

CURRICULUM VITAE

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BIRTH: February 25, 1972

MARITAL STATUS: divorced, 2 children (*1999, *2018)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND INTEREST

Gender and Authority, Sufism, West African Manuscript Culture, Religious Transformation, Popular Islam, Translocality, Intersectionality

EDUCATION

2012	Ph.D.	Free University Berlin, Germany (Islamic Studies)
2003-2006	M.A. Studies	Free University Berlin, Germany (Islamic Studies, African Studies, Political Science)
1999-2003		<i>Parental leave & Freelance work (IT trainer & Webdesign)</i>
1998-99	M.A. Studies	Free University Berlin, Germany (Islamic Studies, African Studies, Political Science)
1997-98	Arabic Language	Damascus, Syria
1994-1997	Undergraduate Studies	Albert-Ludwig-Universität Freiburg, Germany (Islamic Studies, Political Science, Computer Linguistics)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022-	Substitute Chair of Islamic Studies, University of Bayreuth, Germany
2019-2022	Postdoctoral Researcher, Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, University of Bayreuth, Germany
2019 (March to July)	Research Fellow, Institute for African and Asian Studies, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany (Volkswagen Foundation)
2017-2019	<i>Parental leave & elderly care work</i>
2017 (February to November)	Research Fellow, Leibniz Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin, Germany
2015-2017	DIN-Postdoctoral Research Fellow, BGSMCS, Free University Berlin, Germany
2014-2015	Substitute Teaching Position, Islamic Studies, University of Bayreuth
2013-2014	ZMO-Postdoctoral Fellow, BGSMCS, Free University Berlin, Germany
2011-2013	Research Fellow, Islamic Studies, University of Bayreuth
2006-2011	Junior Research Fellow, Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin, Germany

COURSES TOUGHT (since 2012)

Sufi Movements; Muslim Minorities; Muslim Brotherhood; History of the Prophet and his Companions and its contemporary perception; Islamic Concepts of Knowledge; Islamic Education; History of Pilgrimage: Transformation of Technology and Governance; Authority in Islam; Islam in North, East, and West Africa, Introduction to Quran; Introduction to Hadith; Social Stratification in Muslim Africa; Slavery and Islam; Islam and Colonialism; Women Scholars in Islam; Orientalism; Feminism; Gender; Intersectionality

ACADEMIC HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

2022	Visiting Research Fellow (3 weeks) , Centre des Études et Recherches Ouest-Saharien (CEROS), Nouakchott, Mauritania
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- 2021** **Postdoc Working Group Grant (14.000€)**, Bayreuth Academy, University of Bayreuth, *Afr(io)futurism: Debates, Contestations, Interventions*, convened together with Literature Studies (Dr. Xin Li, Dr. Mario Fausti-Scalisi, and Dr. Gilbert Ndi Shang)
- 2017-2020** **Senior German Postdoc Fellow Grant (15.000€)**, Volkswagen Foundation Initiative "Knowledge for Tomorrow", Cooperation partner in the project *Jihad for all? Religious Knowledge, Counter-Narrativity and De-Radicalisation Strategies in Kenya*, convened by Dr. Halkano Abdi Wario (Egerton University, Nakuru, Kenya)
- 2016** **Visiting Research Fellow (4 months)**, African Studies Centre, Leiden, Netherlands
- 2015** **Research Award**, Annemarie Schimmel Foundation, German Orientalist Society (DMG)/Section Islamic Studies
- 2015** **Visiting Research Fellow (1 month)**, HUMA – The Institute for humanities in Africa, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2014** **Dissertation Award: Hedwig-Hintze-Frauenförderpreis 2013**, Equal Opportunity office, Faculty for History and Cultural Studies, Free University Berlin, Germany
- 2014** **Conference Grant (20.000€)**, Jutta Vogel Foundation (University of Cologne, Germany), *Les manuscrits de la Mauritanie - évaluation critique et développement d'une stratégie future des activités pour sa conservation*, September 2015, ZMO Berlin, Germany
- 2013-2016** **Junior German Postdoc Fellow Grant (15.000€)**, Volkswagen Foundation Initiative "Knowledge for Tomorrow", collaboration partner in the project *Printing Knowledge, Informing the Umma: Historical and Contextual Analysis of the Kenya's Friday Bulletin*, convened by Dr. Halkano Abdi Wario (St. Pauls University, Limuru, Kenya)
- 2013** **Visiting Research Fellow (3 weeks)**, Centre des Études et Recherches Ouest-Saharien (CEROS), Nouakchott, Mauritania
- 2012** **Visiting Research Fellow (3 weeks)**, Centre des Études et Recherches Ouest-Saharien (CEROS), Nouakchott, Mauritania
- 2012** **Visiting Research Fellow (4 weeks)**, Université Nouakchott / Dep. d'Histoire - International Master Studies Program, Nouakchott, Mauritania

