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FIVE DECADES OF GERMAN RESEARCH IN/ON THE NEAR EAST

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FOREWORD BY STEFAN LEDER, DIRECTOR

50 years of the Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB)'s history represents five decades of interaction with this vibrant city, its academic and cultural institutions, as well as the multi-faceted communities with their dynamic social environments in Lebanon. Beirut has generously offered throughout that period of time the liberty as well as the intellectual receptivity and inspiration that have protected and supported the institute's work. Research, publication and academic activities have greatly benefitted from this supportive surrounding. Moreover, the hospitality and friendship of the local communities, which has not waned during past troubled periods, has been an added incentive for the institute's personnel and for the institution's organizers in Germany. Firm faith in Lebanon's good fortunes and important cultural mission have been, and still are, a *raison d'être* of the OIB.

Beirut's appearances and character have profoundly changed during these decades. Moreover, today, in the summer of 2011, it seems that a strong pull towards change, politically, socially and perhaps culturally, has taken a grip on many countries in the Middle East and North Africa. Many of our perceptions and research agendas have also changed in reaction to an altered world and new conditions, and due to academic dynamics, which have brought about new disciplines, approaches and actors interested in Middle East Studies. As such, it seems worthwhile on this occasion to look back at our heritage.

The institute looks back on five decades of well-documented research on matters related to Lebanon and the region, past and present. This research is conducted by its many dedicated research associates, librarians, affiliates, fellows and authors. In order to convey insight into the research agendas of the past, and with the intention of honoring the scholars who have contributed to transforming the Institute into what it now is, this anniversary brochure gives a brief summary of their academic work, fields of research and careers. For practical purposes, however, we have had to confine this survey, with few exceptions only, to those who have joined the Orient-Institut as employed associates

and were thus charged, besides their research, with various added responsibilities. Working in Beirut at the Institute has served as a reliable prelude to subsequent academic careers which have often led to professorships at universities in Germany and elsewhere. Our catalog lists more than one hundred scholars associated with the Institute, and it reads, especially for the period before the nineties, like a *Who Is Who* of Oriental Studies in Germany.

When the institute was founded in 1961 at the initiative of the *Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft*, studies on the Near and Middle East in Germany were in great need for better access to the expanding publication activity in the region. Particular care was given to building an up-to-date research library, which is now considered one of the institute's assets. As a consequence of World War II and the holocaust, Oriental Studies in Germany were also striving to re-establish international networks and to reaffirm their reputation, which had suffered from the emigration of German Jewish scholars formerly active in this field in Germany. Beirut's international academic institutions, such as the American University Beirut, l'Université Saint-Joseph, the emergent Lebanese University, as well as other institutions and universities, have been arenas of exchange with

academics from Lebanon and the Arab East, as well as with colleagues from Europe and the United States. Beirut, the Arab center of independent publishers and authors at that time, simultaneously connected German researchers with Arab intellectuals and international academia.

Over the years, the Ottoman style villa and its historical garden, where the institute has been housed since 1963, has become a feature of its local identity. Known today as “The Orient” among the participants of monthly garden meetings for doctoral students in Beirut, it is not only an impressive venue for academic events, and does not only host the library and public reading rooms and accommodate researchers in its guest rooms, but it also represents a substantial contribution to the preservation of historical architecture in Zokak al-Blat, one of the few remaining traditional quarters of Beirut.

The Orient-Institut gradually evolved into the OIB and Orient-Institut Istanbul after German citizens had to leave Beirut temporarily in 1987, and a branch of the institute was established in Istanbul in 1989. For more than twenty years, its bifurcated existence at two locations has weighed heavily upon resources, but has also enriched and expanded research horizons, as German research in Ottoman Studies, Turkish and Turkic Studies could unfold in Istanbul in cooperation with universities in Turkey. One year ago, after the foundation of the Orient-Institut Istanbul as an independent institution, and with the installation of a new directorate there, the terminal phase of the hijra to Istanbul ended for the OIB. In consequence of this history, research associates from both locations, Beirut and Istanbul, are listed in the anniversary brochure.

