, Michael Piotrowski, and Dominic Weber. 2025. "Open Access, Open & Community Peer Review: Rethinking Scholarly Publishing in the Digital Humanities." Workshop. DSI UZH Digital Humanities Community, University of Zurich, April 30. https://www.dsi.uzh.ch/de/current/events/archive/2025/workshop-open-access.html.

Koller, Guido, Rachel Huber, Kijan Espahangizi, Stephan Parak, and Moritz Mähr. 2025. "Wie der Verwaltungscomputer die Arbeitsmigration programmierte." Round table. Buchvernissage, Bundesarchiv Bern, February 25.

Baudry, Jérôme, Lucas Burkart, Béatrice Joyeux-Prunel, et al. 2024b. "Digital History Switzerland 2024." International Conference. University of Basel, September 12–13. https://digihistch24.github.io/.

Amsler, Claudia, Vlad Atanasiu, Jan Baumann, et al. 2021. "Critique Digitale." Unconference. Online, October 21–22. https://critique-digitale.ch/.

Krauer, Philipp, Moritz Mähr, and Nick Schwery. 2019. "Digitale Werkzeuge in der Quellenarbeit." Workshop. February 14. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17553054.

Leins, Stefan, and Moritz Mähr. 2015. "Das Wissen der Finanzmärkte." Workshop. March 16. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17553165.

Service and affiliations

Advisory and leadership roles

2026–2028	**Digital Humanities im deutschsprachigen Raum (DHd):** Co-opted member of the Executive Board.
Since July 2026	**Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences:** Member of the Open Science Commission.
Since 2026	**Netzwerk Digitale Geisteswissenschaften, Universität Potsdam:** Member.
Since May 2024	**OpenData.ch:** Member of the Advisory Board.
Since February 2024	**Digital Society Initiative, University of Zurich:** Member of the Digital Humanities Community.
Since January 2023	**Digital History Network Switzerland:** Founding Member.

Reviewing

Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations (ADHO); Digital Humanities im deutschsprachigen Raum (DHd); DHTech; Journal of Open Humanities Data (JOHD); Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geschichte (SZG).

Professional memberships

DHd; Digitale Gesellschaft; Geschichte & Informatik Schweiz; Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Geschichte (SGG); SSHOC-CH.

Previous affiliations

2025–2026	**Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences:** Member of the ORD Sounding Board Researchers.
2022–2023	**Auslegeordnung «Erinnerungskultur Stadt Zürich»:** Member of the Advisory Board.
2018–2022	**Research Network "Computer, Administration, and History":** Founding Member.
2018–2022	**Doctoral Program Migration and Postcoloniality Meet Switzerland:** Member.

Languages

German	Native.
English	Advanced (C1). Cambridge English Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Advanced).
Spanish	Advanced (C1). Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, CELU Intermedio c. m. excelente; Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich C1.
French	Intermediate (B2).

Qualification in higher education didactics

2021	*Optimize my performance with voice and presentation technique*
2019	*Teaching scientific writing skills*