- 2009 **Visiting Junior Research Fellow (4 weeks)**, Centre des Études et Recherches Ouest-Saharien (CEROS), Nouakchott, Mauritania
- 2007 **Visiting Junior Research Fellow (8 weeks)**, Université Nouakchott / Dep. d'Histoire / Laboratoire des Études et Recherches d'Histoire Islamique (LERHI), Nouakchott, Mauritania
- 2006 **Visiting Junior Research Fellow (6 weeks)**, Université Nouakchott / Dep. d'Histoire / Laboratoire des Études et Recherches d'Histoire Islamique (LERHI), Nouakchott, Mauritania
- 2006 –2008 **DFG Research Grant (ca. 85.000€)** for the research project *Translocal Discourse of Islamic Reform among the Idaw 'Alī during the French Colonial Expansion, 1830-1935*, as part of the ZMO Project Group "Translocality in the Sahara Sahel Region"

LANGUAGES

German (native); Arabic, English, French (all fluent); Persian, Kiswahili, Spanish, Hausa (reading skills)

STUDIES AND RESEARCH ABROAD

- 2022 **Kenya**; field research on Islamic education and libraries; Mombasa and Nairobi, (10 days)
- 2022 **Mauritania**; field research on Islamic education in Nouakchott, Akjoujt, Chinguetti, Boumdeid, Aioun, and Arafat (4 weeks)
- 2016 **Netherlands**, archival research on Arabic Devotional Literature, University Library of Leiden (4 months)
- 2015 **Kenya**; field research on Islamic education for women, Mombasa (2 weeks)
- 2015 **South Africa**; field research on Islamic education for women, Cape Town (4 weeks)
- 2013 **Mauritania**; field research on Islamic education for women in Nouakchott (3 weeks)
- 2012 **Mauritania**; field research on Islamic education for women in Nouakchott (7 weeks)
- 2009 **Mauritania**, field research on the Tijaniyya in 20th century in Chinguetti, Baraina, Ma'ata Moulana, Nouakchott (4 weeks)

- 2007 **France**, archival research on Religious Policies of French Administration in Mauritania, Centre des Archives d'Outre Mer, Aix-en-Provence (3 weeks)
- 2007 **Mauritania**, field research on the Tijaniyya 20th century in Chinguetti, Tidjikja, and Baraina (8 weeks)
- 2006 **Mauritania**, field research on the Tijaniyya in 19th century in Chinguetti, Kiffa, Ma'ata Moulana, Timbou Ya'li, and Boubacar (6 weeks)
- 2006 **Morocco**, archival research on the Tijaniyya in 19th century, University of Fes and Bibliothèque Générale, Rabat. (2 weeks),
- 2006 **France**, archival research on the Religious Policies of French Administration in Mauritania, Centre des Archives d'Outre Mer, Aix-en-Provence (3 weeks)
- 2004 **France**, archival research on Hajj Umar Tal al-Futi and his Trans-saharan relations, Bibliothèque Nationale Française, Paris (3 weeks)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Die Erneuerung der Tiğāniya in Mauretanien. Popularisierung religiöser Ideen in der Kolonialzeit. ZMO Studien; 31. Berlin: Schwarz-Verlag, 2014.

Editorship: Special Issue and Collective Volume

- Together with Joseph Hill, Special issue: En-gendering Islamic Knowledge and Authority in West Africa, *Islamic Africa*, Vol. 5, Nr 2, 2014.