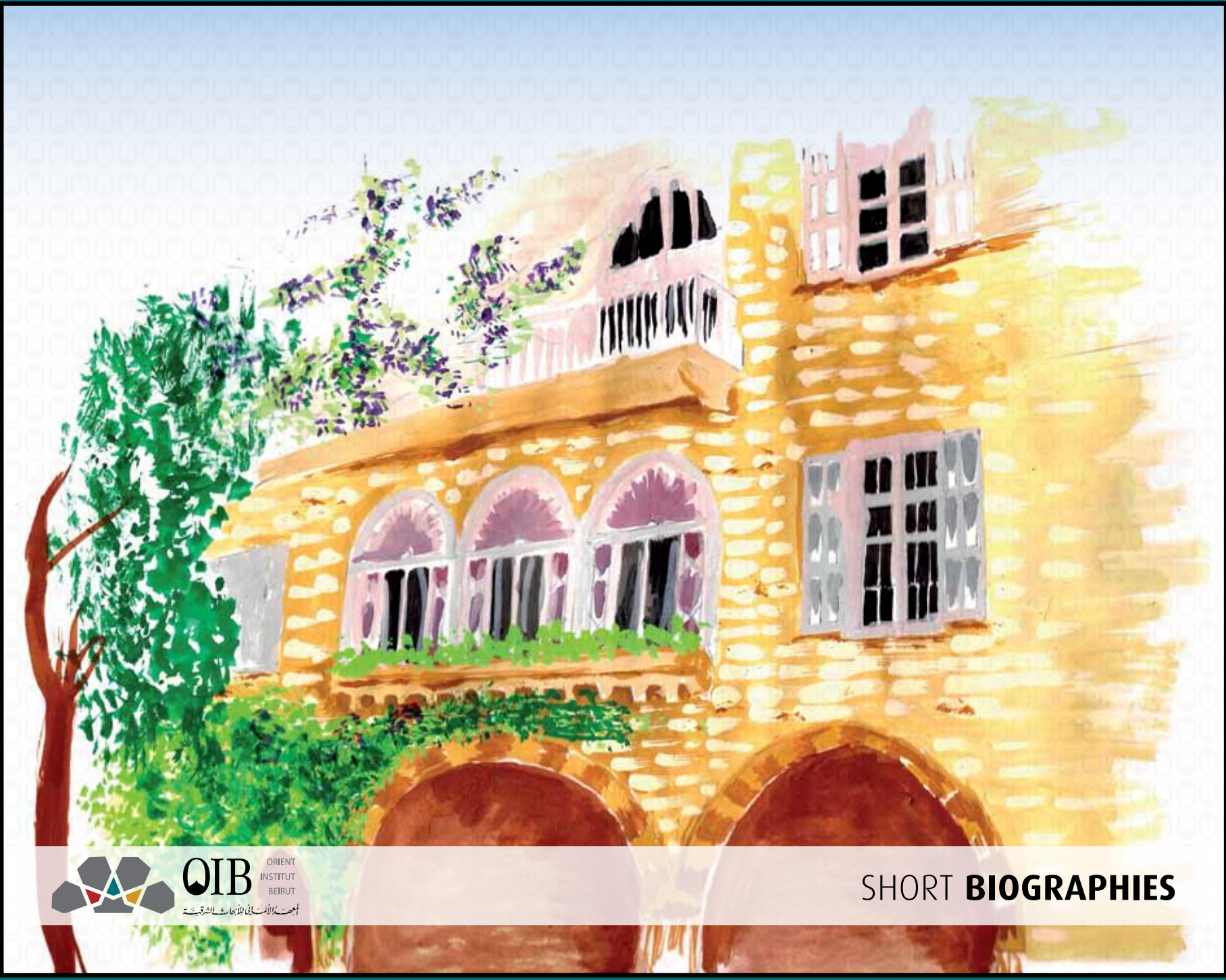
The return to Beirut in the form of a full-sized institute was made possible thanks to the continued support of the Foundation of German Humanities Institutes Abroad (DGIA) to which the Orient-Institut has adhered since 2003. With that date, a period of more than forty years ended during which the German Oriental Society (DMG) had administered the institute’s affairs and supervised its activities under often difficult circumstances. This turn in the institute’s history has not had any effects on its mission, but rather has broadened its horizons. The great scholarly tradition of German Oriental Studies, which had been cherished and nurtured under most of its

directors, is not likely to disappear from the institute.

Today, the academic research center OIB is dedicated to conducting and supporting regional studies of historical and contemporary matters, mainly of the Arab world. Its multi-disciplinary structure includes, inter alia, history, literary studies, Islamic studies, studies of the Christian Near East, social sciences, political studies, linguistics and geography. Cooperation with institutions and scholars in the region, the instigation and hosting of local working groups, the organization of workshops and conferences as well as the publication of research results produced in Beirut and elsewhere constitute main aspects of the institute’s work. In order to intensify its presence in Arab countries and to deepen its contacts with young academics, the Cairo Bureau of the OIB was opened in 2009.

