# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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#### **AREAS OF RESEARCH**

- Arabian Peninsula: Saudi Arabia and the Arab Gulf monarchies
- Islamic charity, humanitarian and development aid, civil society
- Orientalism, history of Oriental studies, Islam and Europe

# **EDUCATION**

Dr. phil. (2017)	Islamic Studies, Freie University Berlin
	Thesis title: Charity for the Poor in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 1961–2015
M.A. (2011)	Magister Artium, double major in Islamic Studies and History (Freie University and Humboldt University, Berlin)
	(True oniversity and Trainsold oniversity, Bernin)

# **EMPLOYMENT**

Since 2020:	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, postdoc
2018-2020	The American University in Cairo (AUC), postdoctoral teaching fellow and
	visiting assistant professor
2015-2016	Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB), research associate
2011–2017	Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, PhD student
2009–2011	Freie University Berlin, Institute of Islamic Studies, student assistant

# **VISITING POSITIONS**

01/2020	King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh, visiting fellow
2012–2013	Effat University in Jeddah, visiting researcher
2009–2010	King Abd al-Aziz University in Jeddah, visiting student

# **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

- Polonsky Prize for Creativity and Originality in the Humanistic Disciplines, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (6.000 US\$) for *Charity in Saudi Arabia: Civil Society under Authoritarianism* (CUP 2022), 2023.
- The Times Literary Supplement selected *Charity in Saudi Arabia: Civil Society under Authoritarianism* (CUP 2022) as one of their "Books of the Year 2022" (TLS 18.11.2022).
- Winner of the Core Course Competition, for revision of the syllbus "SOC 2005: Arab Society," at the American University in Cairo (AUC Core Course Competition 2019).
- The German Dissertation Prize (5.000 EUR), second rank in the humanities, annually awarded by the Koerber Foundation, 2018.
- Emerging Scholar Dissertation Award of Merit, International Society for Third-Sector Research, 2018.

# **GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

2023	Fritz Thyssen Foundation, funding for the conference "Law and Society in Saudi Arabia", June 2024, which I am co-organizing together with Ulrike Freitag and Dominik Krell = <b>9.000 EUR</b>
2023	Körber Foundation, funding for the international conference "Law and Society in Saudi Arabia", June 2024, which I am co-organizing together with Ulrike Freitag and Dominik Krell = <b>7.453 EUR</b>
2022	Faculty Research Support Grant at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for visiting the DOT (Deutscher Orientalistentag) in Berlin and archival research in Halle = <b>1.455 EUR</b>
2020–25	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), fellowship at the Martin Buber Society of Fellows at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
	= 213.468 EUR
2020	Andrew W. Mellon Foundation at the American University in Cairo, HUSSLab Writing Fellowship for the summer term 2020 covering the teaching cost for one course (lowering teaching load).
2020	Faculty Research Support Grant at the American University in Cairo, for one month of field work in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia = <b>4.105 EUR</b>
2018	The Muslim Philanthropy Initiative at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University, travel cost to the symposium "Muslim Philanthropy and Civil Society," Indiana University – Purdu University Indianapolis, USA
	= 940 EUR
2018	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), travel cost for a presentation at the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies in London (BRISMES)
	= 757 EUR

2011–2015	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), doctoral scholarship
	= 84.864 EUR
2015	Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, scholarship for participation at the summer school "Stiftungen und Stiften im Wandel der Zeiten," Greifswald, Germany = <b>200 EUR</b>
2014	Deutsche Gesellschaft Zivilgesellschaftsforschung, travel cost for poster presentation at the International Congress of the Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), Münster, Germany = 900 EUR
2013	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), travel stipend for visiting the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) in New Orleans, USA = <b>1.098 EUR</b>
2013	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), travel stipend for 6 months of field work in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia = <b>1.187 EUR</b>
2012	Kölner Gymnasial- und Stiftungsfonds, travel stipend for 6 months of field work in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia = <b>3.000 EUR</b>
2011	Kölner Gymnasial- und Stiftungsfonds, publication grant for my MA thesis = <b>3.000 EUR</b>
2009–2010	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), scholarship for studying one semester abroad at King Abd al-Aziz University in Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
	= 5.250 EUR
2007–2008	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), stipend for a semester language course in Cairo, Egypt = <b>2.075 EUR</b>

