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CURRICULUM VITAE

Date of birth December 30, 1987

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND INTEREST

Islamic historiography and historical memory, interaction and exchange in Islamic and Mediterranean written cultures, material culture studies, Islamicate iconographies of authority, prosopographical approaches to Islamic history, history of Arabic-Islamic sciences.

EDUCATION

2017 – current	Habilitation, Bayreuth University (Islamic Studies).			
2012 – 2014	Ph.D., Bayreuth University (Islamic Studies).			
2006 – 2011	Magister Artium, Freiburg University, Germany (Islamic Studies, Ancient Greek and Economic Policy).			
2008 – 2009	Economic History, Cairo University, Egypt.			
ACADEMIC POSITIONS				
2016 – current	Akademischer Rat (equivalent to assistant professor / lecturer), Chair of Islamic Studies, Bayreuth University.			
2015 – 2016	Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (research assistant) / Postdoc with DYNTRAN, Dynamics of Transmission: Families, Authority and Knowledge in the Early Modern Middle East (15 th -17 th centuries), Institute for Iranian Studies, Marburg University.			
2012 – 2014	Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (research assistant) in Islamic Studies at Bayreuth University.			
ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES				
2018 / 10 – current	Representatitive of the non-professorial faculty (Mittelbau) in the commission for the allocation of supplementary funding (Studienzuschuss-Kommission) of the Faculty for Languages & Literatures.			
2016 / 5 – 2019 / 4	Responsible moderator of the programs in Arabic and Islamic Studies within the BA-major in "Culture and Society", Bayreuth University.			

2018 / 4 – 2018 / 9 Representation of the Chair of Islamic Studies, Bayreuth

University.

2016 / 5 – 2018 / 9 Responsible moderator of the BA-minor in "Arabic and Islamic

Language and Culture Studies", Bayreuth University.

ADVANCED TRAINING IN UNIVERSITY TEACHING

2018 / 1 Zertifikat Hochschullehre der Bayerischen Universitäten

(Grundstufe).

COURSES TAUGHT AT BAYREUTH UNIVERSITY 2016 -

Summer 2019 Reading class on Classical Arabic texts related to Hadīth.

Reading class on Classical Arabic texts related to Islamic

Mysticism.

Winter 2018 / 19 Lecture: "History of Islam in Africa (until 1800)".

Seminar: "Introduction to Ḥadīth: 'You can be the Happiest

Woman in the World!"

Seminar: "Broad-mindedness in Sicily? Muslims and Islamic court culture under the Normans" (together with Prof. Berner,

History of Religions).

Summer 2018 Seminar: "Introduction to the Qur'ān".

Reading class on Classical Arabic texts related to Hadīth.

Seminar: "Holy Places in Iran", including an excursion to Western Iran in July 2018 (together with Dr. Funke, Religious

Studies).

Reading class on Medieval Latin texts dealing with religious pluralism in the Iberian Peninsula (together with Prof. Berner,

History of Religions).

Winter 2017 / 18 Lecture: "History of Islam in Africa (until 1800)".

Seminar: "Introduction to Ḥadīth: Ḥadīth in Late Medieval

Anatolia", including an excursion to Eastern Anatolia planned for

March / April 2018.

Seminar: "Interfering ages? The narrative treatment of "others" in medieval German and Arabic-Islamic literature" (together with

PD Dr. Wagner, Medieval German Studies).

Summer 2017 Seminar: "Multifaceted Modernity: Cairo and Egypt from

Muḥammad 'Alī to the Arab Spring", including an excursion to

Cairo in September 2017.

Reading class on Classical Arabic texts related to Ḥadīṭh.

Winter 2016 / 17 Lecture: "History of Islam in Africa (until 1800)".

Seminar: "Urban topography and building patronage in Morocco", including an excursion to Morocco in February / March 2017.

Reading class on Late Antique / Early Medieval Latin pilgrimage accounts (together with Prof. Berner, History of Religions).

Course on the Transscription of Arabic.

Summer 2016 Seminar: "Introduction to Ḥadīth: Theories, Spaces and Society",

including an excursion to Cairo in October 2016.

Reading class on Classical Arabic texts related to Ḥadīṭh.

COURSES TAUGHT AT MARBURG UNIVERSITY 2015 / 2016

Winter 2015 / 16 Seminar: "Quellenkunde zur Iranischen Geschichte / Sources for

Iranian History".

Summer 2015 Seminar: "History and Monuments in Western Iran", including

an excursion to Iran in September / October 2015 (together with

PD von der Osten-Sacken, Assyriology).

COURSES TAUGHT AT BAYREUTH UNIVERSITY 2012 – 2014

Winter 2014 / 15 Seminar: "Charity in medieval Christianity and Islam:

Comparing Venice and the Ottomans in the 15th Century", including an excursion to Bursa and Edirne in November 2014

(together with Prof. Berner, History of Religions).

