

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Béatrice Zimmermann
Date of Birth: 30 December 1958
Nationality: Swiss
Profession: Social science specialist
Professional Qualifications: 2016: Dr. des. phil. hist. (PhD) in
Islamic Sciences and Oriental Philology
2006: Licentiata Philosophiae (MA) in
Islamic Sciences, Social Anthropology,
and Oriental Philology
1997: Diploma in Business Administration
Name of Firm: NDR Consulting GmbH
Riedstrasse 5, 3600 Thun
Switzerland
Years with Firm: 13 years



Membership of Professional Associations:

SGMOIK: Schweizerische Gesellschaft Mittlerer Osten und Islamische Kulturen (Swiss Society for Middle East and Islamic Cultures) <http://www.sagw.ch/sgmoik.html>
SEG (Schweizerische Ethnologische Gesellschaft; <http://www.seg-sse.ch/de/>)

Key Qualifications:

More than 25 years of experience in the management of small businesses, and more than 8 years in social science studies related to DRR and CCA.

- Management of small businesses (administration, finance) in Switzerland, be it a small company (NDR Consulting GmbH; claro fair trade), branch of a youth organisation (Pro Juventute Kt. Bern), or simply a family of six members
- Socio-cultural investigations and surveys; work in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Philippines and Turkey about environment, climate change and disaster risk issues

Countries of work experience:

Switzerland, Philippines, Turkey, Central Asia (Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan) and South Asia (Pakistan, Nepal)

Education:

1979-1983	University of Bern, Switzerland: Geography and Psychology
1996-1997	Business School of Migros Klubschule, Bern: Diploma in Business Administration
1999-2005	University of Bern, Switzerland: Islamic Studies, Social Anthropology, Arabic and Farsi language
2006	Master-thesis: <i>A Society in Transition: Ismā'īlīs in the Tajik Pamirs</i>
2007	Business School of Migros Klubschule, Bern: Financial Accounting
2016	PhD thesis: <i>Perception, Interpretation and Managing of Climate Change and Related Natural Hazards in Tajikistan</i> . Two Case Studies.

Language Skills:

German	native language
English	fluent
French	proficient
Farsi and Tajik	conversant
Arabic	basic

Employment Record:

Since 2009	Pro Juventute Kt. Bern (20%) , Thun, Switzerland
Since 2003	NDR Consulting GmbH (50%) , Thun, Switzerland Administration and financial issues, project management
1995-1999	Establishing and managing a "claro fair trade" shop in Niederscherli, Switzerland
1994-1995	English classes and psychological support for students at Deutsche Schule Manila, Philippines
1990-1991	Private language teacher for Japanese students (German, English) in Tsukuba, Japan

Selected Personal References:

2013-2016

PhD thesis: "Perception, Interpretation and Managing Risks from Climate Change and Related Natural Hazards: An empirical study in the Sunni South of Tajikistan and in Ismaili Kuhistoni Badakhshon"

Extensive field studies in Southern Khatlon and Kuhistoni Badakhshon with interviews in villages affected by single or multi-hazards. The interviews were semi-structured and could be open-ended. PhD thesis and examination accomplished March 2016.

2012

Feasibility Study and Business Plan for a Centre of Excellence for Earthquake Risk Reduction in Istanbul

The Government of Turkey, through the Governorate of Istanbul is implementing since 2006 the Istanbul Seismic Risk Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness Project (ISMEP), a major seismic risk reduction programme with support by the World Bank. Out of it Turkey expressed its commitment to share the knowledge gained from years of its efforts to improve seismic resilience, through the creation of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Earthquake Risk Management in Istanbul.

- Client: The World Bank
- Activities performed: Review of existing centres globally: scope, functions, setup etc. Theoretical organisation of a CoE.

2012

Social Due Diligence within the Kant Water & Wastewater - Feasibility Study, Kyrgyz Republic

The overall objective of the feasibility study was to develop an affordable least-cost and cost-effective bankable priority investment plan for water and wastewater infrastructure, which fully meets the EBRD's Performance Requirements, in order to:

- rehabilitate and increase the efficiency of existing systems with strong social and environmental benefits; and
 - identify key cost restructuring elements and recommend reasonable loan covenants and implementation timing in this area.
- The feasibility study had also to take into account the potential impacts of climate change on the Project in order to build in resilience to climate change risks.

- Client: EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)
- Position held: Social science specialist

Activities performed: Baseline Study, Social Audit, Social Analysis, EBRD PRs compliance table, Social Action Plan, Stakeholder Engagement Plan

2010

Organisation and management of Climate Risk Resilience Survey, Khatlon, Tajikistan

The aim of this study was to assess the climate risk resilience in selected communities of the Khatlon region covered by the Community Participatory Flood Management Project (ADB Project). The outcome of this study is an increased understanding of people's

present level of climate risk resilience. This incorporates questions on how the community knows about and interprets hazards, vulnerabilities and risks, and how it traditionally manages these risks. Results will be used to find appropriate channels to address individuals, households and whole communities and will serve as basis for better integrating climate risk reduction measures in communities' development planning.

- Client: ACTED (Agency for technical cooperation and development) Tajikistan
- Positions held: Social science specialist

Activities performed: Design of questionnaires, training of ACTED staff, implementation and analysis of the survey in selected communities of Khatlon region covered by the Community Participatory Flood Management Project (ADB Project).
Co-author of a Local Governance Initiative (LGI) Handbook for Tajikistan

2009

Training course in awareness and capacity building on Integrated Local Risk Management (ILRM) in Kyrgyzstan

Presentation of the basics of climate change (CC) and climate change adaptation (CCA), of a comprehensive approach to disaster risk reduction (DRR) and of sustainable development.

- Client: CAMP Alatoo (Central Asian Mountain Partnership)
- Positions held: Trainer

Activities performed: Individual training activities for the project coordinator of CAMP Alatoo in Switzerland and field workshop in Zerger Valley (Kyrgyzstan) for the project team of CAMP Alatoo

2005

**AKPBS (Aga Khan Planning and Building Service):
Integrated Habitat Risk Management Project: Assessment of ongoing and planned activities, Northern Areas, Pakistan**

Discussion of on-going and planned AKPBS-P activities. Discussion with AKPBS-P Partner Organisations from the Aga Khan Development Network and outside organisations. Assessment of disaster risk reduction issues in an Islamic society context, in particular the view on nature and natural hazards and the situation of women. Transfer of experience and knowledge from Pakistan to Tajikistan and vice versa.

- Client: SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation)
- Positions held: Social science specialist
- Activities performed: Field assessment in Hunza Valley on social and environmental conditions