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• CARRIERA PROFESSIONALE

Da 2022 Professore emerito, Group leader con estensione di servizio presso l' Institute for Medieval Research, Corresponding PI del ERC Synergy Grant HistoGenes

1998 – 2021 Direttore, Institute for Medieval Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences

2006 – 2022 Professore di Storia medievale e Scienze Ausiliarie, Università di Vienna

1991 – 1996 Visiting Professor, University of Ishevsk, Russia; University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), USA; Central European University, Budapest, Hungary; Rijksuniversiteit Leiden, Netherlands

1990-97 Ricercatore, Commissione di Studi Altomedievali, Austrian Academy of Sciences

1985–90 Ricercatore, Institut für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung, Austria

1984 PhD, Institut für Geschichte, University of Vienna, Austria

• ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

2025 'Ehrenzeichen für Wissenschaft und Kunst' (Pour le merite for science and art) della Repubblica Federale d'Austria

2024 Kardinal-Innitzer-Würdigungspreis dell'Arcivescovado di Vienna

2024 Socio esterno, Accademia delle Scienze di Torino

2023 Awarded Cluster of Excellence of the FWF 'EurAsian Transformations' as Member of the Board of Directors

2019 Awarded ERC Synergy Grant 'Integrating genetic, archaeological and historical perspectives on Eastern Central Europe, 400-900 (HistoGenes)' as Corresponding PI (project leader)

2018 Fellow, Medieval Academy of America

2017 Corresponding Fellow, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut

2015-present Editor, Medieval Worlds (Open Access Journal, www.medievalworlds.net)

2013 Fellow, Academia Europea

2012 Member, Comitato di Selezione per i Progetti nell'Interesse Nazionale (PRIN), Italy

2012-19 Member and then Deputy Chair, Panel SH6 of the ERC for Advanced (2014:

	Consolidator) Grants
2012-17	Membro, Fachkommission (Scientific Panel) of the Excellence Initiative of the DFG
2011-2017	ERC Advanced Grant Project 'Social Cohesion, Ethnicity and Religion in Europe, 400-1200' (SCIRE)
2011-2019	Speaker, SFB (Spezialforschungsbereich) 'Visions of Community: Comparative Approaches to Ethnicity, Region and Empire in Christianity, Islam and Buddhism (400-1600 CE) (VISCOM – SFB F42-G18)
2009-present	Membro, Direzione generale dei Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Munich
2004	Wittgenstein Prize of the FWF, Austria

• **PRINCIPALI AREE DI RICERCA**

Trasformazione del mondo Romano; storia altomedievale; formazione d'identità, ethnicità e migrazioni; storia d'Italia tardo antica e altomedievale; storia dell'Europa Centrale e delle steppe Eurasiatiche; storia comparata e globale; archeogenetica e metodi interdisciplinari; storiografia e trasmissione manoscritta; usi e abusi del passato.

• **PUBBLICAZIONI SELEZIONATE**

Monografie

- The Avars. A Steppe Empire in Central Europe, 567-822 (Ithaca 2018, 636 p.).
- Razze, etnie, nazioni. Lezione magistrale al FestivalStoria 2007 (Torino 2010).
- Die Völkerwanderung. Eroberung und Integration (Stuttgart/Berlin/Köln 2002, ²2005).
- Werkstätte der Erinnerung. Montecassino und die langobardische Vergangenheit (Vienna 2001)
- Die Germanen (Munich 2000, ²2002).
- Le origini etniche dell'Europa. Barbari e Romani tra antichità e medioevo (Rome 2000).
- Die Awaren. Ein Steppenvolk in Mitteleuropa, 567-822 n. Chr. (Munich 1988, ²2002, ³2015).

Volumi editi

- Emerging Powers in Eurasian Comparison, 200-1100: Shadows of Empire, ed. Walter Pohl and Veronika Wieser (Leiden 2023).
- Empires and Communities in the Post-Roman and Islamic World, c. 400-1000, ed. Walter Pohl and Rutger Kramer (New York/Oxford 2021), DOI 10.1093/oso/9780190067946.001.0001.
- Historiography & Identity 4: Writing History across Medieval Eurasia, ed. Walter Pohl and Daniel Mahoney (Turnhout, 2021), DOI DOI 10.1484/M.CELAMA-EB.5.118670.
- Historiography and Identity 1: Ancient and Early Christian Narratives of Community, ed. Walter Pohl/Veronika Wieser (Turnhout, 2019); ISBN 978-2503581576.
- Narratives of Ethnic Origins. Eurasian Perspectives, Special issue, ed. Walter Pohl, The Medieval History Journal 21/2 (2018); DOI [10.1177/0971945818775370](https://doi.org/10.1177/0971945818775370) (Green OA).

- Transformations of Romanness in the Early Middle Ages: Regions and Identities, ed. Clemens Gantner, Cinzia Grifoni, Walter Pohl and Marianne Pollheimer (Berlin/New York 2018).
- Meanings of Community across Medieval Eurasia. Comparative Approaches, ed. Walter Pohl/Eirik Hovden/Christina Lutter (Leiden/Boston 2016, 524 p.); DOI [10.1163/9789004315693](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004315693) (Gold OA).
- Strategies of Identification. Ethnicity and Religion in Early Medieval Europe, ed. Walter Pohl/Gerda Heydemann (Turnhout 2013).
- Visions of Community in the Post-Roman World. The West, Byzantium and the Islamic World, 300-1100, ed. Walter Pohl/Clemens Gantner/Richard Payne (Farnham/Burlington 2012).
- Archaeology of Identity – Archäologie der Identität, ed. Walter Pohl/Mathias Mehofer (Forschungen zur Geschichte des Mittelalters 17, Vienna 2010).
- Die Langobarden – Herrschaft und Identität (ed. Walter Pohl/Peter Erhart, Forschungen zur Geschichte des Mittelalters 9, Wien 2005).
- Le scritture dai monasteri. II° Seminario Internazionale di Studio 'I Monasteri nell'Alto Medioevo', a cura di Flavia de Rubeis e Walter Pohl (Roma 2003).
- Strategies of Distinction. The Construction of Ethnic Communities, 300-800, ed. Walter Pohl/Helmut Reimitz (The Transformation of the Roman World 2, Leiden/New York/Köln 1998).

