

# Dr. Merle Weßel

## Education and Awarded Degrees

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- Doctor of Philosophy in Area and Cultural Studies, Universität Helsinki/ Finnland, abgeschlossen (Dissertation: *An Unholy Union? Eugenic Feminism in the Nordic Countries, ca. 1890-1940* (not graded)), 2014-2018
- Master of Arts in European Studies/ General History, Universität Helsinki/ Finland (Thesis: *Female Sexuality in Swedish Eugenics 1890-1934 – A Gender-Class-Conflict*, Grade: magna cum laude approbatur (very good)), 2012-2014
- Bachelor of Arts in History and Literature, University of Bielefeld/ Deutschland, (Thesis: *Die Auswirkungen des "New Poor Law" von 1834 auf den Lebensstandard von englischen Arbeiterinnen*, Note: 1,0), 2009-2012
- German, Eastern European History, Philosophy, Business, Georg-August University Göttingen/ Germany, 2005-2009
- A-level, Besseltgymnasium, Minden/Germany, 2005

## Current Position

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- Postdoctoral researcher in Medical Ethics/ Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg 01.03.2019-

## Previous Position

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- Postdoctoral researcher in Nordic History/ University of Greifswald (01.02.2018-28.02.2019)
- Salaried Doctoral Position at the Doctoral Programme "Political, Societal, Regional Change" /University of Helsinki (01.01.2016-31.01.2018)
- Doctoral student at the Centre for Nordic Studies/ University of Helsinki, supervision Prof. Peter Stadius, Dr. Anu Korhonen (01.08.2014-22.05.2018)

## Research Funding

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- *“Moral conflicts in familial dementia care involving migrant live-in carers in Germany and Israel: A comparative empirical-ethical exploration and analysis (MoDeCare)*, PI, in cooperation with Dr. Milena von Kutzleben and Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg), Prof. Dr. Liat Ayalon and Dr. Michal Herz (Bar-Ilan Universität), 2022-2025, VolkswagenStiftung, 296.234€
- *Intersektionale und ethische Perspektiven auf Alter(n) und Körpergewicht*, in cooperation with Dr. Solveig Lena Hansen (University of Bremen), August-December 2021, Verbund Norddeutscher Universitäten, 5000€
- *DAAD Kongressreise-Stipendium*, 859€, for conference travel (July 2019)
- The Arts and Social Sciences Fund's Grant, University of Helsinki Research Fund, 950€, for conference travel (March 2018)
- Travel Grant for Doctoral Students, University of Helsinki, 920€, for conference travel (March 2018)
- Oskar Öflund Stiftelse, 4000€, for Research Visit at Oxford Brookes University/ Oxford/ Great Britain
- Travel Grant for Doctoral Students, University of Helsinki, 1000€, for conference travel (May 2017)
- Travel Grant for Doctoral Students, University of Helsinki, 900€ for conference travel (April 2016)
- *Chancellor's Travel Grant*, University of Helsinki 700€ for conference travel (April 2015)
- Letterstedtska föreningen, 500 € for conference travel, (March 2015)
- Suomen Kulttuurirahasto, 24.000 € for PhD-Project (April 2015- March 2016)
- Niilo Helander Foundation, 8000 € for PhD-Project (June- September 2014)

## Projects as PI

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- *“Moral conflicts in familial dementia care involving migrant live-in carers in Germany and Israel: A comparative empirical-ethical exploration and analysis (MoDeCare)*, PI, in cooperation with Dr. Milena von Kutzleben and Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg), Prof. Dr. Liat Ayalon and Dr. Michal Herz (Bar-Ilan Universität), 2022-2025, VolkswagenStiftung
- *Intersectional and ethical perspectives on ageing and body weight*, in cooperation with Dr. Solveig Lena Hansen (University of Bremen), August-December 2021, funded by Verbund Norddeutscher Universitäten
- *Sociocultural diversity and discrimination in medicine with an intersectional perspective (SoDiMe)*, since May 2021
- *Relevant dimensions and aspects of stereotypes in human-machine interaction in aged care (DiAStereo)*, in cooperation with Jade Hochschule, February-July 2021, funded by Forschungsfond (Jade Hochschule)
- *TriaDe\_online – Eastern european live-in helps in domestic care arrangements with dementia: Problems and moral conflicts in the triade of person with dementia – live-in help – relatives. An analysis of online content and online focus groups*, in cooperation with Dr. Milena von Kutzleben (Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg), since September 2020