# **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

# ORGANIZATION OF SYMPOSIA

- 2024 "Law and Society in Saudi Arabia", Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin, June 19–21, international conference, which I am co-organizing together with Ulrike Freitag and Dominik Krell.
- 2013 "In Search for the Kingdom Emerging Scholarship on Saudi Arabia. From the First Saudi State to the Present," Berlin, June 12–14. I was one of the main co-organizers of this graduate student initiative at the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies and the Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient.
- 2012 "New Mobilities and Evolving Identities Islam, Youth and Gender in South and Southeast Asia," Berlin, April 20–21. I was employed as organizational assistant as part of the cooperation between Humboldt University Berlin, Goethe University Frankfurt and the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies.
- 2011 "New Approaches to Gender and Islam: Translocal and Local Feminist Networking in South and Southeast Asia," Berlin, April 29–30. I was employed as organizational assistant as part of the cooperation between Humboldt University Berlin, Goethe University Frankfurt and the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies.

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#### PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2022 "Reisen in den Orient: Von Forschern, Diplomaten und Abenteurern," Berlin, September 12–17, Deutscher Orientalistentag (DOT).
- 2018 "New Perspectives on Studying Saudi Arabia," London, June 25–28, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Conference.
- 2011 "Benevolent Engagement among Muslims: Incentives, Target Groups, Fields of Action," Berlin, October 6–8, with Inken Wiese, German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation.

# PAPERS & CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

- May 2023 Glorious Past, Complicated Present? A German Traveler and His Travelogues, paper presentation at the conference *Archaeology, Antiquity, and the Making of the Modern Middle East: Global Histories 1800–1939*, Warwick University.
- April 2023 Vision 2030, the Non-Profit Sector and Civil Society in Saudi Arabia, presentation in the panel *Saudi Arabia Vision and Reality under Bin Salman*, Middle East Studies Association of Israel, Haifa University.
- März 2023 A "German Orientalist" in Aden: Decolonizing Methodologies through the Biographic Approach, *Imperial Lives Biographic Approaches as Decolonial Practice*, (virtual).
- Sept. 2022 Heinrich Freiherr von Maltzan (1826–1874): Abenteurer, Schriftsteller Philologe?, paper presentation in the panel *Reisen in den Orient: Von Forschern, Diplomaten und Abenteurern* at the DOT, Deutscher Orientalistentag, Freie University Berlin.
- July 2022 Oriental Manuscript Culture and Collection History through the Eyes of a German Traveler, paper presentation, *Oriental Manuscripts in Germany: Collection History between the Academic Thirst for Knowledge, Antique Trade Across the Globe, and Imperial Claims to Power*, international conference at the Berlin State Library.
- Nov. 2020 Orphans and Nation in Diaspora, panel discussant, *Diasporas, Charity and the Construction of Belonging: A Connected History of Practices of "Goodwill" in Egypt during the Imperial Age*, Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale, Cairo (virtual).
- Oct. 2020 Urbanity in Saudi Arabia: New Frontiers in Research, roundtable with Ulrike Freitag, Stefan Maneval, Claudia Ghrawi, Omer Shah and Besnik Sinani, *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, virtual.
- Dec 2019 Islamic Charity and Relief Organizations in Global Saudi Da'wa?, book workshop, *Wahhabism in the World: Understanding the Global Impact of Saudi Religious Influence*, Georgetown University.
- May 2019 Saudi Arabia, Humanitarian Aid and Knowledge Production: What Do we Really Know?, paper presentation, *Muslim Humanitarianism*, The Graduate Institute Geneva.
- Oct. 2018 Jews, "Turcos" and the French in North Africa: Heinrich Freiherr von Maltzan's not so Disinterested Writings in the Magazin für die Literatur des

