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EDUCATION

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London 2016
Department of Development Studies
PhD, Development Studies

Free University of Berlin 2009
Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science
Diplom (MSc equivalent), Political Science

University of Sussex 2007
Department of International Relations
MA, Global Political Economy

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor 01/2017 - Present
Employment Relations
London School of Economics and Political Science
Department of Management

Postdoctoral Fellow 01-12/2017
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Global Challenges Research Fund
School of Oriental and African Studies
Department of Development Studies

LSE Fellow 01-06/2017
London School of Economics and Political Science
Department of International Development

Graduate Teaching Assistant/Teaching Fellow 10/2013 - 2016
School of Oriental and African Studies
Department of Development Studies,
Department of Political Science & International Studies

Student assistant 10/2007 - 06/2009
Free University of Berlin
Institute of East Asian Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Comparative and international political economy
- Global automotive manufacturing
- Labour relations and movements in emerging markets
- Industrial policy
- Critical theory

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Wenten, F. (2017): “Does it matter what workers do? The role of workers’ relational agency in the hybridisation of TNC subsidiaries in China and Mexico”, in: *International Journal of Automotive Technology and Management*, No. 2.

Wenten, F. (2017): “Gewerkschaftsreformen in China – Segen oder Fluch? Kontroverses zu Tarifverhandlungen und ‘zellulärem’ Aktivismus”, in: *Sozial.Geschichte. Zeitschrift für historische Analyse des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts*, No. 20. Preview: <https://sozialgeschichteonline.wordpress.com/2016/11/23/gewerkschaftsreformen-in-china-segen-oder-fluch/>

CHAPTERS AUTHORED

Teschke, B., Wenten, F. (2017): Marxismus in den Internationalen Beziehungen (Marxism in International Relations), in: Sauer, F., Masala, C. (ed.): *Handbuch Internationale Beziehungen*, Berlin, Wiesbaden: Springer.

Teschke, B., Wenten, F. (2016): Capitalism, in: Berenskötter, Felix (ed.), *Concepts in World Politics*, London: Sage.

Wenten, F. (2011): Restructured Class Relations since 1978, in: Scherrer, C. (ed.): *China's Labor Question*, Mering: Rainer Hampp.

Schmalz, S., Schulten, J., Wenten F. (2009): Arbeiterbewegungen in der globalisierten Welt: Eine kritische Würdigung des Ansatzes von Beverly Silver (Labour movements in a globalised world: A critical evaluation of Beverly Silver's approach), in: Thien, H.G. (ed.): *Klassen im Postfordismus, (Classes in Post-Fordism)*, 2nd ed, Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Wenten, F.: Failure to Agree – Worker agency, collective bargaining and the question of ‘representative’ organisations in China, in: *British Journal of Industrial Relations*. (first round)

EDITED VOLUMES

Pun N., Lee, C.K. et al. (2010): *Aufbruch der zweiten Generation – Wanderarbeit, Geschlechterverhältnisse und Klassenzusammensetzung in China, (Departure of the second generation – Labour migration, gender and class composition in China)*, translated and edited with D. Fuchs and R. Ruckus, Berlin: Assoziation A.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Wenten, F., Pardi, T., Lühje, B., Heim, S, Viveros, J. (first draft): Beyond corporatism. The future of social dialogue in the global automotive industry. Commissioned by the ILO for publication in *International Labour Review*.

Wenten, F. (under editorial review): La industria automovil en China – pasado y presente (The automotive industry in China – past and present), in: Red ITIAM (ed.): *Cambio e innovación en la industria automóvil mundial: trayectorias nacionales (Change and innovation in the global automotive industry: national trajectories)*, Mexico City: CONACYT.

REVIEWS

Wenten, F. (2008): Pun N., Li W. (2008): *dagongmei – Arbeiterinnen aus Chinas Weltmarktfabriken erzählen*, Berlin: Assoziation A, in: *Das Argument*, Vol. 50, No. 281.

Wenten, F. (2006): Hart-Landsberg, M., Burkett, P. (2005): *China and Socialism. Market Reforms and Class Struggle*, New York: Monthly Review Press; *Critical Asian Studies*, Vol. 37, No. 3 and 4 2005, in: *Das Argument*, Vol. 48, No. 268, Issue 5 and 6.

Wenten, F. (2004): Baratta, G. (2003): *Das dialogische Denken Antonio Gramscis (The dialogical thought of Antonio Gramsci)*, Frankfurt a.M.: Peter Lang, in: *Internationale Wissenschaftliche Korrespondenz zur Geschichte der Deutschen Arbeiterbewegung (IWK)*, Vol. 40, No. 4.

OTHER

Wenten, F. (2013): “I work beside my shit. I eat beside my shit.” Impressions from the dockworkers strike in Hong Kong; gongchao.org. <https://gongchao.site36.net/archives/633>

Wenten, F. (2008): “Niederlassungsfreiheit vs. Vereinigungsfreiheit, Die Urteile des Europäischen Gerichtshofs in den Fällen Rüffert, Viking und Laval”, (Freedom of establishment against freedom of association, The European Court of Justice's rulings in the Rüffert, Viking and Laval cases), in: *ILO-Nachrichten*, No. 2.