Articles and Chapters (peer-reviewed)

- Le monde renversé? La Fayḍa chez les Idaw 'Alī après les années 1930. In: *Le Sahel musulman entre soufisme et salafisme : Subalternité, luttes de classement et transnationalisme*, ed. by Jean Schmitz, Abdel Wedoud Ould-Cheikh, Cédric Jourde, p. 251-74. Paris: Karthala, 2022.
- In an Era of Threats of Terror: Negotiating the Governance of a (trans)Local Islamic Heritage in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in: *Muslim Worlds – Worlds of Islam*, ed. by Ulrike Freitag, Claudia Ghrawi, et al., 131-58. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021.
- What does traditional Islamic education mean? Examples from Nouakchott's contemporary female learning circles, in: *New Directions in the Study of Islamic Scholarship in Africa*, ed. by Ousmane Kane, 300-20. London: James Currey, 2021. French translation: Qu'est-ce que l'éducation islamique traditionnelle veut

dire? : Réflexions sur les cercles d'apprentissage féminins contemporains de Nouakchott. In: *Erudition islamique en Afrique : Nouvelles pistes de recherche et contexte mondial*, ed. par Ousmane Kane, p. 294-314. Dakar: CEDRIS, 2022.

- Chapter II: Knowledge transmission. Introduction, in: *New Directions in the Study of Islamic Scholarship in Africa*, ed. by Ousmane Kane, 233-38. London: James Currey, 2021. French translation: Introduction. In: *Erudition islamique en Afrique : Nouvelles pistes de recherche et contexte mondial*, ed. par Ousmane Kane, p. 224-9. Dakar: CEDRIS, 2022.
- Women Scholars in Muslim Africa, in: *The Palgrave Handbook of Islam in Africa*, ed. by Faola, Kurfi, Ngom, 221-32. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.
- Arabic Manuscripts of the Western Sahara: trying to frame an African literary tradition, *Journal of Islamic Manuscripts*, Vol. 8, No. 1, 2017, 57-84.
- Following in the Steps of ‘Ā’isha: Hassāniyya Speaking Tijānī Women as Spiritual Guides (muqaddamāt) and Teaching Islamic Scholars (limrābuṭāt) in Mauritania, *Islamic Africa* Vol., 5, No. 2, 2014, 225-73.
- with Joseph Hill, En-gendering Islamic Knowledge and Authority in Africa: An Introduction, *Islamic Africa*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2014, 131-65.

Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

- Brakna. In: *Encyclopedia Islamica Online*, ed. by Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas and Everett Rowson. Leiden: Brill, 2014.
- Islamic Scholarship in Mauritania. In: *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, Url: <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/>, 2013.
- Sidi Ahmad b. al-Amin al-Shinqiti. In: *Dictionary of African Biography*, ed. by Henry Louis Gates & Emmanuel Akyeampong. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- Shaykhani b. Muhammad al-Tulba. In: *Dictionary of African Biography*, ed. by Henry Louis Gates & Emmanuel Akyeampong. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Further Articles and Chapters

- Translokale Expansion und Vermittlung religiös-sufischen Wissens: Die Rolle der Idaw ‘Alī (Mauretaniens) in der Tijānīya, in: *Jenseits etablierter Meta-Geographien. Der Nahe Osten und Nordafrika in transregionaler Perspektive*, hrsg. v. Steffen Wippel und Andrea Fischer-Tahir, 175-92. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2018.
- Mauritania’s Manuscripts – a critical evaluation of former conservation projects and developing future strategies. A Workshop Report, *Annual Review of Islam in Africa*, Nr 15, 2016.
- Une colonisation à la marge? Quelques aspects de la transformation religieuse de la société hassanophone pendant la période colonial française. In: *L’héritage*

colonial du Maroc. Actes du 8e colloque Maroc-Allemande, Bayreuth 2011, ed. par Herbert Popp et Mohamed Aït Hamza, p. 329-338. Bayreuth: Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft Bayreuth e.V., 2012.

- Alleinreisende Frauen in der Kolonie: Reiseberichte als Medium zur Popularisierung kolonialer Machtpolitik. In: *Der weibliche Blick auf den Orient. Reisebeschreibungen europäischer Frauen im Vergleich*, hrsg. von Miroslawa Czarnecka, Christa Ebert u. Grazyna Barbara Szewczyk, Jahrbuch für Internationale Germanistik; Reihe A, Bd. 102, S. 149-174. Bern, Peter Lang 2011.
- Nur ein Nomade kann ein Held sein. In: *Orientalische Reisende in Europa – Europäische Reisende im Nahen Osten: Bilder vom Selbst und Imagination des Anderen*, hrsg. von Bekim Agai und Zita Ágota Pataki, Bonner Islamstudien 19, S. 135-58. Berlin, EB-Verlag 2010.

