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### EDUCATION

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[ June 2009 to December 2014 ]: South Asia Institute, Department of Geography, Heidelberg University, Germany

***PhD Geography***

[ Sep 1999 – Sep 2000 ]: Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, London, UK

***MSc Natural Resources (Ecosystems Management)***

[ Sep 1996 – July 1999 ]: University of Greenwich, London, UK

***BSc Geography (Hons)***

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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[ June 2009 to present ]: South Asia Institute, Department of Geography, Heidelberg University, Germany

***Research Associate***

- Semi-arid areas in transition: Livelihood security, socio-ecological variability and the role of development interventions in East Africa.

[ February 2008 to May 2009 ]: Marich Pass Field Studies Centre, Kenya

***Assistant Manager***

- Eco-centre for education in environmental, social and geographical subjects.

[ June 2005 to February 2008 ]: Centre for Development and Environment, University of Berne

***Programme Coordinator***

- **Sustainable Land Management Programme Eritrea:** supporting efforts towards sustainable land management, improved food security, and improved rural livelihoods.

[ June 2004 to June 2005 ]: Centre for Development and Environment, University of Berne

***Programme Officer***

- **Sustainable Land Management Programme Eritrea**

[ October 2002 to June 2005 ]: National Confederation of Eritrean Workers, Eritrea

***Coordinator***

- **Drylands Coordination Group:** a network promoting development in the dryland areas of Africa.

[ October 2002 to June 2004 ]: Eritrean Solidarity and Cooperation Association (NGO), Eritrea

***Project Manager***

- **Landmine Impact Survey:** a socioeconomic survey of the effects of landmines and unexploded ordnances (UXO) on communities in Eritrea.

[ August 2002 to September 2002 ]: Phaesun Asmara Co, Eritrea

***Acting Manager***

- Photovoltaic and Irrigation technology solutions company

[ March 2002 to July 2002 ]: Ministry of Land, Water and Environment, Eritrea

***Coordinator***

- **Convention on Biological Diversity.** Coordinating the implementing phase of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Eritrea. Funding from the Global Environment Facility / World Bank.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Roden, P., Bergmann, C. 2015. Esther's biography: Livelihood viability in the drylands of Central Pokot, Kenya. *The Unfamiliar*, Vol. 5 (1) (Accepted – May 2015)

Roden, P., Bergmann, C., Ulrich, A. and Nüsser M. 2014. Tracing Divergent Livelihood Pathways in the Drylands: A Perspective on Two Spatially Proximate Locations in Laikipia County, Kenya. (Under review with the *Journal of Arid Environments*)

Ulrich, A., Ifejika Speranza, C, Roden, P., Kiteme, B., Wiesmann, U. and Nüsser, M. 2012. Small-scale farming in semi-arid areas: Livelihood dynamics between 1997 and 2010 in Laikipia, Kenya, *Journal of Rural Studies*, 28 (3), 241-251

Roden P., Abraha, N., Debessai, M., Ghebreselassie, M., Beraki, H. and Kohler, T. 2007. Farmers' appraisal of pearl millet varieties in Eritrea. Berne: *Geographica Bernensia*. 53 pages

Roden, P, Negassi, A., and Beyene, Y. 2007. Bridging the Gap between Research, Extension and the Farmer in Eritrea. *Drylands Coordination Group Proceedings 22*. Oslo, Norway. 98 pages

Roden, P., Abraha, N., Tesfay, E. and Kohler, T. 2006. Participatory on-farm appraisal of improved pearl millet varieties in Eritrea. Berne: *Geographica Bernensia*. 38 pages

Gurtner, M., Zewenghel, G., Eyassu, H., Zerai, T., Hadgu, T., Stillhardt, B. and Roden, P. 2006. Land Management in the Central Highlands of Eritrea. A Participatory Appraisal of Conservation Measures and Soils in Afdeyu and its Vicinity. Berne: *Geographica Bernensia*, 204 pages

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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English (very good), Kiswahili (fair to good conversational) and Tigrinya (conversational).

## **RELEVANT COURSES**

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Land Degradation and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods: Field Assessment. Held at University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK & CEBAS, Centro de Edafología y Biología Aplicada del Segura, Spain. May 2005

## **NETWORK AFFILIATIONS**

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Member. Association of Eritreans in Agricultural Sciences.

Chairman: Drylands Coordination Group, Eritrea. (Retired 2007)