GUEST LECTURES; CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

2017

Hybridisation of a German automotive OEM in China and Mexico – What role for worker agency?, 2nd workshop academic year 2017, The Japanese Society for Industrial Studies, Automotive Industry Research Workshop, Chubu Region Division, Kyoto University (**Japan**), April 22.

Legacies of the 2010 Honda strike – Relational agency and labour market reform in South China, 1st seminar academic year 2017, Graduate School of Letters, Department of Sociology, Kyoto University (**Japan**), April 19.

2016

Does it matter what workers do? Industrial development and labour in the global car industry in Mexico and China, “Labour Seminar Series”, SOAS, London (**UK**), Dec 7.

Failure to Agree – Worker agency, collective bargaining and the question of “representative” organisations in China, LSE/SOAS Workshop, “The end of pragmatic authoritarianism? New Developments in State-Labour-Capital Relations in China”, London (**UK**), Sept 1-3.

Employment relations at global automotive subsidiaries in China and Mexico – converging or diverging?, GERPISA, 25th International Colloquium, “The ‘New Frontiers’ of the World Automotive Industry. Technologies, Applications, Innovations, Markets”, Puebla (**Mexico**), May 31-June 3.

La industria automóvil y sus relaciones laborales en China (The automotive industry and its labour relations in China), Workshop for automotive workers, Librería Profética, Puebla (**Mexico**), May 28-29 and June 4-5.

2015

Panel co-organiser, with Teschke, B.: *Theory and Critique of Capitalism*, European International Studies Association, 9th Pan-European Conference On International Relations, “Worlds of Violence”, Giardini Naxos, Sicily (**Italy**) Sept. 23-26.

Industrial development and labour movements in China and Mexico, Guest lecture, “China and Latin America in global context” lecture series, Department of Latin American Studies/Department of Political Science, Free University Berlin (**Germany**), June 25.

2014

Member of the Roundtable *Challenges of Building Labour's Collective Strength in Asia*, International Sociological Association, XVIII World Congress of Sociology, "Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology", Yokohama (**Japan**), July 13-19.

Rank and file activism and international union cooperation in the global automotive industry in China, Hans Böckler Foundation Graduate Conference 2014, "International Solidarity Reloaded: Trade unions and other social movements: between the challenges and opportunities of globalisation", Göttingen (**Germany**), April 1-4.

Member of the Working Group *Concept Analysis in International Relations*, International Studies Association, 55th Annual Convention, "Spaces and Places. Geopolitics in an Era of Globalization", Toronto (**Canada**), March 24-29.

2013

Making sense of class struggle in global capitalism – The internationalisation of a global automotive firm to Mexico and China, 1970s to today, 10th Annual Historical Materialism Conference, SOAS, London (**UK**), Nov. 7-11.

The Strike at Honda China 2010. Composition and Struggles of the Chinese working class, Workshop for workers and labour activists, Ulsan Migrant Centre, Ulsan (**South Korea**), June 14.

Class relations and transformations of the production process in a global enterprise – The case of Volkswagen de México, 1970s to present, International Labour Process Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (**USA**), March 18-20.

2011

Changing class relations in China: Prospects of Workers' Autonomous Agency, (with D. Fuchs), Conference "Workers' Struggles from East to West: New Perspectives on Labour Disputes in Globalised China", University of Vienna (**Austria**), Sept. 22-24.

30 years of economic reform in China – Constitutive effects of changing class composition and workers' agency, International Spring School 2011 on Self Management, Delavsko-Punkerska Univerza, Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), April 27- May 2.

2010

Changing class relations and labour struggles in post-1978 China, "How Class Works" Conference 2010, Stony Brook University, New York (**USA**), June 2-5.

2009

Workers in post-1978 China – Changing class relations and the ambivalent role of Chinese trade unions, Conference "China's 30 years of 'Opening up and reform': Continuities and Change", University of Nottingham/Ningbo (**China**), Sept. 16-19.

AWARDS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

ESRC Fellowship, Global Challenges Research Fund	2017	£125,000
SOAS Director's Teaching Prize (sole winner, GTA/TF)	2016	£1000
SOAS Research Scholarship	2011-2014	£15,000 p.a.
Elisabeth Croll Scholarship 2012-13 for fieldwork in China, SOAS	03-09/2013	£1,000
Stipend of the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation (since 10/2011 immaterial)	04/2011-03/2013	€13,800 p.a.
DAAD research grant, "New Passages to India" program	10/2010-01/2011	€3,700
DAAD Language Course Grant, Intensive Summer Program China	09-11/2008	€2,400

REVIEWING

The China Quarterly

Global Labour Journal

Human Relations

Journal für Entwicklungspolitik

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

GERPISA, The International Network of the Automobile

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German	native	Chinese (Mandarin)	intermediate
English	fluent	French	intermediate
Spanish	fluent	Latin	Intermediate Certificate

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