Summer 2014 Seminar: "The revolt of the Mahdi: Eschatology in Islamic

History of Thought".

Seminar: "The constant periphery: Southeastern Anatolia since

the Early Islamic Conquests", including an excursion to Diyarbakır, Urfa and Mardin in September / October 2014.

Winter 2013 / 14 Seminar: "Islamicity and Nationalism in Albania", including an

excursion to Albania in March 2014.

Seminar: "Border-crossing figures between Islam and

Christianity in narrative Medieval texts" (together with Prof.

Berner, History of Religions).

Summer 2013 Seminar: "Introduction to Islam on the Balkans".

Seminar: Reading course on Salvation History focussing on Israel

/ Palestine.

Winter 2012 / 13 Seminar: "Islamic Architecture in Cairo", including an excursion

to Cairo in February 2013.

Seminar: "Constructing strangeness: Orient and discourses on the Orient in 19th and 20th century German literature" (together with

Dr. Bauer, German literatur studies).

Summer 2012 Seminar: "Introduction to Islamic Architecture".

Seminar: "Religions in Turkey", including an excursion to Bursa and Istanbul in June 2012 (together with Prof. Bochinger, Religious Studies).

LANGUAGES

German Native Speaker.

English Fluent.

French Excellent reading, good spoken.

Arabic Excellent reading of both Classical and Modern Standard Arabic

(*Großer Sprachschein*, highest degree available at Freiburg University), good conversational skills in Modern Standard Arabic, moderate conversational skills in Egyptian dialect.

Persian Excellent reading of both Classical and Modern Persian (*Großer*

Sprachschein, highest degree available at Freiburg University),

good conversational skills.

Turkish Excellent reading of both Modern and Ottoman Turkish (*Großer*

Sprachschein, highest degree available at Freiburg University),

good conversational skills.

Albanian Reading with dictionary, good conversational skills.

Latin Excellent reading in Classical and Medieval Latin (*Großes*

Latinum, extensive reading experience).

Ancient Greek Excellent reading (*Graecum*), secondary subject in Magister

Artium degree.

Reading knowledge of Italian, Spanish, Azeri, Urdu (*Kleiner Sprachschein*, Freiburg University), Hebrew (*Hebraicum*), Ottoman Turkish, Rumanian, Syriac, Sabaic, Modern Greek and Bulgarian.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

2015 / 10 – 2019 / 3 META: Middle East, topics and arguments (Academic Online

Journal, http://meta-journal.net/): Responsible co-editor of the

sections Off Topic and Review.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

2) Kinda in der frühislamischen Geschichte: Eine prosopographische Studie auf Basis der frühen und klassischen arabisch-islamischen Geschichtsschreibung, MISK, Ergon Verlag, Würzburg 2017.

1) Die Rezepte der Freiburger alchemistischen Handschrift des 'Abd al-Ğabbār al-Hamadānī, IU, Klaus Schwarz Verlag, Berlin 2013.

Edited Volumes:

1) *META8: Iconography*, special issue of the Academic Online Journal META, edited together with Perrine Lachenal, Marburg University, May 2017. https://meta-journal.net/issue/view/190.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Academic Journals:

- 4) "Encounters of Christian power and Islamic truth? Two stories of divine intervention on behalf of Islam", 62-73 in *eHumanista* 41, *Places of Encounter: Language, Culture, and Religious Identity in Medieval Iberia* (2019).
- 3) "Ramon Martí or: How to emulate the Qur'ān", 181-194 in *Intellectual Heritage of the Ancient and Mediaeval Near East* 3 (2019).
- 2) "Aqquyunlu Turkmen rulers facing the ruins of Takht-i Jamshid", 479-506 in *Der Islam*, 95, 2 (2018).
- 1) "Sacred Topography: A spatial approach to the *stelae* of Gao-Saney", 44-59 in *Islamic Africa*, 7 (2016).

Articles in collected volumes:

- 2) "The Liberties of a Transmitter: Frantz Fanon according to Sharī'atī", pp. 157-169 in: *Ali Shariati and the Future of Social Theory: Religion, Revolution and the Role of the Intellectual*, edited by Dustin J. Byrd and Seyed Javad Miri, Leiden et al. 2017.
- 1) Editorial: "Contested Images: Iconographical approaches to the MENA-region" (co-authored with Perrine Lachenal), 5-11 in: *META*, 8 (2017).

