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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

05/2019-2021 **Collège de France, Paris**  
Postdoctoral Research Associate in the research group *UMR 7192 – Proche-Orient – Caucase: langues, archéologie, cultures*

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## EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

2015-04/2019 **St John's College, University of Cambridge**  
PhD in Archaeology (fully-funded by AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership)  
Title: *"Ancient Childhood: perspectives from Iraq and Syria in the early 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BC"*

2014-2015 **St John's College, University of Cambridge**  
MPhil in Archaeological Research (fully-funded by Cambridge European Trust and St John's College) – Distinction (75.18)  
MPhil Dissertation title: *"Case marking in Old Babylonian Sumerian royal inscriptions: studies in orthographic and linguistic variation"*

2011-2014 **St John's College, University of Cambridge**  
BA Hons Assyriology – First Class with Distinction (75.1)  
BA Dissertation title: *"Dedicatory and commemorative objects from Mesopotamia: their re-usage and recycling in the third and second millennia BC"*

2002-2011 **Städt. Gymnasium am Wirteltor, Düren**  
left with the German Abitur with bilingual education in English and an overall score of 1.0

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## VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS

10/18-03/19 **Exchange programme** | Heidelberg University | one semester  
Funding: St John's College and Baden-Württemberg-Stipendium

05/17-06/17 **Visiting scholar** | Collège de France, Paris (5 weeks) | Collaboration with Dr. Nele Ziegler on childhood in the Old Babylonian period, especially in Mari  
Funding: AHRC DTP RTSG fund

11/16 **Visiting scholar** | Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (4 weeks) | Collaboration with Dr. Vitali Bartash on the identification and interpretation of Sumerian and Akkadian childhood terminology  
Funding: AHRC DTP RTSG fund

## SCHOLARSHIPS

05/2019-2021	Leverhulme Study Abroad Studentship at Postdoctoral Level (21,000 £ p.a.)
2018-03/2019	Baden-Württemberg-Stipendium (3000 €)
2015-2018	Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership (Tuition Fees 8,337 £ p.a., Maintenance 14,000 £ p.a.)
2014-2015	Cambridge European Scholarship, Cambridge European Trust (11,000 £)
2014-2015	Maintenance Grant, St John's College (14,000 £)
2013-2017	Alfred Hall Prior Scholarship, St John's College (300-500 £ p.a.)

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

Schmidhuber, C. "Childhood in Mesopotamian Texts and Archaeology: Finding a Common Ground?". *Res Antiquatis 2<sup>nd</sup> series* 1 (2019): 168-181

### Peer-reviewed journal articles under review

Schmidhuber, C. "The Language of Filiation in the Code of Hammurapi" – under review by *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 01/2020

Schmidhuber, C. "Efforts Against Child Sale Practices by Hammurapi and his Successors: Royal Policies and Contract Formulae" – under review by *Revue d'assyriologie et archéologie orientale*, 12/2019

### Peer-reviewed journal articles in preparation

Schmidhuber, C. "Old Babylonian Royal Epithets between Tradition and Innovation: A tale of four cities" – planned 03/2020

### Forthcoming contributions to conference proceedings

Loktionov, A. "Luminous Oils and Waters of Wisdom: Shedding New Light on Lecanomancy and its Place in and the Mesopotamian Intellectual Milieu" in the proceedings of the "*Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*", 2013, Ghent – Forthcoming

### Book reviews (invited)

Schmidhuber, C. Review of Gonzales, Antonio and Ennio Biondi (eds.) *Revisiter l'esclavage: d'hier à aujourd'hui* – in preparation for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*

Schmidhuber, C. Review of Flynn, Shawn W. (ed.) *Children in the Bible and the Ancient World. Comparative and Historical Methods in Reading Ancient Children* – *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (<http://www.bmcreview.org/2019/10/20191052.html>)

Schmidhuber, C. Review of Sánchez Romero, Margarita and Rosa María Cid López (eds.) *Motherhood and infancies in the Mediterranean in antiquity*. Oxford; Philadelphia: Oxbow Books – *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2019/2019-06-33.html>)

Schmidhuber, C. Review of Cohen, Mark E. "*New Treasures of Sumerian Literature*", 2017, CDL Press – *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 81/1 (2018)

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## INVITED TALKS

Schmidhuber, C. "The Sumerian of Old Babylonian Royal Inscriptions: variation, language change, and compositional practices", presented at the *Copenhagen Sumerian Circle*, Copenhagen, 15/08/2019