## Supervision

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- Research thesis Andreas Lübbers, 2020- , University of Oldenburg
- Research thesis Sarah de Marco, 2019-2021, University of Oldenburg
- MA-Thesis Jessica Thomas, 2019-2020, University of Greifswald
- MA-Thesis Charlotte Haugg, 2018-2019, University of Greifswald
- State exam for teachers Mareike Wegner, 2018-2019, University of Greifswald
- BA-Thesis Dominik Böhnen, 2018, University of Greifswald
- MA-Thesis Gökce Sandal, 2017-2018, University of Helsinki
- MA-Thesis Clarice Bland, 2017-2018, University of Helsinki
- MA-Thesis Roberta Estus, 2017-, University of Helsinki
- MA-Thesis Aliaksei Babets, 2017-2018, University of Helsinki

## Science Communication

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- „Ethical aspects of genetic research in Mennonite communities“, public lecture (in German), together with Mark Schweda, Mennonitischer Geschichtsverein, 06.09.2021
- „Buten und binnen“, Radio Bremen, Interview about Trisomie 21-Test as health care measure (in German), 19.08.2021
- „60 years the Pill – curse and blessing“, Interview with NordWest Zeitung Oldenburg (in German), 25.08.2020
- „Ethical questions during the Corona pandemic in the hospital“, online discussion (in German), 16.04.2020, Medical faculty, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg
- “Future, Society, Technology“, evening event with film and discussion (in German), 17.12.2019, HafenCity University & TU Hamburg, Hamburg
- „Gender equality in Northern Europe. Goal reached or stagnation?“Panel discussion (in German), 09.05.2018, Nordischer Klang, Greifswald

## International Experience

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- Guest lecturer, University of Helsinki/ Finland, August 2018
- Associate Research Student, Centre for Medical Humanities/ Oxford Brookes University/ Oxford/ Great Britain, September- December 2017

## Membership in scientific commissions

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- Member of the commission of the development of the research portfolio of the Department of Health Research Services, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oldenburg
- Permanent member of the PhD committee Dr. rer. med., Faculty VI Medicine and Health Research, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg
- Editorial staff member at *Nordeuropaforum*
- Elected to deputy equal opportunity person of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Greifswald, February 2018, (election declined)
- Member of the Internal Evaluation Committee Teaching, 2018-2019, University of Greifswald
- Responsible person for the bilingual teaching certificate English/ History, University of Greifswald
- Member of the study committee, 2018-2019, University of Greifswald

## Membership in scientific associations

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- Co-founder and coordinator of the working group “Feminist perspectives in Medical and Bioethics, Academy of Ethics in Medicine, since 2021
- Member of the Academy of Ethics in Medicine (AEM)
- Member of the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV)
- Member of the Interdisciplinary Center for Gender Studies (IZfG), University of Greifswald

## Other membership

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- Member of the DFG-Network “Bridging the Baltics since 1945: Networks, Transfer and Effects”, since January 2021, PD Dr. Nils Hansson, Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf
- Member of Deutscher Hochschulverband (DHV)
- Member of the Scientific Board der Konferenz “Medicine in the Baltic Sea Region since the early 20th Century: Networks, transfers, consequences”, 26 -27 March 2020, University of Lund/ Sweden

## Organized events

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- *Diversity in Medical Ethics*, pre-conference workshop of the Network of Young Medical Ethics, Annual conference of the Academy of Medical Ethics, Nuremberg-Erlange (online), 23 August 2021, Member of the organization committee and presenter
- *Zwischen Genealogie und Genetik. Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf die Bedeutung von Vererbung im Kontext der Täuferbewegung*, workshop, 6 March 2020, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, member of organization committee
- Organizer of the research seminar in Nordic history, 2018, University of Helsinki
- Organization of international summer school for master and PhD students “Feminist Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities”, August 2018, University of Helsinki
- *3. Annual Conference of the Doctoral Programme Political, Social and Regional Change*, 27-28 October 2016, University of Helsinki/Finland, member of organization committee
- *Racial Hygiene and Population Politics in the Nordic Welfare State*, Symposium, 18 February 2016, CENS/ University of Helsinki/ Finland, member of organization committee
- *Conceptualizing Public Health. Nordic and International Contexts*, conference, 19-20 November 2015, CENS/ University of Helsinki and Swedish School for Social Science/ Finland, member of organization committee

- *Nordic Studies Research Seminar*, October 2015- September 2016, Centre for Nordic Studies/ University of Helsinki, organizer

## **Reviewing for**

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- DeGryter Oldenbourg Verlag, Frontiers Genetics, International Journal of Social Robotics, Nordeuropaforum, Journal of Aging and Health, Journal of Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy, Zeitschrift für Praktische Philosophie

## **Languages**

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German (native), English (C1), French, Swedish, Finnish (B1), Russian (A1), Danish, Norwegian, Icelandic (reading skills), Latin