Conducting research work on the region and in the region today involves challenges quite different from the obstacles encountered fifty years ago, when intercontinental transport and communication was costly and tiresome – and the impact of colonial rule still a firm reality. The Near East, its people, ideas and agendas, are much more part of a globalized world today than one would have imagined a few decades ago. This does not diminish complexities and misunderstandings. Whichever way one tends to design research work, whether it is historically oriented or focused on contemporary matters, it remains a crucial task to foster understanding between Europe and the Near East through professional and serious commitment to an adequate treatment of the voices and views prevalent in the region.

From its beginnings, the OIB has received its funds mainly from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and obtained additional sponsoring for its equipment, housing and activities from German foundations, such as Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, VolkswagenStiftung, as well as by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs via its embassies in Beirut, Istanbul and Cairo. Many academic events were planned in cooperation with political foundations active in the region, with universities in Lebanon, and with the Institut Français du Proche Orient. In grateful recognition of the funding received from its donors, and in acknowledgement of the loyalty of its many partners in the region, the OIB looks forward to carrying on its work in a region which will certainly preserve its dynamics in the near future.



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OIB research associate 2001-2004. Discipline: Semitic and Arabic studies. Research area: Classical Arabic literature. Wrote *Reden der Araber: die politische ḥuṭba in der klassischen arabischen Literatur* (2001), *Zu zwei arabischen Missionarspredigten des frühen 18. Jahrhunderts* (2007); co-edited *World War One as remembered in the Countries of the Eastern Mediterranean* (BTS 99, 2006).

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OIB research associate 1973-1975. Disciplines: Semitic and Islamic Studies, Philosophy. Research areas: Semitic languages as cultural mediators between Antiquity and the Middle Age, Medieval Arabic manuscripts. Wrote a.o. *Das theologisch-philosophische System des Muʿammar Ibn ʿAbbād as-Sulamī* (BTS 19, 1975), *Aetius Arabus* (1980), *Bibliography of Islamic Philosophy* (1999, 2 vols.; suppl. 2007). Series editor of *Aristoteles Semitico-Latinus* (since 1975); *Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Science* (since 1982). – 1977-1995 professor for Arabic and Islam, Free University of Amsterdam; 1995-2010 professor for Oriental Languages (*Orientalische Philologien*), Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main.

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von Isfahan (1978), *Aleppo: historische und geographische Beiträge zur baulichen Gestaltung, zur sozialen Organisation und zur wirtschaftlichen Dynamik einer vorderasiatischen Fernhandelsmetropole* (1984); co-edited *Tübinger Atlas des Vorderen Orients* (TAVO) and Supplements of the Tübinger Atlas des Vorderen Orients. – 1978-2008 professor of Iranian Studies (*Irankunde*), Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen.



Group photo of the OIB team in 1986. First Row (f.l.t.r.): Irene Fellmann, Rowa Itani Balaa, Dina Banna; second row (f.l.t.r.): Marguerite Kanaan, Andreas Rieck, Jessy Rieck, director Anton Heinen and German Ambassador Antonius Eitel.

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Knowledge in Islam. Wrote *Quellenuntersuchungen zu den "Maqātil aṭ-Ṭālibiyyīn"* (1991); co-edited *Myths, Historical Archetypes and Symbolic Figures in Arabic Literature* (BTS 64, 1999), *Ideas, Images, and Methods of Portrayal: Insights into Classical Arabic Literature and Islam* (2005). – Since 2008 professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies (*Arabistik und Islamwissenschaft*), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

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OIB research associate 1992-1996 in Beirut and Istanbul. Disciplines: Islamic Studies, Arabic Studies. Main research areas: modern Arabic and Turkish prose literature, modern literary history, comparative literature. Wrote *Zeugen einer Endzeit. Fünf Schriftsteller zum Umbruch in der ägyptischen Gesellschaft nach 1970* (1992), *Brückenschläge. Eine integrierte 'turkoarabische' Romangeschichte* (2002); co-edited *Gesellschaftlicher Umbruch und Historie im zeitgenössischen Drama der islamischen Welt* (BTS 60, 1995), *Conscious Voices: Concepts of Writing in the Middle East* (BTS 72, 1999). – Since 2009 professor of Arabic and Middle Eastern Literatures, University of Oslo.

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OIB research associate 1978-1981, director of the OIB 1984-1989. Discipline: Islamic Studies. Research areas: History of Islamic philosophy and natural science. Wrote *Islamic Cosmology* (BTS 27, 1982). – 1981-1984 lecturer

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OIB research associate 1973-1975. Discipline: Arabic studies. Research Area: Arabic literature. Wrote *Tuḥfat al-wuzarā'*, *Der Weberspiegel eines unbekanntenen Kompilators aus der ersten Hälfte des 7./13. Jahrhunderts* (1975). - 1975-1987 in Damascus, private research work on the literary history and sociology of the early Egyptian novel.

