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ACADEMIC POSITION

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV, Beer Sheba, Israel

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The Center for the Study of Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters, since October 2016

Research Project: “The Dialogical Context of Near Eastern Polemical Literature”

EDUCATION

FREE UNIVERSITY, Berlin, Germany

Dr. phil., Institute of Islamic Studies, graduation January 2017 (grade “summa cum laude”)

Title of the Dissertation: “The Arabic Vulgate in Safavid Persia: Arabic Printing of the Gospels, Catholic Missionaries, and the Rise of Shī‘ī Anti-Christian Polemics” – Adviser: Prof. Walid Saleh (University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada)

JOHANNES GUTENBERG UNIVERSITY, Mainz, Germany

Dipl. Theol. (equivalent to combined B.Th./M.Th.), Faculty of Catholic Theology, graduation Oct 2016

Title of the Research Thesis: “Menschwerdung Gottes in der Vielfalt der Religionen. Claude Geffrés Rezeption der Inkarnationstheologie Chenus” [“God’s Incarnation and Religious Diversity: Claude Geffrés’s Reception of Chenu’s Theology of Incarnation”] – Adviser: Prof. Leonhard Hell

FREE UNIVERSITY, Berlin

Magister Artium (equivalent to combined B.A./M.A.) in Islamic Studies (major), Iranian Studies and Comparative Religious Studies (minors), graduation December 2008

Title of the Research Thesis: “Schiitische Polemik gegen das Christentum im safawidischen Iran des 17. Jahrhunderts” [“Shī‘ī Polemic against Christianity in Safavid Iran during the 17th Century”] – Adviser: Prof. Sabine Schmidtke (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., USA)

GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (BMZ), Bonn, Germany

Full-time adviser on Lebanon and the German civil reconstruction program, 09/2006-09/2007

FREE UNIVERSITY, Berlin

Intermediate examination (Zwischenprüfung) in Islamic Studies (major), Iranian Studies and Comparative Religious Studies (minors), 10/2001-07/2003

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

MARTIN BUBER SOCIETY OF FELLOWS IN THE HUMANITIES AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, Jerusalem

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, from 10/2018 onwards

2017 ANNEMARIE SCHIMMEL AWARD

Granted by “Gesellschaft der Freunde islamischer Kunst und Kultur,” Munich, Germany

PONTIFICAL INSTITUTE OF MEDIAEVAL STUDIES (PIMS), Toronto, ON, Canada

Aquinas Visiting Scholar, 01/2015-05/2015

DOMINICAN INSTITUTE FOR ORIENTAL STUDIES (IDEO), Cairo, Egypt

Arabic language training for research purposes, 07/2010-09/2010 and 03/2013-10/2013

UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN, Tehran, Iran

International Center for Persian Studies, 10/2012-03/2013

DEUTSCHE MORGENLÄNDISCHE GESELLSCHAFT (DMG)

Travel Scholarship for manuscript research in Iran and India, 08/2011-10/2011

PAUL + MARIA KREMER FOUNDATION

Scholarship for studies in Christian theology, 10/2010-10/2016

GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE (DAAD)

ISAP Scholarship for an internship at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sanaa, Yemen, 02/2006-04/2006

INSTITUT FRANÇAIS D'ÉTUDES ARABES DE DAMAS (IFÉAD), Damascus, Syria

Arabic language training for research purposes, 09/2004-06/2005

INSTITUT NATIONAL DES LANGUES ET CIVILISATIONS ORIENTALES (INALCO), Paris, France

Exchange Student, Département d'Études Arabes, 09/2003-06/2004

KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION (KAS)

German Federal Merit Scholarship (Begabtenförderung), 01/2002-12/2008

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND RESEARCH GROUPS

04/2017-present	Member, Advisory board of the journal “Mélanges de l’Institut dominicain d’études orientales” (MIDEO), published by the Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies, Cairo
08/2016-present	Research associate at the Institute M.-Dominique Chenu, Berlin (Research Project: „Theologie des guten Lebens für alle. Beiträge aus dominikanischer und interreligiöser Perspektive“, Teilprojekt 4: Transreligiöse Perspektive, 2017-2021)
04/2011-present	Full member of the Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies, Cairo
07/2010-present	Member, Editorial board of the German theological journal “Wort und Antwort,” published by the Dominican Province of Teutonia
09/2011-09/2014	Affiliated team member of the former “Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamicate World” at the Free University in Berlin, directed by Prof. Sabine Schmidtke