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Bio

Ursula K. Mindler-Steiner was born in Horn, Austria. She studied history and “combined studies” (called “Europe”; economics, law, and languages) at Karl Franzens University Graz (KFU) in Austria and Uppsala University in Sweden, before earning her Ph.D. in History from KFU-Graz. Ursula’s work on the National Socialist functionary Tobias Portschy (2006)¹ was awarded the Fred-Sinowatz-Wissenschaftspreis, and her research on the Jewish community of Oberwart/Felsőőr in Austria (2012)² won both the Fred-Sinowatz-Wissenschaftspreis (2012) and the Victor Adler Staatspreis-Förderungspreis (2013).

In addition to her research, Ursula served on the faculty at the Center for Jewish Studies at KFU-Graz and worked as lead curator for Austrian museum exhibitions on National Socialism and Jewish History.

From 2012 to 2014, Ursula served as an Assistant of Jewish Studies at Andrássy University Budapest (AUB). In spring 2014, she was Visiting Assistant Professor at Arizona State University. In the same year she was appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of History at KFU-Graz. In 2024, she submitted her habilitation on National Socialist victims in the Austrian-Hungarian border regions and received the *venia* for contemporary history. Ursula currently splits time between AUB-Budapest and KFU-Graz, where she was recently appointed Associate Professor at the Department of History (History of Austria and Central Europe).

Research Interests

- National Socialism and the Shoah
- Histories of Minorities (Jewish History, Romani History)
- Local History
- Central Europe, in particular Austria and Hungary (19–21c)
- Biography and Identity
- Memory Culture and Commemorations

Select publications available here:

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¹ Ursula Mindler, Tobias Portschy. Biographie eines Nationalsozialisten. Die Jahre bis 1945 (= Burgenländische Forschungen 92). Eisenstadt 2006.

² Ursula Mindler, Grenz-Setzungen im Zusammenleben. Verortungen jüdischer Geschichte in der ungarischen/österreichischen Provinz am Beispiel Oberwart/Felsőőr (= Schriften des Centrums für Jüdische Studien 20). Innsbruck-Wien-Bozen 2011.