Book Reviews and Review Articles in Academic Journals:

- 4) *In God's Path: The Arab Conquests and the Creation of an Islamic Empire*, R. G. Hoyland. Review, pp. 327-334 in: Plekos 20, 2018. See here: http://www.plekos.unimuenchen.de/2018/r-hoyland.pdf.
- 3) *The Arabic Historical Tradition and the Early Islamic Conquests. Folklore, Tribal Lore, Holy War*, B. Shoshan. Review article, pp. 449-463 in: Plekos 19, 2017. See here: http://www.plekos.uni-muenchen.de/2017/r-shoshan.pdf.
- 2) Die Entstehung des Islam, Die ersten hundert Jahre, Von Mohammed bis zum Weltreich der Kalifen, L. Berger. Review, in: H SOZ / KULT, published March 8, 2017. See here: https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/rezbuecher-26698.
- 1) Das Kitāb Sidrat al-muntahā des Pseudo-Ibn Waḥšīya. Einleitung, Edition und Übersetzung eines hermetisch-allegorischen Traktats zur Alchemie, Chr. Braun. Review, 587-588 in: Der Islam, 93, 2, 2016.

Posts on Academic Research Blogs, Contributions to Conference Reports etc:

- 6) "IX. Intertextuality as a Typical Feature of Early Arabic Historiography", pp. 172-173 in: "New Insights into Early Islamic Historiography: A Substantial Conference Report", 149-177 in: *Al-'Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā* 25 (2017).
- 5) "Subordinary patronage under the Akkoyunlu: Uzun Ḥasan at Ushturjān", posted with DYNTRAN, November 2015. http://dyntran.hypotheses.org/776.
- 4) "A hierarchy of rule? 15th century Ottoman building inscriptions in Bulgaria and Thrace II", posted with DYNTRAN, October 2015. http://dyntran.hypotheses.org/763.

- 3) "Some context: Two 15th century Ottoman building inscriptions from Edirne", posted with DYNTRAN, September 2015. http://dyntran.hypotheses.org/749.
- 2) "Can the Ak- and Karakoyunlu be described as Dynasties?", posted with DYNTRAN, July 2015. https://dyntran.hypotheses.org/700.
- 1) "Some thoughts on Uzun Ḥasans inscription in the masjid-i jāmi' of Iṣfahān: Gleichzeitigkeit des Ungleichzeitigen?", posted with DYNTRAN, June 2015. http://dyntran.hypotheses.org/259.

CONFERENCES AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Panels, Workshops and Conferences Organized and Convened:

2017 / 9 Panel on A ruler of Character? The Personality of rulers as a factor in 15th Century Aq- and Qaraqoyunlu Turkmen court

ceremonial, Deutscher Orientalistentag, Jena University,

Germany (together with Ilse Sturkenboom).

2015 / 11 Inaugural First General Workshop of DYNTRAN, Marburg

University, Germany.

Academic Papers Presented (selection, complete list available on request):

Upcoming 2019/12	"Local elites during two fitnas: Al-Ash`ath b. Qays and	
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Muḥammad b. al-Ash and the quarter of Kinda in 7th Century Kufa" ("The ties that bind": Mechanisms and Structures of Social Dependency in the early Islamic Empire, Leiden).

Upcoming 2019 / 9 "Erudition at the Intersection of Genres? The Deployment of

genres in Ibn Ajā's Tārīkh al-Amīr Yashbak" (Rethinking Genre

in the Islamicate Middle East, University of Hamburg).

Upcoming 2019 / 9 "Imagining Unbelief: References to the Jāhiliyya in 15th Century

Western Iran" (9th European Conference of Iranian Studies, FU

Berlin, 9–13 September 2019).

2018 / 7 "Palimpsest and Spolia: Ruins in 14th and 15th Century

Persianate Court Culture" (Palaeopersepolis Colloquium, Kiel

University, Germany).

2017 / 9 "A talented prince as a source of dynastic legitimacy? 'Alī b.

Khalīl b. Uzun Ḥasan at Takht-i Jamshīd / Persepolis" (Deutscher

Orientalistentag, Jena University, Germany).

2016 / 10 "Insult the caliph, marry al-Ḥasan, and redeem your kingdom:

Freiheitsgrade of Kindī elites during the 7th to 9th century CE" (conference Regional and Transregional Elites – Connecting the

Early Islamic Empire, Hamburg University, Germany).

2016 / 3 "Between "tribe" and "empire"? The iconography of ruling

"dynasties" in 15th century "Turkmen" contexts" (conference *Dynasty and Dynasticism 1400—1700*, Somerville College,

University of Oxford, UK).