CONFERENCE AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

1) Panels, Workshop, and Lectures Organized and Convened

2022

- **Co-Convenor** together with Hassan Ndzovu (Moi University, Kenya); Panel: **“Popular culture as Learning Event: Identity Making as a Performative Act in Africa and its Diasporas”**, 2022 Annual conference of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence ‘*Medialities*’, 6-9 July 2022, University of Bayreuth (Germany) and University of Rhodes (South Africa) (hybrid).
- **Co-Convenor** together with Hassan Ndzovu (Moi University, Kenya); Panel: **“Trajectories of Islamic Learning and Knowledge Transmission in Africa”**, ASAA2022 Conference - 4th Biennial Conference of the African Studies Association of Africa in Cape Town, 11-16 April 2022 at the University of Cape Town, South Africa

2021

- **Co-Convenor** together with Hassan Ndzovu (Moi University, Kenya); Panel D26: **„Multiplicity of Learning Events: the Relationality of Learning in Africa and Beyond“**, International Conference „Africa knows! It is time to decolonize the minds“, Den Haag, 2. Dezember 2020 - 28. Februar 2021 (online).

2018

- **Organizer** of the Lecture **«Transcendant et vécu dans la culture saharienne (de quelques aspects du chant religieux)»**, Fatimatou Abdel Wahhab (Université contemporaine du Nouakchott) (arab; frz.), 5 July 2018, Leibniz Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin (Germany)

2017

- **Co-Convenor** together with Halkano Abdi Wario (Egerton University, Kenya); Workshop: "**Kick-Off Workshop - Jihad for All? Religious Knowledge, Counter-Narrativity and De-Radicalisation Strategies in Kenya**", Nakuru, Kenya, 2 March 2017.

2016

- **Co-Convenor** together with Halkano Abdi Wario (Egerton University, Kenya): "**Jihad for All? Religious Knowledge, Counter-Narrativity and De-Radicalization Strategies in Kenya**" – Volkswagen Foundation Senior Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship Preparatory Workshop, Berlin, BGS MCS, 14.4.2016.

2015

- **Co-convenor** together with Halkano Abdi Wario (Egerton University, Kenya) and Joseph Wandera (St. Paul's University, Kenya); International Workshop "**Texts, Sounds, and Images from the Divine Sphere – Contemporary Religious Concepts of Knowledge in Competition**", 29-30 September 2015, St. Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya.
- **Convenor**; International Workshop "**Les manuscrits de la Mauritanie - évaluation critique et développement d'une stratégie future des activités pour sa conservation**", 9-10 September 2015, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany. (frz.; arab.)

2014

- **Co-convenor** together with Rüdiger Seesemann (Bayreuth University); Panel: "**Transformation of Islamic Knowledge in Africa: Media, Agents, and Institutions**", VAD Conference "Future Africa", 11-14 June 2014, Bayreuth.
- **Organizer** of the Lecture: "**The Friday Bulletin**", Halkano Abdi Wario, St. Paul's University, Kenya, 21 May 2014, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany.
- **Co-convenor** together with Halkano Abdi Wario (St. Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya); Panel: "**Transmit Even If You Know Only One Quranic Verse! Dynamics of Religious Knowledge - Popularization in Contemporary Muslim Revival Movements**", EASR-NGG-IAHR Conference 2014 "Religion and Pluralities of Knowledge", University of Groningen, 11-15 May 2014.

2012

- **Co-convenor** together with Joseph Hill, Alberta University, Edmonton, Canada; Panel: "**Between the Visible and the Hidden: (En)gendering Islamic Knowledge and Authority**", ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 29.11.-1.12.2012.

2009

- **Co-convenor** together with Tabea Scharrer (MPI Halle, Germany); Panel: **"Imagining Islamic Centers: Reshaping Locality through Shifting Affiliations"**, AEGIS 2010, Leipzig, 4.-7.6.2009.

2008

- **Organizer** of the Lecture: **"Mahadhra face aux défis"**, Mohamedou Ould Mohameden, Université Nouakchott (Mauritanie), Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, 28. Oktober 2008. (Frz.)

