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## Curriculum vitae

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### Education

- Ph. D. Free University of Berlin, Germany, Political Science Department, 1993 (*summa cum laude*).
- Dipl.-Pol. Free University of Berlin, Germany, Political Science Department, 1975 (*sehr gut* [very good]).

### Professional positions

- 2011-2013 Deputy Director, Orient-Institut Beirut of the Max Weber Foundation – International Humanities.
- 2009-present Research Associate (*Wissenschaftlicher Referent*), Orient-Institut Beirut of the Max Weber Foundation – International Humanities (Stiftung *Deutsche Geisteswissenschaftliche Institute im Ausland*, DGIA).
- 2008-2009 DAAD Visiting Professor (*DAAD Langzeitdozent*) for Political Science at Université Saint-Joseph, Institut des Sciences Politiques, Beirut, and Notre Dame University (NDU), Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon.
- 2005-2008 Visiting Lecturer, Copenhagen University, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, Carsten Niebuhr Section (Arab Studies).
- 2002-2005 Senior Researcher, Free University of Berlin (*Freie Universität Berlin*), Political Science Department, Middle East Studies Section.
- 2001-2002 Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA.
- 2000-2001 Senior Researcher, Free University of Berlin (*Freie Universität Berlin*), Political Science Department, Middle East Studies Section.

- 1996-1999 Senior Researcher (*Wissenschaftlicher Referent*), Orient-Institut der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, Beirut, Lebanon.
- 1993-1996 Senior Research Fellow, Center for Modern Oriental Studies (*Forschungsschwerpunkt Moderner Orient*), Berlin.
- 1991-1993 Independent Researcher.
- 1986-1991 Assistant Professor, Free University of Berlin, Political Science Department, Middle East Studies Section.
- 1984-1986 Coordinator of the interdisciplinary research program (Forschungsgebietsschwerpunkt, FGS) "Ethnicity and Society: Problems of Ethnic Boundaries in Near and Middle Eastern Societies" [*Ethnizität und Gesellschaft: Probleme ethnischer Grenzziehung in Gesellschaften des Vorderen und Mittleren Orients*], Free University of Berlin.
- 1982-1984 Ph. D. research fellow (*Promotionsstipendiat*), Friedrich Ebert Foundation.
- 1975-1982 Independent scholar and publicist.

## Grants and awards

- 2001-2002 *Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship*, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA, program on "Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding", research project on "Dynamics of Violence – Dynamics of Peace? Religious Hierarchies and the Domestication of Violence in Lebanon".
- 2000-2001 *German Research Council* (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG), research project on "Religion, Violence, and the Culture of Civil Conflict in Lebanon, 1969-1998" (with Prof. Friedemann Büttner).
- 1993-1999 *German Research Council* (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG), research project on "Symbolic Violence and the Violence of Symbols: The Political Iconography of the Palestinian National Movement" (with Profs. Friedemann Büttner and Georg Elwert).
- 1982-1984 *Friedrich Ebert Foundation*, Doctoral Dissertation Grant.

## Professional affiliations

- 1994-present German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient, DAVO).

