

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Education

PHD Researcher

September 2018 - Current status

Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Modern History and Society.

*Research project:* "[Fate of nations. Political Regulation of Natural Resources 1870-2010, Global Experiences](#)".

*Title:* "Echoes of the Great War: Unveiling British Raw Material Strategies in the Interwar Era".

*Supervisors:* Prof. Jonas Scherner, Prof. Neil Forbes.

Staatsexamen (Master level)

October 2011 - March 2018

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich,  
History, Economics and German Studies.

*Thesis in Economic History:* „Siemens‘ Rolle in der NS-Rüstung im Spiegel aktueller Forschungskontroversen“.

*Supervisor:* Prof. Paul Erker.

Exchange Semester

August 2014 - December 2014

Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Historical and Cultural Studies.

## Research Experience

Doctoral Research

September 2018 - Current status

Conducted primary source research at numerous public and private archives in Britain and Germany, examining multiple sources as state documents, balance sheets, correspondence etc.

Visiting Researcher

January - April 2020

Coventry University, School of Humanities.

Research on British raw material policies with regard to tungsten, antimony and nickel.

Research Assistant

March 2015 - August 2020

Research assistant to Marcel Milde, PhD researcher at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

Conducted research at public and private archives.

## Publications

Renner, Simon. *Canadian Nickel for Nazi Germany: How Government-Business Relationships Affected British Blockade Strategies in the 1930s*. The International History Review, 2024, 1–15. doi:[10.1080/07075332.2024.2323493](https://doi.org/10.1080/07075332.2024.2323493).

Renner, Simon. Conference Report: *The Blockade in the Era of the Two World Wars, 1914-1945*, In: H-Soz-Kult, 19.07.2022, <<http://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-128496>>.

## Conference Presentations

Renner, Simon. (2024) *State-Fueled Giants: Unveiling the Interwar Formative Period of British Big Business*. Annual Congress of the European Business History Association, Lisbon 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Renner, Simon. (2024) *Echoes of the Great War: Unveiling British Raw Material Strategies in the Interwar Era*. Fate of Nations Final Conference, Trondheim 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Renner, Simon. (2022) *Learning from the Blockade: British Plans for Economic Pressure on Germany in the late 1930s*. The Blockade in the Era of the Two World Wars, 1914-1945, Trondheim 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Renner, Simon. (2021) *Lessons learned? Securing essential materials in changing global value chains: British raw material planning and dependencies on Germany in the tungsten value chain in the interwar period*. Economic History Society's Economic History Society's Annual Conference, Online 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Link to the paper: <https://files.ehs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/29060744/NRIIE-Renner.pdf>.

Renner, Simon. (2019) *Raw Material Policy of Great Britain during the Interwar Period*. Arbeitskreis für kritische Unternehmens- und Industriegeschichte - Nachwuchsworkshop, Mainz 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## Teaching experience

Lecturer Spring 2019 - Spring 2024

The global political economy of natural resources, 1870-2000; Delivered lectures on German, Japanese and Italian Autarky, as well as British independence strategies in the 1930s.

Lecturer Autumn 2022

International Economic Contemporary History: Delivered multiple lectures, providing guidance on term papers, and conducted grading.

## Grants

PhD Position September 2018 - January 2022

Salary of 436 900 NOK gross annually, plus 150 000 NOK to cover research missions and conferences.

Overseas Research Grant

January - April 2020

Grant for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellows, The Research Council of Norway, 57 000 NOK.

Early Career Support Fund

July 2024

Flexible Research Grant, The German Association for British Studies, 500 EUR.

## Memberships

Economic History Society (EHS)

Arbeitskreis für kritische Unternehmens- und Industriegeschichte (AKKU)

Arbeitskreises Großbritannien-Forschung (AGF)

## Additional Professional Training

Quantitative Methods for Historians

Autumn 2019

Course on how to engage with studies relying on quantitative methods and how to conduct quantitative research with Stata.

Digital Mapping for the Humanities

Spring 2019

Course on how to digitalize maps, compute variables and automate processes using ArcGIS.

Banking Apprenticeship

September 2007 - August 2009

Completed theoretical and practical training at a public vocational school and Raiffeisen Volksbank Ebersberg eG to become a state-certified bank clerk.

## Career Break

Paternity leave for birth of daughter

October 2021 - June 2022

## Languages

German

Mother tongue

English

Proficiency

Norwegian

Proficiency

Italian

Proficiency

Spanish

Reading knowledge

Swedish

Reading knowledge

Danish

Reading knowledge