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Munich, Germany

BORN: 1997, Singen (Hohentwiel)

NATIONALITY: German

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GOVERNANCE

RESILIENCE

CULTURES OF VIGILANCE

JAPANESE SOCIETY & POLITICS

FOOD STUDIES

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2023 — PRESENT

Research Associate

LMU Munich - CRC 1369 Cultures of Vigilance

Project B08: Vigilance in Japanese Neighborhoods During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2022 — 2023

Student Research Assistant

LMU Munich - CRC 1369 Cultures of Vigilance

Preparation of the application for project B08 for funding phase 2 (2023–2027).

2020 — 2021

Student Research Assistant

LMU Munich - Japan-Center

Study programme coordination assistant at the Japan-Center.

2023 — 2024

Developer & Consultant

exxeta, Munich

Development of software solutions and consulting in e-commerce for clients in the automotive industry.

2021 — 2023

Working Student

exxeta, Munich

Development of software solutions and consulting in e-commerce for clients in the automotive industry.

2020 — 2021

Working Student

Socialwave GmbH, Munich

ACADEMIC FORMATION

SINCE 2023

Dr. phil. Japanese Studies

LMU Munich - CRC 1369 Cultures of Vigilance

Dissertation: Governance, Vigilance and Resilience during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Japan

2025 — 2026

Visiting Scholar

German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo

2025 — 2026

Visiting Scholar

Sophia University, Tokyo

2021 — 2024

M.A. Japanese Studies

LMU Munich - Japan-Center

2023

Fieldwork

Sophia University, Tokyo

Fieldwork at the Department of Sociology, Sophia University Tokyo, with Prof. Shinichi Aizawa, for the preparation of the master's thesis. Funded by the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes.

2021 — 2024

B.A. Sociology & Political Science

LMU Munich

2017 — 2021

B.A. Japanese Studies & Computer Science

LMU Munich - Japan-Center

2019 — 2020

Study Abroad (Nikkensei Programme)

Hokkaido University, Sapporo

Study of Japanese language and society. Funded by MEXT scholarship.

2018

Exchange Programme

Taisho University, Tokyo

Participation in a one-month exchange programme focusing on Japanese culture and language.

PUBLICATIONS

2024

Kramer, Paul Johann. 2024. "Die Unumgänglichkeit der Normativität menschlichen Zusammenlebens?." Dissertation, Department für Soziologie, LMU München.

Fuschlberger, Pia, and Paul Johann Kramer. 2024. "»Attensione Pickpocket!« Vigilante Appelle in Italien, Japan und der Frühen Neuzeit."

2023

Kramer, Paul Johann. 2023. "Neue Verhaltensmuster der Pandemiegesellschaft: Das Beispiel „jishuku“ im öffentlichen Raum Japans." Dissertation, Japan-Zentrum, LMU München.

2022

Kramer, Paul Johann. 2022. "Geschlossene Grenzen: Alltagserfahrungen internationaler Studierender während der Covid-19 Pandemie und deren Implikationen für eine Integration in die japanische Gesellschaft." In *Japan 2022. Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft*, ed. David Chiavacci and Iris Wiczorek. München: IUDICUM. <https://doi.org/10.48796/20230628-020>

2021

Kramer, Paul Johann. 2021. "Japan, Migration und die Corona-Pandemie Auswirkungen der Corona-Pandemie auf den Alltag universitärer internationaler Studierender und deren Implikationen für eine Integration in die japanische Gesellschaft." Dissertation, Japan-Zentrum, LMU München.

PRESENTATIONS

2025

Kramer, Paul J.. 2025. "How democracies weather crises: Governance, vigilance, and resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic in Japan." Paper presented at Section Meeting Politics, VSJF Conference 2025, Vienna.

TEACHING

WS 2024/25

Qualitative Social Science with Japanese Material (in German)

LMU Munich - Japan-Center

SS 2024

Society and Politics in Times of Transformation: Methods and Theories in Japanese Studies (in German)

LMU Munich - Japan-Center

SCHOLARSHIPS

GERMAN NATIONAL ACADEMIC FOUNDATION

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Merit-based scholarship, 2022–2023.

SCHOLARSHIP

MEXT-Nikkensei Scholarship

Merit-based scholarship, 2019-2020.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

COMMITTEES

Co-organisation of the "Appelle" working group of the CRC 1369

Cultures of Vigilance

Member of the editorial board of the CRC 1369 Cultures of Vigilance

blog

MEMBERSHIPS

International Political Science Association (IPSA), since 2025

Vereinigung für sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung e.V. (VSJF), since 2022

MEXT Scholars Association, since 2019