## Professional service

### Conference activities

- 2011 Organized international workshop "The Arab Spring as a Challenge to the Social Sciences" (Beirut, OIB, 16-17 December 2011).
- 2010 Organized International Summer Academy "*Official Religion in the Middle East: Political Opportunities and Constraints*" (Beirut, OIB, 13-19 September 2010), funded by the VolkswagenStiftung.
- 2010 Organized the Lebanon panel of the international DAAD conference „The Current State of Social Sciences in the Arab world – First Regional DAAD Conference of Social Scientists in the Arab World" (Cairo, DAAD, 30 May – 1 June 2010).
- 2000 Organized and chaired two panels at the 7th Congress of the International Association of Middle Eastern Studies (IAMES, Berlin, 4-8 October 2000): "The Future of Confessionalism in Lebanon" (5 October), and "State, Media, and Civil Society" (6 October).
- 1998 Organized international symposium "Religion between Violence and Reconciliation", sponsored by the European Union (Beirut, 11-13 September 1998).
- 1998 Assistant to the Director, co-organized International Summer Academy on "Crisis and Memory" (Orient-Institut Beirut, 10-25 September 1998), in cooperation with the Working Group "Modernity and Islam", Institute of Advanced Study (Wissenschaftskolleg) Berlin.
- 1998 Co-organized a series of autobiographical lectures by Lebanese writers on "Being an Intellectual in Lebanon / Être intellectuel au Liban" (Orient-Institut Beirut, March-April, 1998), in cooperation with the Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Moyen-Orient Contemporain (CERMOC).
- 1990 Organized and chaired workshop on "Ethnicity and Violence in the Near and Middle East" (Free University of Berlin, 7-9 December 1990).
- 1986 Organized and chaired workshop "Problems of Political and Social Organization of Ethno-Religious Minorities in the Near and Middle East" (Free University of Berlin, 7-9 February 1986).

### Project management

- 1997 Co-designed and co-managed German-French research program "Vie commune, mémoire partagée: le Liban, laboratoire de la Méditerranée", jointly organized by the Orient-Institut Beirut and the Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Moyen-Orient Contemporain, and funded by the MEDA program of the European Union.

- 1996 Co-designed research framework of the German Orient Institute Beirut on: "The Levant as a Paradigm? Islam and the Coexistence of Cultures in the Eastern Mediterranean".
- 1995 Co-designed research program of the Center of Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin, on "Dissociation and Appropriation in the Process of Globalization: Asia, Africa, and Europe since the 18th century".
- 1984-1991 Coordinated research unit "Old Minorities in New States" of the interdisciplinary research program (*Forschungsgebietsschwerpunkt*) "Ethnicity and Society", Free University of Berlin.
- 1981-83 Assistant to the Director, prepared interdisciplinary research program (*Forschungsgebietsschwerpunkt*) "Ethnicity and Society", Free University of Berlin.

## Teaching experience

### *Courses taught at Université Saint-Joseph, Institut des sciences politiques, Beirut, Lebanon*

- SS 2009 « Théorie politique » (Master 1 seminar, 4 hours/week).
- SS 2009 « Moyen-Orient : conflits et enjeux » (Master 1 seminar, 4 hours/week, with Prof. Georges Corm).
- SS 2009 « Politiques extérieures et stratégie de défense : La politique extérieure de l'Union européenne » (Master 2 seminar, 2 hours/week).
- WS 2008/9 « Les institutions de l'Union européenne » (M.A. seminar, 4 hours/week).
- WS 2008/9 « Sociologie politique comparée » (Master 1 seminar, 4 hours/week; with Prof. Fadia Kiwan).
- SS 2008 « Moyen-Orient: conflits et enjeux » (Master 1 seminar, 2 hours/week).
- SS 2008 « Théorie politique » (Master 1 seminar, 4 hours/week, with Prof. Fadia Kiwan).
- SS 2008 « Union européenne et Droit commun » (Master 1 seminar, 4 hours/week).

### *Courses taught at Notre Dame University (Université de Notre Dame de Louaizé), Faculty of Political Science, Public Administration and Diplomacy, Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon*

- SS 2009 "Modern Europe and the European Union" (IAF 471, undergraduate course, 3 hours/week).
- WS 2008/9 "Politics and Culture of Germany" (EMS 373, undergraduate course, 3 hours/week).

*Courses taught at Copenhagen University, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, Carsten Niebuhr Section of Near Eastern Studies*

