

# Curriculum Vitae

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Biologist, Dr. rer. nat.

## Kathrin Theissinger

Researcher and Lecturer

Functional Environmental Genomics  
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## Research interests & methods

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Biodiversity genomics  
Freshwater crayfish transcriptomics  
Metabarcoding of cryptic communities  
Conservation genetics

## Academic History

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| Since 09/20     | <b>Postdoctoral researcher</b> at LOEWE Centre for Translational Biodiversity Genomics, Senckenberg Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre, Frankfurt, Germany  |
| 06/12 - present | <b>Team Leader</b> “Conservation Genetics”, Institute of Environmental Science, University of Koblenz-Landau  |
| 12/13 – 11/14   | <b>maternal leave</b>   |
| 26/08/11        | <b>PhD defense</b> (Dr. rer. nat.) at the Institute of Molecular Ecology at the Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz, Germany. Thesis title: Comparative phylogeography of cold adapted freshwater insects in Europe      |
| 04/11 – present | <b>Researcher and lecturer</b> at the Institute of Environmental Science, University of Koblenz-Landau  |
| 04/10 – 03/11   | <b>maternal leave</b>   |
| 07/07 – 03/10   | <b>PhD studies</b> at the Institute of Molecular Ecology at the Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz, Germany, in cooperation with the Senckenberg Research Institute, Department of Limnology and Conservation, Germany. |

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| 09/06 - 06/07 | <b>Researcher</b> at the Senckenberg Research Institute, Department of Limnology and Conservation, Germany  |
| 08/06         | <b>Diploma degree</b> in biology, Institute of Molecular Ecology, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, Germany  |
| 11/04 – 10/05 | <b>Diploma Thesis</b> at the Institute for Applied Ecology, University of Canberra, Australia. Thesis title: Mating system in Flatback turtles ( <i>Natator depressus</i> ) |
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## Peer review publications

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- C Leeb, SL Kolbensschlag, A Laubscher, E Adams, C Brühl, **K Theissinger** (*in press*): Avoidance behavior of juvenile common toads (*Bufo bufo*) to surface contamination by different pesticides, *PlosONE*
- LM Kusanke, J Panteleit, E Sünger, S Stoll, R Schulz, **K Theissinger** (*in press*): Aquatic and Sedimentary Environmental DNA: Comparing Sampling and Laboratory Methods for the Detection of an Endangered, Cryptic Fish Species (*Misgurnus fossilis*). *Ecology and Evolution*
- C Leeb, C Brühl, **K Theissinger** (2020): Potential pesticide exposure during the post-breeding migration of the common toad (*Bufo bufo*) in a vineyard dominated landscape. *Science of the Total Environment*, [doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2019.134430](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2019.134430)
- O Pacioglu, **K Theissinger**, A Alexa, C Samoila, R Schulz, A Schrimpf, JP Zubrod, O Sîrbu, M Pîrvu, S Lele, JI Jones and L Parvulescu (2020): Multifaceted implications behind the competition of native and invasive crayfish: a glimmer of hope for the native's long-term survival? *Biological Invasions*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-019-02136-0> NN
- FitzSimmons, SD Pittard, N McIntyre, MP Jensen, M Guinea, M Hamann, R Kennett, B Leis, CJ Limpus, DJ Limpus, MJ McCann, A McDonald, G McFarlane, CJ Parmenter, K Pendoley, B Prince, L Slater, **K Theissinger**, AD. Tucker, D Waayers, A Whiting, S Whiting (2020): Phylogeography, genetic stocks, and conservation implications for an Australian endemic marine turtle. *Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems*, 30, 440-460. DOI: 10.1002/aqc.3270
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- J Panteleit, T Horvath, J Jussila, J Makkonen, W Perry, R Schulz, **K Theissinger**, A Schrimpf (2019): Invasive rusty crayfish (*Faxonius rusticus*) populations in North America infected with the crayfish plague disease agent (*Aphanomyces astaci*). *Freshwater Science*, DOI: 10.1086/703417
- R Andriantsoa, S Tönges, J Panteleit, **K Theissinger**, VC Carneiro, J Rasamy, and F Lyko (2019): Ecological plasticity and commercial impact of invasive marbled crayfish populations on Madagascar. *BMC Ecology*, 19, 8-17. DOI: 10.1186/s12898-019-0224-1
- **K Theissinger**, A Kästel, V Elbrecht, J Makkonen, S Michiels, S Schmidt, S Allgeier, F Leese, CA Brühl (2018): Using DNA metabarcoding for assessing chironomid diversity and community change regarding mosquito control

- actions in temporary wetlands. *Metabarcoding and Metagenomics*, 1: e21060  
DOI 10.3897/mbmg.1.21060
- J Makkonen, J Jussila, J Panteleit, NS Keller, A Schrimpf, **K Theissingner**, R Kortet, L Martín-Torrijos, JV Sandoval-Sierra, J Diéguez-Uribeondo, and H Kokko (2018): MtDNA allows the sensitive detection and haplotyping of the crayfish plague disease agent *Aphanomyces astaci* showing clues about its origin and migration. *Parasitology*, doi: 10.1017/S0031182018000227
  - A Schrimpf, M Piscione, R Cammaerts, D Herman, M Collas, A Jung, F Ottburg, I Roessink, X Rollin, R Schulz, **K Theissingner** (2017): Genetic characterization of Western European noble crayfish populations (*Astacus astacus*) for advanced conservation management strategies. *Conservation Genetics*. DOI 10.1007/s10592-017-0981-3
  - PP Lenhardt, CA Brühl, C Leeb, **K Theissingner** (2017): Amphibian population genetics in agricultural landscapes: Do non-visible barriers in viticulture drive the population structuring of the European common frog (*Rana temporaria*)? *PeerJ*, DOI 10.7717/peerj.3520
  - J Panteleit, NS Keller, H Kokko, J Jussila, J Makkonen, **K Theissingner**, A Schrimpf (2017): Investigation of ornamental crayfish reveals new carrier species of the crayfish plague pathogen (*Aphanomyces astaci*). *Aquatic Invasions*, 12, (1:) 77–83.
  - PP Lenhardt, **K Theissingner** (2017): Repeated randomized selection of genotypes for reliable population differentiation in data containing siblings.
  - **K Theissingner**, C Falckenhayn, D Blande, A Toljamo, J Gutekunst, J Makkonen, J Jussila, F Lyko, A Schrimpf, R Schulz, H Kokko (2016): De Novo assembly and annotation of the freshwater crayfish *Astacus astacus* transcriptome. *Marine Genomics*. doi:10.1016/j.margen.2016.02.006
  - A Schrimpf, **K Theissingner**, J Dahlem, I Maguire, L Parvulescu, HK Schulz, R Schulz (2014): Phylogeography of noble crayfish (*Astacus astacus*) reveals multiple refugia. *Freshwater Biology*. 59, 761–776. doi:10.1111/fwb.12302
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  - P Lenhardt, RB Schäfer, **K Theissingner**, C Brühl (2013): An expert-based landscape permeability model for assessing the impact of agricultural management on amphibian migration. *Basic and Applied Ecology*, 14, 442–451.
  - **K Theissingner**, M Bálint, K Feldheim, P Haase, J Johannesen, I Laube, SU Pauls (2013): Glacial survival and postglacial recolonization of an arctic-alpine freshwater insect (*Arcynopteryx dichroa*, Plecoptera, Perlodidae) in Europe. *Journal of Biogeography*, 40, 236–248 doi:10.1111/j.1365-2699.2012.02793.x
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