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Sitt Maud Farjallah (sitting left) hosting guests in 1963. Standing (l-r): Ibrahim Kerbage, Fadlallah Dandache, Nayla Hamdan, May Arida, Raymond Eddé, Marie Khoury

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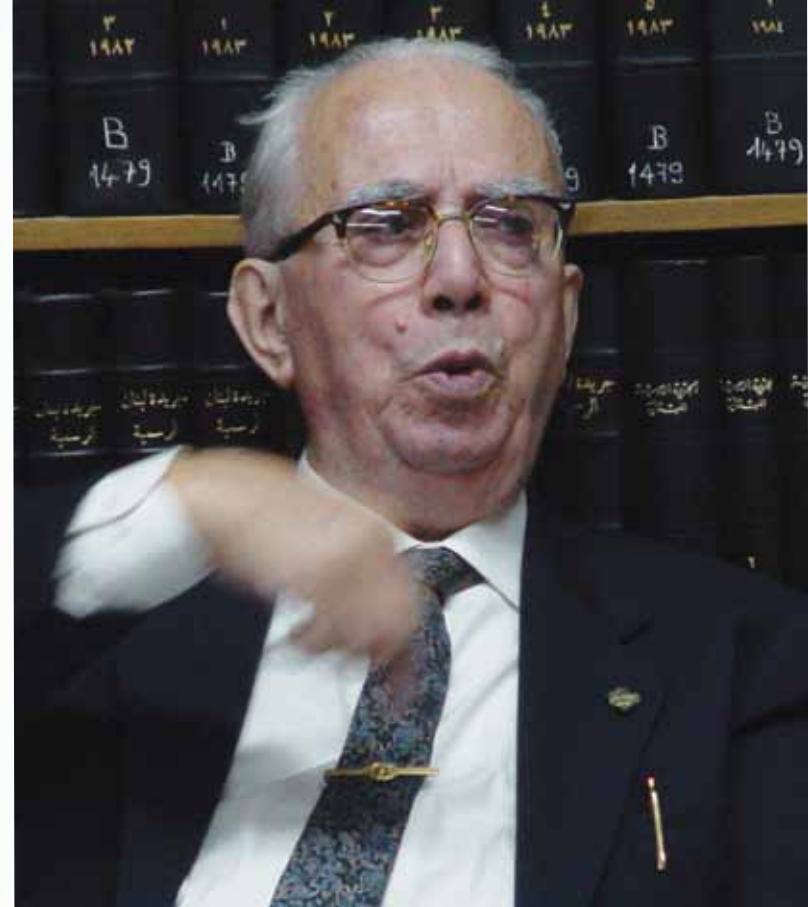
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Literatur (1961); edited *Deutsch-Arabisches Wörterbuch* (1963, 1974); *Arabisch-Deutsches Wörterbuch* (1981-1986, 1992).

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OIB student intern 1995. Disciplines: Political Science, History, Islamic Studies. Research areas: Arab nationalism, liberalism in the Middle East, political biographies. Wrote *Radikalnationalismus in Syrien und Libanon: Politische Sozialisation und Elitenbildung, 1930-1958* (2001); edited *Nationalism and Liberal Thought in the Arab East* (2010). – Since 2009 professor of Politics and Contemporary History of the Near East, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.

GÜNTER SEUFERT, DR.

OI doctoral research fellow in Istanbul 1991-1993, research associate in Istanbul 1996-1998, acting general manager in Istanbul 1998-2001. Discipline: Social Sciences. Research areas: sociology and religion in Turkey. Wrote *Politischer Islam in der Türkei* (BTS 67, 1997); co-edited *Türkischer Islam und Europa* (BTS 82, 1999). – 2004-2007 visiting associate professor, University of Cyprus, Nicosia; since 2010 researcher at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin; EU External Relations research division.

MANFRED SING, DR.

OIB student intern 1998 and 2003, research associate since 2009. Discipline: Islamic Studies. Research areas: Political and intellectual currents in the Middle East, liberal Islam. Wrote *Progressiver Islam in Theorie und Praxis: Die interne Kritik am hegemonialen islamischen Diskurs durch den roten Scheich ‘Abdallāh al-‘Alāyīlī (1914-1996)* (2007).