2) Academic Papers Presented

2022

- (invited) **Who's Islam? Religion, Social Injustice and Conflictual Arguments in Contemporary Mauritania**, Section 9 "Religion as a Maker and Breaker of violence: Scenarios and Dynamics of Religious Strife and Peacebuilding Strategies", Symposium „Dealing with Violence“, Schloss Herrenhausen, Hannover, 25. bis 27. Juli.

2021

- (invited) **A dialogue of Garments: Body, Text, and Glocal Context**, Workshop "Bodies, Texts, Networks: Islam in Global Context," organised by Benjamin Soares and Musa Ibrahim, Center for Global Islamic Studies at the University of Florida, 21 May 2021 (online).
- (invited) **Female Islamic Scholars**, Book Launch of the Palgrave Handbook Islam in Africa, Duke University, 15. Mai 2021 (online)
- **"Creating Female Space within Masculine Hegemonies. A Relational Perspective "**, Panel D26: „Multiplicity of learning events: the relationality of learning in Africa and beyond“, 29.1.2021m International Conference „Africa knows! It is time to decolonize the minds“, Den Haag, 2.12.2020-15.2.2021 (online).

2020

- (invited) **"Female Sufi Scholars in Mauritania: Visions of Pious Women"**, Female Visions: The Religious Visual Culture of Contemporary Female Islamic Mysticism, organisiert von Sara Kuehn (IDEMEC, France), Elisabeth Jurecec (Universität Tübingen) und Catrin Dihm (Akademie der Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart) International Conference, 16.-18. Oktober 2020 (online).

2019

- (invited) **“Islamic Authority, Education and Tradition in contemporary African cities: female perspectives,”** International Workshop: Religious Authority in Muslim Africa: Fragmentation and Plurality, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies (Indiana University, USA), Berlin (Germany), October 10-12, 2019.
- **“The Islamic Republic of Mauritania and its governance of (trans)local Islamic heritage,”** International Conference: Claiming and Making Muslim Worlds: Across and Between the Local and the Global, Leibniz Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin (Germany), 3-5 April 2019.

2017

- (invited) **“What does traditional Islamic education mean? Examples from Nouakchott’s contemporary female learning circles”**, Workshop “New Directions in the Study of Islamic Scholarship in Africa”, Harvard's Radcliffe Institute, 5.-6. Oktober 2017, Boston.
- (invited) **“Writing women scholars in the Western Sahara (since 18th century)”**, Wintercolloquium des SFB Manuskriptkulturen der Universität Hamburg, 2.11.2017.
- (invited) **“From Shadhiliyya to Tijaniyya: changes in Morocco’s Trans-Saharan Relations”**, Vortrag auf dem internationalen Workshop “Morocco's Image Then and Now – with Focus on Morocco’s Current Challenges”, organisiert von Leif Stenberg (Universität Lund, Schweden) und Marianne Laanatta (Universität Lund, Schweden), 30.6.-2.7.2017, Marrakesh, Morocco.
- (invited) **“Impacts of Colonialism: Reflecting upon Mauritania's Postcolonial Female Learning Circles through a Historical Perspective”**, Workshop « Éruditions musulmanes et colonialisme en Afrique Perspectives transsahariennes (1850-1950) », organisiert von Augustin Jomier (INALCO-CERMOM) et Ismaïl Warscheid (CNRS-IRHT), 1.-2. June 2017.
- (invited) **“La transmission du savoir religieux-soufique : le rôle des Idaw Ali (Mauritanie) dans la Tijaniyya”**, Workshop « Reconfiguration des relations sud-sud : nouvelles dépendances, nouvelles opportunités ? », organisiert von Prof. Dr. Dieter Haller (Ruhr-Universität Bochum), Dr. Steffen Wippel (Phillips-Universität Marburg), Dr. Helmut Reifeld (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Rabat), 30.3.-1.4.2017, Rabat, Morocco.

2016

- **“Muslim Women Scholars – oral and written authority”**, Lunch Talk at ASC Leiden, 29 September 2016.