Book chapters and articles (per testi interi si veda <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/imafo/das-institut/mitarbeiterinnen/walter-pohl/offprints>, Password: offprint_wp)

- Il regno longobardo ai tempi di Liutprando nel contesto Europeo, in: Liutprando – re dei Longobardi, ed. Gabriele Archetti, Centro studi longobardi, Convegni 3 (Spoleto 2025) 93-114.
- Ke Wang*, Bendeguz Tobias*, ..., Walter Pohl*, Johannes Krause*, Zuzana Hofmanová*, Ancient DNA reveals reproductive barrier despite shared Avar-period culture, in: Nature, January 2025, 10.1038/s41586-024-08418-5.
- From the Roman Army to the Laws of the Kingdoms: Concluding Remarks, in: The Civilian Legacy of the Roman Army. Military Models in the Post-Roman World, ed. Luca Loschiavo (Leiden/Boston 2024) 490-512.
- La Sicilia – crocevia di popoli, in: La Sicilia nei secoli VI-X. Dinamiche di poteri e culture tra Oriente e Occidente, ed. Gabriele Archetti/Emmanuele Piazza (Brescia-Spoleto 2023) 129-44.
- The Frankish expansion and the character of interactions with other peoples, in: I Franchi. LXIX Settimana di Studio della Fondazione Centro di Studi sull'Alto Medioevo (Spoleto 2023) 203-28.
- Die Dukate Italiens und der Aufbau des Langobardenreiches, in: Die Dukate des Merowingerreiches. Archäologie und Geschichte in vergleichender Perspektive, ed. Sebastian Brather, Ergänzungsbände zum Reallexikon der Germanischen Altertumskunde 139 (Berlin/Boston 2023) 515-538.
- Historiography of the New Europe: Comparative Perspectives, in: Historiography & Identity 5: The Emergence of New Peoples and Polities, c. 1000-1300, ed. Walter Pohl, Francesco Borri and Veronika Wieser (Turnhout 2022) 467-81.

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- *Mapping Historiography: An Essay in Comparison*, in: *Historiography and Identity 4: The Writing of History across Medieval Eurasia*, ed. Walter Pohl and Daniel Mahoney (Turnhout 2021) 307-68, DOI 10.1484/M.CELAMA-EB.5.118670.
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- *Historiography of Disillusion: Erchempert and the History of Ninth-Century Southern Italy*, in: *Historiography and Identity 3: Carolingian Approaches*, ed. by Helmut Reimitz, Rutger Kramer and Graeme Ward (Turnhout 2021) 319-54.
- *Mapping Historiography: An Essay in Comparison*, in: *Historiography and Identity 4: The Writing of History across Medieval Eurasia*, ed. Walter Pohl and Daniel Mahoney (Turnhout 2021) 307-68, DOI 10.1484/M.CELAMA-EB.5.118670.
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- *Dinamiche etniche nel corso delle migrazioni*, in: *Le Migrazioni nell'Alto Medioevo*, 66^a Settimana di Studio del Centro di Studi sull'Alto Medioevo (Spoleto 2019) 1-22.
- *Historiography and Identity – Methodological Perspectives*, in *Historiography and Identity 1: Ancient and Early Christian Narratives of Community* ed. Walter Pohl and Veronika Wieser (Turnhout 2019) 7-50.
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- *Introduction: Early Medieval Romanness – a Multiple Identity*, in: *Transformations of Romanness in the Early Middle Ages: Regions and Identities*, ed. Clemens Gantner, Cinzia Grifoni, Walter Pohl and Marianne Pollheimer (Berlin/New York 2018) 3-39.
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- (2015), Special Issue: Visions of Community: Comparative Approaches to Medieval Forms of Identity in Europe and Asia, ed. Andre Gingrich/Christina Lutter, 18-35; DOI 10.1080/02757206.2014.937711; <http://epub.oeaw.ac.at/?arp=0x0039070d> (Green OA).
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 - Gens ipsa peribit: Kingdom and identity after the end of Lombard rule, in: 774 – ipotesi su una transizione, ed. Stefano Gasparri (Turnhout 2008) 67-78.
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 - Aux origines d'une Europe ethnique: Identités en transformation entre antiquité et moyen âge, in: *Annales: Histoire, Sciences sociales* 60/1 (2005) 183-208.
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 - Gender and ethnicity in the early middle ages, in: *Gender in the Early Medieval World: East and West, 300-900*, ed. Leslie Brubaker/Julia Smith (Cambridge 2004) 23-43.
 - Le leggi longobarde nell'Italia carolingia: contesto e trasmissione, in: *Paolino di Aquileia e il contributo italiano all'Europa carolingia*, ed. Paolo Chiesa (Udine 2003) 421-38.
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 - Memory, identity and power in Lombard Italy, in: *The Uses of the Past in the Early Middle Ages*, ed. Yitzhak Hen/Matthew Innes (Cambridge 2000) 9-28.