FRITZ STEPPAT, PROF. DR. (1923-2006)

Second director of the OIB 1963-1968; organized the move of the OIB to its actual premises in Zokak al-Blat. Discipline: Islamic Studies. Research areas: Egypt, Lebanon, nationalism and education in the Arab world, modern Arabic literature, religion and politics. Collected articles: Fritz Steppat, *Islam als Partner: Islamkundliche Aufsätze 1944-1996* (BTS 78, 2001). – 1955-1959 founding director of the Goethe-Institut Kairo; 1969-1988 chair professor of Islamic Studies (*Islamwissenschaft*), Freie Universität Berlin.

JOHANN STRAUß, DR.

OI research associate in Istanbul 1988-1990. Discipline: Turkish Studies. Research areas: Ottoman and Turkish language and literature. Wrote *The Egyptian Connection in Nineteenth Century Ottoman Literary and Intellectual History*, co-editor of *The Beginnings of Printing in the Near and Middle East: Jews, Christians and Muslims*. Since 1997 lecturer at the Département d'Études turques, Université Marc Bloch in Strasbourg.

MARTIN STROHMEIER, PROF. DR.

OIB research associate 1985-1986, research associate in Istanbul 1990-1993. Discipline: Turkish Studies. Research areas: History of the Ottoman Empire and present-day Turkey, history of press and nationalism in the Middle East. Wrote *Crucial Images in the Presentation of a Kurdish National Identity* (2003), co-authored *Die Kurden. Geschichte, Politik, Kultur* (2003). Since 1998 professor in the Department of Turkish Studies and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cyprus, Nicosia.

HARALD SUERMANN, APL. PROF. DR.

OIB research associate 1986-1988 in Beirut, 1987-1988 in Istanbul.

Discipline: Studies of the Christian Orient. Main research areas: history of the Eastern Christianity. Wrote *Die Gründungsgeschichte der Maronitischen Kirche* (1998, French translation 2010). – 1988-1997 director of the Missionswissenschaftliches Institut, Aachen; since 2002 professor of Islamic Studies (*Islamwissenschaft*), Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn.

LESLIE TRAMONTINI, DR.

OIB research associate 1999-2004. Discipline: Arabic Studies. Research areas: Arabic literature and poetry, Iraq, Malaysia. Edited *East is East and West is West? Talks on dialogue in Beirut* (BTS 80, 2006); co-edited *Crosshatching in Global Culture: A Dictionary of Modern Arab Writers* (BTS 101, 2004); *From Baghdad to Beirut... Arab and Islamic Studies in honor of John J. Donohue s.j.* (BTS 108, 2007); translated *Ich werde die Dinge beim Namen nennen* by Rachid al-Daif (2008); *Der schwarze Punkt in meiner Tasche: Gedichte* (2010) by Lamees Faris al-Marzuqi. - Since 2007 coordinator of the Centrum für Nah- und Mitteloststudien, Philipps-Universität Marburg.



Prime minister Selim el-Hoss visits the OIB in December 1987



Farewell reception for Fritz Steppat: Yussuf Al Khal, Fritz and Gertraud Steppat (f.l.t.r.)



View into an office space at the OIB in the 1960s.

GERHARD VÄTH, DR.

OI research associate 1988-1990 in Istanbul. Discipline: Islamic Studies. Research areas: Crusades, history of Syria, Turkey, Kurds. Wrote: *Die Geschichte der artuqidischen Fürstentümer in Syrien und der Ġazīra'l-Furātīya: (496-812, 1002-1409)* (1987). – Since 1999 garden architect (Landschaftsgärtner); currently also assistant lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter) for Arab and Turkish language at the chair of Ancient Oriental Studies (Altorientalistik), Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg.

CARSTEN WALBINER, DR.

OIB research associate 1996-2001. Discipline: Oriens Christianus. Research area: History of Christians in the Near East. Wrote *Die Mitteilungen des griechisch-orthodoxen Patriarchen Makarius Ibn az-Za'īm von Antiochia (1647-1682) über Georgien nach dem arabischen Autograph von St. Petersburg* (1995), *Book Printing in Lebanon: 400 years of experience and progress* (1999); co-edited *Les Européens vus par les Libanais à l'époque Ottomane* (BTS 74 2002). – Since 2009 Head of Division for the Gulf Region, DAAD (*Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst*), Bonn.

KLAUS-DETLEV WANNIG, DR.

OI research associate in Istanbul 1987-1990. Disciplines: Islamic Studies and German Literature. Research area: Turkish literature. Wrote *Der Dichter Karaca Oğlan. Studien zur türkischen Liebeslyrik* (1980); "Deutsche Gazeldichtung, gattungsgeschichtlich", in: Angelika Neuwirth et al. (eds.): *Ghazal as World Literature II. From a Literary Genre to a Great Tradition. The Ottoman Ghazal in Context* (2007, *Istanbul Texts and Studies*, Bd. 4); *Kultgedichte. Kült Şiirleri*. (2008). Translated *Türkis* by Cahit Külebi (1993). – Since 1994 lecturer, University of Mersin (Turkey).