2015 / 12 "Bürgerforum einer Planstadt? Die Ğabbānat Kinda im

frühislamischen Kufa zwischen Stadttopographie und

	Etymologie" (Bürgerforum einer Planstadt? Jabbānat Kinda in Early Islamic Kufa between Urban Topography and Etymology, Workshop <i>The Etymology of Arabic</i> , Erlangen University, Germany).
2015 / 12	"Die Grenzen der Durchlässigkeit: Zum Zusammenspiel verschiedener Autoritätstraditionen in der Herrschaftslegitimation von Ak- und Karakoyunlu" (The limits of Permeability: The interweaving of different traditions of authority in the legitimation of Ak- and Karakoyunlu rulership, Invited Evening Lecture for the <i>Bayerische Orient-Kolloquium</i> , Erlangen University, Germany).
2015 / 11	"Rites de passage of authority: Constructing Ak- and Karakoyunlu as Dynasties" (Inaugural Workshop DYNTRAN, Marburg University, Germany).
2015 / 7	"Towards a Salvational Geography: The role of 'Umar in shared sacred spaces in the Levante" (<i>Sharing the Holy Land</i> , International Medieval Conference, University of Leeds, UK).
2015 / 6	"Taking an ocean for our quarry? Some methodological reflections in working with early Arabic historiography" (Workshop <i>Fresh Perspectives on early Muslim Historiography</i> , Göttingen University, Germany).
2015 / 6	"Permeability and mutual congruence as categories in the study of shared sacred space: The case of 12th / 13th century Jazīra" (Symposium <i>Sharing the Holy Land</i> , Warburg Institute, London, UK).
2014/9	"The language of Authority: Zur Formensprache von Ak- und Karakoyunlu im langen 15. Jahrhundert" (The language of Authority: Remarks on the iconography of Ak- and Karakoyunlu during the long 15 th century, <i>Nachwuchstagung Iranistik</i> , Universität Bonn, Germany).
2014 / 1	"Kinda oder was wissen wir über frühislamische Geschichte?" (Kinda or what do we know about Early Islamic History, Invited Evening Lecture, Leipzig University, Germany).
2013 / 12	"Gemeinsame Durchdachtheit und totale Kontamination als Paradigma der frühislamischen Überlieferung" (Conjoint deliberatedness and total contamination as paradigms of Early Islamic Tradition, Invited Evening Lecture, Göttingen University, Germany).
2013 / 9	"Islamische Elefanten: Albrecht Noth weiter denken" (Islamic Elefants: Revisiting Albrecht Noth, <i>Deutscher Orientalistentag</i> , Münster University, Germany).
2012 / 11	"Experimentation and an open text: On the genesis of variants in the Tadkira of the Qāḍī 'Abd al-Ğabbār al-Hamadānī" (workshop rethinking authorship in Islamic literature, Bayreuth University, Germany).

2012 / 11	"Die Rolle von Stamm und Stammeszugehörigkeit in der frühislamischen Geschichte" (The role of tribe and tribal affiliation in Early Islamic history, Invited Evening Lecture, Leipzig University, Germany).			
2011 / 5	"The tadkira of Qāḍī l-Quḍā 'Abd al-Ğabbār al-Hamadānī: A judge's expertise on coinforgery" (46th Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, MI, USA).			
Other Lectures and Panel appearances (selection, complete list available on request):				
2017 / 1	Moderator at the "Diskussionsabend Islam", convened by the Juso-Hochschulgruppe Bayreuth.			
2016 / 9	Inter-cultural Coach at the Landratsamt Kulmbach.			
2016 / 8	Discussant at the panel "Culture in Post-Timurid Iran", International Society of Iranian Studies Conference, Vianna University, Austria.			
2016 / 7	Moderator at the "Frageforum Islam", convened by the Juso-Hochschulgruppe Bayreuth.			
2015 / 11	Chair of the panel "Not the End of the World: Families and Paradigm Shifts" at the Inaugural First General Workshop of DYNTRAN, Marburg University, Germany.			
MAJOR FIELD RESEARCH				
2019 / 4	Jordan (focus on Epigraphy and Islamic Architecture).			
2018 / 10	Eastern Turkey (focus on Epigraphy and Islamic Architecture).			
2016 / 9 – 10	Morocco (focus on Islamic Architecture and Town Structure).			
2016 / 3 – 4	Western Turkey (focus on Islamic Architecture and Epigraphy).			
2015 / 8	Bulgaria and Hungary (focus on Early Ottoman Architecture and Epigraphy, Islam on the Balkans).			
2014 / 7 – 9	Iran (focus on Architecture and Archeology of Sassanian-Early Islamic and Timurid-Turkmen periods).			
2012 / 7 – 9	Anatolia and the Balkans (focus on Town Structures and Architecture in Eastern and Central Anatolia, Islam on the Balkans).			
2011 / 8	Islamic Sicily and Southern Italy (focus on Islamic Architecture and Arbëresh minorities).			
2010 / 8	Islamic Spain (focus on Islamic Architecture).			
2010 / 3	Albania and the Balkans (focus on Islamic Architecture and Islam on the Balkans).			

2008 / 10 – 2009 / 3 Cairo (focus on Islamic Architecture and urban structure).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

2019 –	Institute for African Studies,	University of Bayreuth.

2018 – Societas Iranologica Europaea.

2016 – 2018 Association for Iranian Studies.

2012 – Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (DAVO).