2015

- (invited) "**Le renouveau de la confrérie Tijaniyya en Mauritanie à l'époque coloniale**", IISMM-EHESS Seminars: Retour ou permanence des confréries sur les deux rives du Sahara: Afrique du Nord, Afrique de l'Ouest, Paris, 15. Dezember 2015.
- "**Mediating Knowledge – Guiding Believers Through Contemporary Struggles**", together with Halkano Abdi Wario, Fourth Workshop of the Fellows in the Humanities Program, Leibniz Universität Hannover, 23. – 27. November 2015.
- "**Out of Nouakchott: Female Scholars as Mediators of Islam in Contemporary Mauritania**", Lunch talk at Huma: Institute for Humanities in Africa, University of Cape Town, 12. August 2015.
- (invited) "**From Manuscript to Printed Hagiography: Reflections on Sources and their Accessibility for Broader Publics**", International Workshop "Print Culture and Islamic Thought, 1850-1950", ZMO Berlin (Germany), 8. - 9. May 2015.
- (invited) "**Gelehrte Frauen in den Bildungstraditionen der Sahara**", Vortrag im "Studium Generale", Fachhochschule Stralsund, 20. April 2015.

2014

- "**Transmitting Islamic Knowledge among Women in Contemporary Nouakchott (Mauritania)**", FU/ Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Berlin, 27.5.2014.
- "**Achieve (Islamic) knowledge and put it to practice! Welfare activists in Nouakchott**", EASR-NGG-IAHR Conference 2014: "Religion and Pluralities of Knowledge", University of Groningen (Netherlands), 11-15 May 2014.

2012

- "**Stepping into Aïcha's shoes: women as transmitters of Islamic knowledge in Nouakchott**", ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (USA), 29.11.-1.12.2012.
- (invited) "**Les effets de l'introduction de la faydha (Tijâniyya Niasse) au sein de la Hâfiziyya au Sud de la Mauritanie après les années 1930**", Table ronde "Islam (Tijâniyya, salafisme), catégories subordonnées et Transnationalisme (Afrique de l'Ouest)", 9.-10.3.2012, Paris (France), org. p. Jean Schmitz, Institut d'études de l'Islam et des sociétés du monde musulman (IISIMM; CEAF/EHESS).

2011

- "**Šaiḥāni b. Muḥammad aṭ-Ṭulba (1907-1986) and the development of the Tiġāniya in Mauritania under French Colonial rule**", Workshop 9 - 10 June 2011, Berlin; Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies & Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies & ZMO: "Transforming Social

Orders in African Muslim Contexts (Re)constructions of Identities, Institutions, Movements, Markets".

2010

- **"The Tijānī Revival Movement of Ibrahim Niasse and the Idaw 'Alī tribe in Mauritania"**, WOCMES, Barcelona (Spanien), 20 July 2010.
- **"When the Nomad Becomes Rich and Settles: Dubai in Mauritania?"**, ZMO Workshop "Under Construction. The Material and Symbolic Meaning of Architecture and Infrastructure in the Gulf Region", Berlin, 10 October 2010.

2009

- (invited) **"Wamaḍāt al-munīra, une hagiographie publiée récemment sur la vie d'Aḥmad Maḥmūd b. Muḥammad aṭ-Ṭulba (1907-1986)"**, ISITA (Northwestern University, USA) "Colloque sur la littérature tijanie", Fes (Marokko), 22 June 2009.
- **"Adapting to Social Transformation: The Role of Ṭarīqa in the Establishment of Qabīla Based Social Organization in 19th Century Mauritania"**, AEGIS 2009, Leipzig, 5 June 2009.

2008

- **"Mapping the Scholar's Network of Late 19th Century Mauritania: A View of the Idaw 'Alī Qibla Scholar Aḥmad Ibn al-Amīn"**, ASA 2008, Chicago (USA), 16.11.2008.
- **"Knowledge, Solidarity and Resources: Claims to Territory Among the Idaw 'Alī in the Qibla Region in Southern Mauritania"**, ZMO Workshop "Legal Aspects in the Construction of Locality", Berlin, 7 November 2008.
- (invited) **"Die Entstehung der Sufi-Bruderschaft Tiġānīya-Ḥāfizīya Anfang des 19. Jahrhunderts in Mauretaniens - Überlegungen zur Rolle religiöser Institutionen im tribalen Kontext"**, Ethnologisches Kolloquium der Universität Köln, 8 January 2008.