STEFAN WEBER, DR.

OIB Research Associate 2001-2007. Discipline: Islamic Studies. Main research area: history of architecture in Syria in Ottoman times. Wrote *Zeugnisse kulturellen Wandels: Stadt, Architektur und Gesellschaft des osmanischen Damaskus im 19. und frühen 20. Jahrhundert* (2006); co-edited *The Empire in the City* (BTS 88, 2002). – 2007-2008 assistant professor of Material History, Agha Khan University, London. Since 2009 director of the Museum für Islamische Kunst, Berlin.

INES WEINRICH, DR.

OIB Research Associate since 2008. Disciplines: Arabic Studies, Islamic Studies. Main research areas: Arab popular culture, performing arts, Islamic ritual. Wrote *Fayrūz und die Brüder Raḥbānī. Musik, Moderne und Nation im Libanon* (2006).

OTFRIED WEINTRITT, PD DR.

Researcher at the OIB 1993-1996. Discipline: Islamic Studies. Research areas: Arabic prosopography, Family in Islam, Arabic historiography. Edited *Kitāb al-wāfi bi-l-wafayāt* von Ḥalīl Ibn-Aibak aṣ-Ṣafadī, Teil 27, BI (2009). – Since 2009 private lecturer of Islamic Studies (*Islamwissenschaft*), Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn; 2009 interim professor of Islamic Studies (*Islamwissenschaft*), Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen.

REINHARD WEIPERT, PROF. DR.

OIB research associate 1977-1980. Discipline: Semitic Studies. Research areas: classical Arabic philology and poetry. Wrote *Der Diwān des Rāʾī an-Numairī* (BTS 24, 1980), *Handbuch der Orientalistik* (2002), *Ein Unglück kommt selten allein* (2004), *Altarabischer Sprachwitz* (2009). Since 1997 professor of Arabic Studies (*Nahoststudien*), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München.

PETRA WEYLAND, DR.

OIB research associate in Istanbul 1990-1993. Disciplines: Islamic Studies, Social Anthropology. Main research areas: Islamism, political, social and cultural aspects of transformation in the Middle East. Wrote *Inside The Third World Village* (1993); co-edited *Space, Culture and Power* (1997). – 1993-2003 professor at the German Armed Forces Command and Staff College (Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr), Hamburg; since 2003 professor of Middle Eastern affairs in the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, College of International and Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

ROTRAUD WIELANDT, PROF. EM. DR. DR. H.C.

OIB research associate 1975-1978. Disciplines: Arabic Studies, Islamic Studies. Main research areas: modern Arabic literature, modern Muslim thought. Wrote *Offenbarung und Geschichte im Denken moderner Muslime* (1980), *Das Bild der Europäer in der modernen arabischen Erzähl- und Theaterliteratur* (BTS 23, 1980), *Das erzählerische Frühwerk Maḥmūd Taymūrs* (BTS 26, 1983). – 1985-2009 professor of Islamic Studies, Arabic Studies (*Islamkunde, Arabistik*), Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg; founding member of the Graduate School “Anthropological developments in Christianity and Islam” and the Centre for Religious Studies, Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg.

PETER WIEN, PROF. DR.

OIB student intern 1998. Discipline: History. Research areas: nationalism and religion in the transformation of modern Arab societies, Iraq, Morocco. Wrote *Iraqi Arab Nationalism: Authoritarian, Totalitarian and Pro-Fascist Inclinations, 1932-1941* (2006); co-edited *Blind für die Geschichte? Arabische Begegnungen mit dem Nationalsozialismus* (2004). – Currently assistant professor for Middle Eastern History, University of Maryland, USA.



Meeting in the vestibule in 1991: Erika Glassen, OIB secretary Marguerite Kanaan and Mohammad al-Hujairi (l.-r.)



Prof. John J. Donohue SJ, Université Saint Joseph, Beirut, Birgitta Ryberg, Wolf-Dieter Lemke, and student intern Evelyn Mühlbauer (l.-r.) in the OIB garden in 1984

STEFAN WILD, PROF. EM. DR.