- WS 2007/8 "Sociology of the Middle East" (M.A. seminar, 2 hours/week).
- WS 2007/8 "History of the modern Middle East, regional and international relations. Focus: Transnationalism in the Middle East" (M.A. seminar, 2 hours/week).
- WS 2007/8 "Social relations in the Middle East" (B.A. course, 2 hours/week).
- WS 2007/8 "Social debates" [Discourse analysis of selected Arab political texts] (B.A. course, 2 hours/week).
- SS 2007 "History of Middle Eastern Studies" (M.A. seminar, 3 hours/week).
- SS 2007 "Islam and research on Islam" (B.A. course, with Joshua Abdallah Sabih, 4 hours/week).
- WS 2006/7 "History of the modern Middle East" (B.A. course, with Michael Irving Jensen, 2 classes with 4 hours/week each).
- WS 2006/7 "History of the modern Middle East, regional and international relations. Focus: Transnationalism in the Middle East" (M.A. seminar, 2 hours/week).
- WS 2006/7 "Apocalypse: The End of the World and the New World Order" (minor course (*tilvalg*), with Bo Dahl Hermansen, 2 hours/week).
- SS 2006 "Islam and research on Islam" (B.A. course, with Jean Butler, 4 hours/week).
- SS 2006 "Islamism in the mirror of Western research" (M.A. seminar, 2 hours/week).
- SS 2006 "Lebanon between democratization and international crisis management" (M.A. seminar, 2 hours/week).
- WS 2005/6 "Islamism and violence" (M.A. Seminar, 2 hours/week).
- WS 2005/6 "Islamic Law" (M.A. Seminar, with Dr. Rubya Mehdi and Dr. Claus V. Pedersen; 3 x 3 hours).
- WS 2005/6 "History of the modern Middle East" (B.A. course, 4 hours/week).
- SS 2005 "Minorities in the Middle East" (M.A. seminar, 2 hours/week).

*Courses taught at Free University of Berlin, Political Science Department*

- WS 2012/13 "Religion, Politics, and Conflict Management in Lebanon, 1943-2011", graduate seminar (Hauptseminar).
- SS 2004 "Interreligious Dialogue and Cultural Diplomacy: Theoretical Approaches and Empirical Case Studies from the Middle East", graduate seminar (Hauptseminar).

- SS 2003 "The Middle East as an Area of Regional Conflicts", cycle of lectures (Vorlesung / Colloquium), with Prof. Dr. Friedemann Büttner, Dr. Amr Hamzawy, and Isabel Schäfer, Dipl.-Pol.).
- SS 2000 "Religion between Violence and Reconciliation: the Role of Religion in Selected Political Conflicts in the Middle East", graduate seminar (Hauptseminar).
- SS 2000 "On the Articulation of Eastern and Western Juridical Traditions: The Constitutional History of Lebanon", undergraduate seminar (Proseminar).
- WS 1990/91 "Feud, Jihad, and National Liberation War: Forms of Enmity in Near and Middle Eastern Societies", undergraduate course (Fachkurs).
- SS 1990 "Carl Schmitt and the Concept of the Political", undergraduate course (Einführungskurs).
- WS 1989/90 "The Middle Eastern Policy of the Federal Republic of Germany", undergraduate course (Grundkurs).
- SS 1989 "The Lebanese Civil War", undergraduate course (Fachkurs).
- SS 1988 "Terrorism and Ethnopolitics in the Middle East", undergraduate course (Fachkurs).
- SS 1988 [with Prof. Dr. Friedemann Büttner und Prof. Dr. Jürgen Fijalkowski:] "Ethnicity and Society: Basic Texts", graduate seminar (Seminar).
- WS 1987/88 "The Middle Eastern Policy of the Federal Republic of Germany until the Early 1980s", undergraduate course (Grundkurs).
- SS 1987 "The Middle Eastern Policy of the Federal Republic of Germany until the Early 1980s", undergraduate course (Grundkurs).
- WS 1986/87 "Eastern Question, Balkanization, and Terrorism", undergraduate seminar (Übung).
- SS 1986 "The Lebanon Conflict in its International Context", undergraduate course (Fachkurs).
- WS 1984/85 [with Dr. Helga Baumgarten:] "Political Parties and Movements in Lebanon", undergraduate seminar (Übung).
- SS 1984 [with Prof. Dr. Friedemann Büttner] "Identity, *Lebenswelt* and Community: Konstitutionsbedingungen sozialer Gruppen im Vorderen Orient", graduate seminar (Seminar).