2007

- **"Religious Institutions, Political Action and Identity in 19th Century Bilād Shinqīṭ"**, ASA 2007, New York (USA), 19 Oktober 2007.
- **"Zwei Frauen reisen durch die Sahara: Odette Puigaudeau (1894-1991) und Isabelle Eberhardt (1877-1904)"**, Deutscher Orientalisten-Tag 2007, Freiburg, 26 September 2007.

2006

- **"Islamisches Wissen und politische Macht im westlichen Sahara-Sahel-Raum im 19. Jahrhundert"**, VAD 2006 in Frankfurt a. M., 26 June 2006.

3) Invited as Discussant or Chair

2021

- **Discussant; "Islam et activisme dans les régions occidentales du Sahara: continuités, ruptures, nouveaux acteurs"**, Francisco Freire (Universidad Lissboa), 4e congrès des études sur Moyen-Orient et les mondes musulmanes, Aix-en-Provence, 28.6.-2.7.2021, 29.6.2021 (online).
- **Discussant; Panel D24: Challenging Notions of Education and Knowing: Islamic Practices of Teaching and Learning across Africa**, Anna Madeleine Ayeh (University of Bayreuth), VAD Tagung, Africa Challenges, 9. Juni 2021, Frankfurt a.M. (online)

2014

- **Chair:** Conference "Sermon in the City", Universiteit Utrecht/ ZMO Berlin, 30.-31.10.2014, Berlin. Panel: "**Sermon in Comparative Perspective**".

EDITING, PEER-REVIEW

a) Editing

2018-2022, Mitglied des Editorial Committee für die Publikation *Routledge Handbook on Islam in Africa* (ed. by Terje Ostebo), Routledge, 2022.

Seit Januar 2015 Mitglied im Editorial Board von *Islamic Africa* (Review Editor, 2019 interim chief editor together with Joseph Hill, seit 2020 editor)

b) Reviewing

Brill Buchreihe: *Studies of Religion in Africa* (2021); *Working Papers- Africa Multiple* (2021); *Welt des Islam* (2020), *Afrique* (2020), *Social Politics* (2017/18); Schwarz-Verlag/De Gruyeter Buchreihe: *ZMO Studien* (2016), *Middle East - Topics & Arguments* (2016), *Afrique Contemporaine* (2015), *Islamic Africa* (2014)

CONSULTANCIES

2015-18 International Children Hidden Objects Book on "World Religions" and digital publications (smart board) (First edition in German Anna Wills; Nora Tomms, *Weltreligionen*, Betz Verlag, 2017; further editions followed in English, Dutch, and Spanish)

2014/15 DVD and Booklet Production on Music in Mauritania (DVD „Mauretanie – Nouakchott&Chinguetti“, Benkadi e.V., 2015)

2009-13 (Reporting and Reviewing) Several Mauritania related cultural heritage protection projects, Jutta Vogel Foundation, Cologne

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Since 2021 Member of Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS), University of Bayreuth

2021-2022 Member of the Presidential Commission for Research and Young Scientists at the University of Bayreuth

2021-2022 Member of the appointments committee for the junior professorship *African Languages and the Construction of Knowledge* in the Faculty of Linguistics and Literature, University of Bayreuth

2020-2021 Member of the Academic Committee of Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, University of Bayreuth

2020 Member of the appointments committee for the professorship *Epistemologies of the Global South*, Faculty of Cultural Studies, University of Bayreuth

2019- 2021 Member of the Committee for Research, Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, University of Bayreuth

2014-2016 Member of the Selection Committee of Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMS), Free University Berlin

PUBLIC OUTREACH

2022 (Report, English) Afr(io)futurism: Debates, Contestations, Interventions – A Report, together with Mario Faust-Scalisi, Xin Li , *Newsletter of African Studies at Bayreuth (NAB)*, Nr XX, forthcoming

20. Juli 2021 (Panel Discussion, English) *Elnathan John features Britta Frede*. Topics: English as Writing Language, Narrating Trans-Temporality and Cultural Techniques of Forgetting Female Agency, Africa Multiple Cluster Fellow Lunch, University of Bayreuth

April 2021 (Article, Turkish) Mahzara: Moritanya'nın İslami Eğitim Geleneğinde Kadın Âlimlerin Rolü. *sabah ülkesi: üç aylık kültür-sanat ve felsefe dergisi*, (2021), 64-67.

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