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Schmidhuber, C. "From childhood to 'childhood': on children in Old Babylonian society", presented in the McDonald Institute, University of Cambridge, 29/11/2018

Schmidhuber, C. "Mehr als nur Terminologie. Klassifikation von „Kindern“ in der altbabylonischen Zeit [More than just terminology. Classification of "children" in the Old Babylonian period]", presented in the Institute of Assyriology, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, 25/11/2016

Schmidhuber, C. "How did they produce royal inscriptions? - Focus on content- and language-based variation", presented at the Birmingham Assyriology Postgraduate Seminar, 13/11/2015

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## CONFERENCE PAPERS

Schmidhuber, C. "Crafts and Work in the Mari Archives: Of Mothers, Tavern Patrons and Prisoners of War", presented at the *London Postgraduate Conference for the Ancient Near East 2018*, British Museum, London

Schmidhuber, C. "Changes in the "Adoption Laws" of the Codex Hammurapi" presented at the *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale 2017*, Marburg

Schmidhuber, C. "Children in Old Babylonian Law Codes" presented at the *Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Assyriology 2017*, Oxford

Schmidhuber, C. "Childhood in Mesopotamian Texts and Archaeology: Finding a Common Ground?" presented at the conference "*Sources to Study Antiquity: Between Texts and Material Culture*", organised by CHAM at Nova University, 2016, Lisbon

Schmidhuber, C. "Translation Troubles: The Term *šuhāru* and Old Babylonian Society" presented at the *Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Assyriology 2016*, Oxford

Schmidhuber, C. "Patterns in the Epithets of Old Babylonian Sumerian Royal Inscriptions" presented at the *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale 2015*, Geneva and Bern

Schmidhuber, C. "Royal Epithets: Between Innovation and Tradition in the Old Babylonian Period" presented at the *Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Assyriology 2015*, Oxford

Schmidhuber, C. "Linguistic Variation and Compositional Strategies in Old Babylonian Sumerian Inscriptions" presented at the *BANEA Annual Conference 2015*, London

Schmidhuber, C. "Re-usage of Dedicatory and Commemorative Objects in Mesopotamia: New Evidence from Curses and other Textual Data" presented at the *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale 2014*, Warsaw

Schmidhuber, C. "Re-usage and Recycling of Inscribed Objects in Ancient Mesopotamia" presented at the *BANEA Annual Conference 2014*, Reading

Loktionov, A. "Luminous Oils and Waters of Wisdom: Shedding New Light on Lecanomancy its Place in the and Mesopotamian Intellectual Milieu" presented at the *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*

Schmidhuber, C. 2013, Ghent (presented in absence for medical reasons)

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## TEACHING

### Lectures

2017 Lecture on "*Old Babylonian Period | Habitus in Politics and Buildings*" | Mesopotamian Archaeology II (ARC23, Undergraduate and MPhil) | Human, Social, and Political Science Tripos, University of Cambridge

2017 Lecture on "*Scribal Education*" | Mesopotamian Religion and Scholarship (ARC25, Undergraduate and MPhil) | Human, Social, and Political Science Tripos, University of Cambridge

## Supervisions [Small-group teaching]

### Postgraduate

2016 Teaching Assistant | Sumerian Language and Texts (G21, Graduate) | Division of Archaeology, University of Cambridge

### Undergraduate

2016-2018 Supervisor | Mesopotamian Archaeology II (ARC23) | Human, Social and Political Science Tripos, University of Cambridge

2017-2018 Supervisor | Akkadian Language I (A4) | Archaeology Tripos, University of Cambridge

Jan. 2017-2018 Supervisor | Akkadian Language II (ARC34) | Human, Social and Political Science Tripos, University of Cambridge

2016-2017 Supervisor | Sumerian Language (ARC36) | Human, Social and Political Science Tripos, University of Cambridge

2016-2017 Supervisor | Mesopotamian Archaeology I (ARC 22) | Human, Social and Political Science Tripos, University of Cambridge

2014-2017 Supervisor | Introduction to the Cultures of Egypt and Mesopotamia (ARC3) | Human, Social and Political Science Tripos, University of Cambridge

### Other

2017-2018 Organiser and Convener | Sumerian Reading Group (weekly) | Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge | Four weeks of classroom-style teaching on the Sumerian language to beginners and subsequently organising weekly readings | 10-15 participants