OIB research associate 1962, director of the OIB 1968-1973. Disciplines: Semitic and Islamic Studies. Main research areas: Arabic lexicography, literature, and intellectual history. Wrote *Das Kitāb al-'Ain und die arabische Lexikographie* (1965), *Libanesische Ortsnamen. Typologie und Deutung* (BTS 9, 1973); edited *Self-referentiality in the Qur'ān* (2006); co-edited *Zwei Beschreibungen des Libanon* (BTS 21, 1979); journal co-editor of *Die Welt des Islams*. – 1974-1977 professor for Semitic Languages and Islamic Studies, Amsterdam University; 1977-2002 professor for Semitic Philology and Islamic Studies (Semitische Philologie und Islamwissenschaft), Rheinische Wilhelms-Universität Bonn.

HEIKO WIMMEN, M.A.

OIB research assistant 1995-1996. Discipline: Arabic Studies. Research areas: Lebanon and Arab literature, conflict studies. Edited *Beiruter Blätter* Nr. 3 (1995). – 1997-2002 independent broadcast producer in Beirut; 2002-2004 Social Science Research Council, research project on coexistence and conflict in ethnically and religiously diverse cities; 2004-2009 program manager and deputy director at the Middle East Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Beirut, currently doctoral research fellow at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin.

STEFAN WINTER, PROF. DR.

Affiliated researcher at the OIB 2000-2001. Discipline: History of the Modern Middle East. Research areas: Ottoman Empire, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, history of Shiite Islam, Kurdish tribalism and nationalism. Wrote *The Shiites of Lebanon under Ottoman Rule, 1516-1788* (2010). – Since 2004 professeur d'Histoire du Proche-Orient et du Maghreb, l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).

FRIEDRICH WILHELM ZIMMERMANN, DR.

OIB research associate 1975-1976. Discipline: Islamic Philosophy and Theology. Main research area: Graeco-Arabic tradition. Wrote *Al-Farabi's Commentary and Short Treatise on Aristotle's De Interpretatione* (1981); 'The origins of the *Theology of Aristotle*' (in: *Pseudo-Aristotle in the Middle Ages*, Warburg Institute Surveys and Texts XI, 1986); co-authored *The Epistle of Sālim Ibn Dhakwān* (2001). – 1976-2009 university lecturer in Islamic Philosophy, University of Oxford.



Discussing at the OIB in 2008: Thomas Scheffler and Director Stefan Leder (first row) Gerlind Wild, As'ad Khairallah (second row), and Stefan Wild (l-r).



Scene from a lecture at the "Inhithat conference", organized by OIB, AUB and Münster University in 2010



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TIMELINE - ORIENT INSTITUT BEIRUT

1961

Hans Robert Roemer (1915-1997)
OIB director, 1961-1963



Hans Robert Roemer

Events

May 1, 1961: Funded by the German Ministry of the Interior, the Orient-Institut opens in a 9-room flat in Rue Marie Curie, Immeuble Samadi, near the Bristol Hotel.

August 1, 1961: The Assembly of the German Oriental Association promulgates OIB constitution and elects H.R. Roemer as first director.

December 9: Lebanese government approves of establishment of OIB.



Celebrating the start of their work in Beirut on July 13, 1961: librarian Martiniano P. Roncaglia, Ms Roemer, director Dr. Hans-Robert Roemer, secretary Marlies Siegmund, poet and research assistant Fouad Rifqa, research associate Götz Schregle (f.l.t.r.).

1963

Fritz Steppat (1923-2006)
OIB director, 1963-1968



Fritz Steppat

Events

Funded by the Thyssen Foundation, the OIB acquires a city house in Zokak al-Blat.

Presidential Decree No. 14103 of October 16, 1963, officially legalizes the establishment of a branch of the DMG in Lebanon.

1964

Events

June 1964: The OIB moves to its renovated premises in Zokak al-Blat in Beirut.

December 1964: Funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, the OIB acquires a summer residence in 'Aynab, caza Aleyh.

Vol. 1 of the new BTS series is published.



Cover of the first volume of the book series BTS

1968

Stefan Wild
OIB director 1968-1973



Farewell of Fritz Steppat and welcome of Stefan Wild (to the left), with Gertraud Steppat and Gerlind Wild.

1973

Events

Funded by the Thyssen Foundation, a new wing is added to the eastern side of the OIB building to create new space for guest rooms, offices, and the library.



The new wing added to the OIB

1974

Peter Bachmann,
OIB director, 1974-1978

1978

Events

The OIB rents a flat in Amman for emergency cases.

