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CURRICULUM VITAE

I) Education

Junior Research Fellow, St Peter's College, Oxford, October 2004-

Research Associate, Centre for History and Economics, King's College, Cambridge: *Work on UN History Project*

Rhodes scholar: D. Phil. student in Modern History, University of Oxford, UK, 2000-summer 2004

Working on the comparative history of the British and West German protests against nuclear weapons in the late 1950s and early 1960s as a contribution to the social history of the Cold War

London School of Economics and Political Science, 1997-1998
Visiting student, International History and International Relations,

Student at the University of Tübingen, Germany: M.A. in Contemporary German History (main subject), Politics and Philosophy (with distinction), 1995-2000

Intern and research assistant, *Stiftung für Wissenschaft und Politik* (Institute for International Politics and Security), Ebenhausen (now Berlin), Department of Transatlantic and Transpacific Relations, September – October 1998: *Work on a project on economics and security in transatlantic relations*

Research assistant at the Chair of Contemporary History, University of Tübingen, Germany, 1996-2000

II) Scholarships

Rhodes scholar, October 2000 – September 2003

Scholar of the German National Scholarship Foundation (*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*), 1997-2000

Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service for Studying at the London School of Economics and Political Science, 1997-1998

III) Publications

A. Articles

'Towards a social history of transnational relations: The British and West German protests against nuclear weapons, 1957-1964', in Jessica Gienow-Hecht and Frank Schumacher (eds.), *New Perspectives on Culture and International History* (Oxford, 2004) (forthcoming)

'The Growth of Social Movements', in: Paul Addison/Harriet Jones (eds.), *A Companion to*

Contemporary Britain, 1939-2000 (Oxford, 2004) (forthcoming)

'Pacifism in post-World War II Britain – new perspectives', in: Benjamin Ziemann (ed.), *New Perspectives on the comparative history of pacifism* (Bochum, 2004) (forthcoming)

'Die Proteste gegen Atomwaffen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und Großbritannien, 1957-1964 – ein Vergleich sozialer Bewegungen' [Protests against nuclear weapons in the Federal Republic of Germany and in Britain, 1957-1964 – a comparison of social movements], *Mitteilungsblatt des Instituts für soziale Bewegungen* 31 (2004), pp. 31-58 (in print).

'Die Anti-Atomwaffenproteste in der Bundesrepublik und in Großbritannien' [Anti-nuclear-weapons protests in Britain and West Germany], *Vorgänge* 42.4 (2003), pp. 22-31.

'Westernisation – a new paradigm for interpreting West European History in a Cold War context', *Cold War History* 4.2 (January 2004), pp. 175-191.

B. Book reviews

In *German History, H-Soz-u-Kult, Archiv für Sozialgeschichte*.

C. Current project

Germany and the United Nations – UN history as an inroad to transnationalising history: project undertaken on behalf of the UN History Project at the Centre for History and Economics, Cambridge (completed May 2004)

IV) Papers at Conferences and Seminars (selection)

'The Cold War, protests and political traditions: The British and West German protests against nuclear weapons, 1957-1964', paper at the annual conference of the German Studies Association, New Orleans (and co-organiser, together with Andrew Oppenheimer (University of Chicago) of the panel 'Protests, political traditions and the Cold War in Germany'), 19 September 2003

'The British and West German protests against nuclear weapons and the culture of the Cold War', paper at the conference 'Britain and the culture of the Cold War', Institute of Historical Research, London, 13 September 2003

Co-organisation of and introductory paper for an oral history seminar on the British response to the Strategic Defense Initiative in the mid-1980s at the Institute of Contemporary British History, London (Chair: Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman. Participants included Lord Heseltine, Lord Powell, and Sir Michael Quinlan), 9 July 2003

'The public sphere and social movements: the British and West German protests against nuclear weapons compared, 1957-1964', paper at the workshop 'The Media, the public sphere and politics' at the Ruhr-University, Bochum (Germany), 7 February 2003

'Fighting against Cold War culture: the British and West German protests against nuclear weapons and international relations, 1957-1964', Conference 'Culture and International History II', Leucon, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, 20 December 2002

'Protests and social change. The protests against nuclear weapons in Britain and West Germany, 1957-1964', graduate seminar of Professor Ulrich Herbert (University of Freiburg), 17 December 2002

'Peace movements in the Cold War? The British and West German protests against nuclear weapons, 1957-1963', German History Seminar, University of Oxford (Conveners: Professor Niall Ferguson and

Professor Hartmut Pogge von Strandmann), 11 November 2002

V) Summary of current research project

My current research is concerned with Western European protest movements in the 1950s and 1960s, with a special focus on the British and West German protests against nuclear weapons. I am not interested in protests in their own right. Rather I seek to find out what the protest movements tell us about their time.

I am interested in three sets of questions: First, the ways in which social and cultural change and protest movements were connected; second the impact of international affairs on these developments; and third the relevance of inter-cultural transfer for protest movements. My aim is to abandon the narrow focus on the student rebellions of the later 1960s and bring the deeper historical roots of protest phenomena in each country to light. I examine issues as diverse as the importance of folk music, rock and jazz in the protests, the symbolics of protesting, and the debates about domestic and international order in both movements.