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## ORGANISATION OF SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2016-2018 Co-organiser | Ancient Near Eastern Research Seminar Series (bi-weekly) | McDonald Institute of Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge | Tasks: hosting guest speakers and general logistics | Successful application for grant from the H.M. Chadwick Fund

2016-2017 Programme team and general committee | Interdisciplinary postgraduate *AHRC DTP Conference on Tradition and Transformation*, held at the University of Cambridge, 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 | Speakers from Cambridge, Stockholm, Cologne, Boston, Sydney and St Petersburg.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

01/13-06/13 Student research assistant for ORACC | AHRC-funded project "Materialities of Assyrian Knowledge Production: Object Biographies of Inscribed Artefacts from Nimrud for Museums and Mobiles" | University of Cambridge, British Museum's Department for the Middle East and the Babylonian Section of Penn Museum | Contribution to and maintenance of ORACC database and website

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## SELECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

Sep 2016 Excavation at Qalatga Darband, Iraq | Iraq Emergency Heritage Management Training Programme | Square supervisor | Training of Iraqi archaeologists and heritage specialists | British Museum, London

06/16-07/16 Excavation at Çadır Höyük, Yozgat Province, Turkey | Square supervisor

July 2015 Survey in Itchan Kala, Khiva | UNESCO's 2015 World Heritage Summer Field Work in Uzbekistan

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08/12-09/12      Excavation at Zincirli, Turkey | Neubauer Expedition to Zincirli of the University of Chicago | Square assistant

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### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

06/19-07/19      *Heidelberger Forschungslabor Alter Orient* | University of Heidelberg | Edition and preparation for publication of original clay tablets under guidance of experts | Fully funded by Heidelberg University

01/17-02/17      *Master Class "Cuneiform Epigraphy"* | University of Heidelberg | Introduction to deciphering and autographing (both manual and digital) of original clay tablets | Fully funded by Heidelberg University

2014              Teaching workshops *Supervising Undergraduates: An Introduction* and *Supervising Undergraduates More Effectively*, | Personal and Professional Development | University of Cambridge

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### PEER REVIEW

2019              Peer reviewer | *Papers from the Institute of Archaeology* | University College London

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### OUTREACH/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2019              Instructor | Outreach event "Atelier Cunéiforme" at a high school in Gonesse, France (organized by the Louvre)

2019              Author and narration | Open-access video tutorial for using the ARCHIBAB database for Old Babylonian cuneiform texts (Producers: Martin Worthington and Selena Wisnom; edited by Rachel Tookey) | Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVTZHsQzxD4>

2017              Production assistant | Short film "The Poor Man of Nippur", a dramatization of an Akkadian folktale for a modern audience (spoken in the original language, with subtitles in different languages)

2017              Volunteer | Outreach event "Studying Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia at University. A Conference for Sixth-Formers" (4<sup>th</sup> March) | British Museum and the Royal Asiatic Society, London

2016              Volunteer | Cambridge Festival of Ideas in the "Esagil: Treasure Hunt in Babylon" event [Mesopotamia-themed board game presentation] | Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge

2016              Student assistant | St John's College Archaeology Summer School (25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July) for Sixth Formers

2016              Volunteer | Outreach event "Studying Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia at University. A Conference for Sixth-Formers" (5<sup>th</sup> May) | British Museum and the Royal Asiatic Society, London

2013              Volunteer | Cambridge Festival of Ideas in the "Discovering Assyria" event | Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

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### INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

2017-2018      Committee Member and Sports Officer of the Samuel Butler Room (College Union), St John's College

2011-2018      University Player on the Cambridge University Water Polo squad (Full blue sports achievement)

2013              Speakers Officer of the Cambridge University Russell Society (interested in international non-violent conflict resolution)

## Schmidhuber – Academic CV

2013                      Positions in the Goody Society for Archaeology and Anthropology at St John's College,  
Cambridge (Social Secretary 2011, Junior Treasurer 2012, President 2013-2016)

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### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology (since 2013)

British Institute for the Study of Iraq (since 2013)

International Association of Assyriology (since 2012)

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### ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Ancient Languages: Latin (proficiency certificate), Sumerian, Akkadian

Modern Languages: German (native speaker) | English (native speaker level) | French (B2) | Arabic (B1) | Turkish  
(basic conversational)

Computer familiarity: MS-Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook) | Adobe Acrobat | Adobe Illustrator | Adobe  
Photoshop (basic skills) | R, Stata | ArcGIS | LaTeX (basic skills)