1979

Ulrich Haarmann (1941-1999)
OIB director 1979-1980



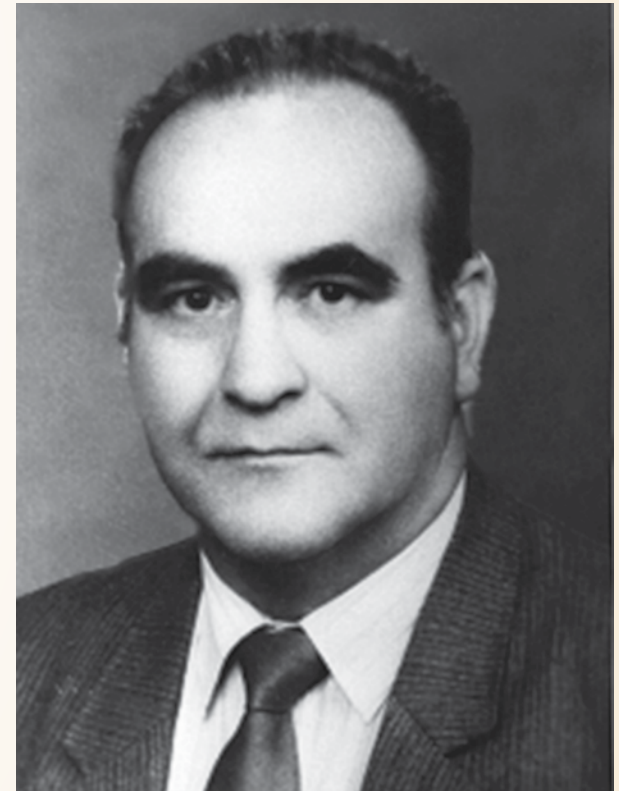
Ulrich Haarmann

1982

OIB summer residence in 'Aynab damaged by bombardments, but partly renovated.

1984

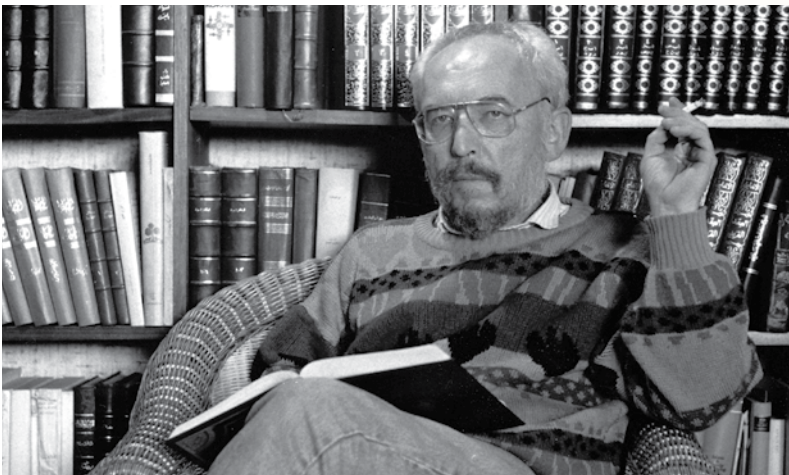
Anton Heinen, SJ (1939-1998)
OIB director, 1984-1989



Anton Heinen

1981

Gernot Rotter (1941-2010). OIB director, 1981-1984



Gernot Rotter. Courtesy Palmyra-Verlag ©.

1987

Events

February/March 1987: Due to increasing kidnappings of foreigners in Lebanon, the German OIB staff is evacuated to Istanbul.

Development of an Istanbul branch of the OI.

1988

Events

March 1988: OIB summer residence in 'Aynab completely destroyed by bombardments.

1989

Erika Glassen
OIB director 1989-1994



Erika Glassen

1993

Events

Istanbul branch of OI gains official status in Turkey.

1994

Angelika Neuwirth
OIB director, 1994-1999

Events

The Director and part of the German staff return from Istanbul to Beirut.



Angelika Neuwirth

1997

Events

Vol. 1 of the new series *Türkische Welten* is published as an Istanbul-based subseries of BTS.

1998

Events

In agreement with the Volkswagen Foundation, the Institute's former summer residence in 'Aynab is sold.

1999

Manfred Kropp
OIB director, 1999-2007



Manfred Kropp

2003

Events

July 1, 2003: OIB becomes part of the Foundation for German Humanities Institutes Abroad (DGIA).

Vol. 1 of the new ITS series (Istanbuler Texte und Studien) is published.



2003: The OIB joins the DGIA

2006

Events

Summer war 2006: The stockrooms of the OIB's Bibliotheca Islamica series in the southern suburbs of Beirut are destroyed by bombings.



Destructed stockroom



The OIB team in summer 2010

2007

Stefan Leder
OIB director, 2007 - Present



Stefan Leder

2009

Events

January 2009: Istanbul branch of the Orient-Institut becomes independent Institute (OIİ).

May 2009: OIB opens liaison office at the premises of the DAAD in Cairo.



The members of the OIB Advisory Board and the institute's researchers on a field trip in April 2011



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