- Auslands (1870–73), paper presentation, "Islam" as an Epistemic Field: Imperial Entanglements and Orientalism in the German-Speaking World since 1870, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin.
- Oct. 2018 Zakat and the Politics of Benevolence in Saudi Arabia, paper presentation, Symposium on Muslim Philanthropy and Civil Society, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis.
- July 2018 Exercising the Body, Exercising Citizenship: An Investigation into the Origins of Scouting on the Arabian Peninsula, paper presentation, *Gulf Research Meeting*, Gulf Research Center Cambridge, Cambridge (UK).
- June 2018 Civil Society in Saudi Arabia Revisited: Charity, Volunteering and Associational Life in Jeddah, paper presentation, *British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Conference*, King's College, London.
- Nov. 2017 Zakat in Saudi Arabia: A Case Study, paper presentation, *Muslim Faith-based Organizations and the Provision of Social Welfare in Contemporary Africa*, Bayreuth University, Bayreuth.
- July 2017 Humanitarian Service in the Name of Social Development: Women's Welfare Associations in Saudi Arabia, paper presentation, *Gender & Humanitarianism*. (Dis-)Empowering Women and Men in the Twentieth Century, Institute for European History, Mainz.
- Dec. 2015 Die Provinzstadt Tayma, Saudi-Arabien: Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf ihre moderne Geschichte (The Provincial Town Tayma, Saudi Arabia: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on its Modern History), paper presentation, with Ulrike Freitag, Arnulf Hausleiter, and Ibrahim Salman, Begegnungen Archäologie und Ethnologie im Dialog. Erfahrungen und Reflexionen aus der Praxis in Vorder- und Zentralasien und Nordafrika, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Technische University Berlin, Tuebingen University SFB 1070 and the Archeological Institute Vienna, Berlin.
- Mar. 2015 Charitable Approaches to Social Inequality in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, paper presentation, *Questioning Social Inequality and Difference in the Arab Region*, Arab Council for Social Sciences, Beirut.
- July 2014 Interdisciplinary Approaches towards Theorizing Civil Society, poster presentation with Christian Schreier, *International Society for Third Sector Research World Congress*, Muenster.
- Oct. 2013 Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Islamic Charitable Practices, thematic conversation with Amy Singer, Mona Ati and Benoit Challand, *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans.
- June 2013 Making of Productive Citizens: Charity for the Poor in Saudi Arabia, paper presentation, *In Search for the Kingdom Emerging Scholarship on Saudi Arabia. From the First Saudi State to the Present*, Zentrum Moderner Orient and the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Berlin.
- June 2013 In the Shadow of the Arab Uprisings Emerging Forms of Charitable Engagement in Saudi Arabia, paper presentation, *Takaful. Third Annual Conference on Arab Philanthropy and Civic Engagement,* John D. Gerhart Center of the American University in Cairo, Tunis.

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- July 2012 Domestic, Religious, Civic? Perspectives on the Institutionalized Charitable Field from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, paper presentation, *Gulf Research Meeting*, Gulf Research Center Cambridge, Cambridge (UK).
- June 2011 The Benevolent Woman and the Youth Activist: Actors of the Institutionalized Philanthropic Field in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, paper presentation, *World Conference on Humanitarian Studies*, Tufts University, Boston.
- April 2011 Lifestyle and Liberty in the Name of Piety: Philanthropy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, paper presentation, *Takaful. First Annual Conference on Arab Philanthropy and Civic Engagement*, John D. Gerhart Center at the American University in Cairo together with the Columbia University Middle East Research Center, Amman.

# **REVIEWS**

- Remote referee for the ERC (European Union Research Council), since 2023
- Review of Middle East Studies (RoMES), since 2023
- ZMO Working Papers, since 2023
- BTI Bertelsmann Transformations index, since 2022
- Ethnography (journal), 2021
- The Muslim World Journal, 2021
- Review board faculty member: Undergraduate Research Journal (URJe), American University in Cairo, 2019–20

# PUBLIC OUTREACH & SCIENCE TRANSFER

June 2023	Charity in Saudi Arabia, discussion with Steffen Hertog and Hanaa Almoaibed, London School of Economics, UK (virtual).
May 2023	Research Seminar: Fieldwork in Saudi Arabia and the Arab Gulf Monarchies, Center for Gulf Studies, University of Exeter, UK.
May 2023	Book Talk Charity in Saudi Arabia, King's College London, UK.
May 2023	Book Talk <i>Charity in Saudi Arabia</i> , The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.
May 2023	Book Talk Charity in Saudi Arabia, Haifa University, Israel.
Oct. 2022	Podcast: Civil Society in an Islamic State: The Case of Charity in Saudi Arabia, discussion with Gilad Halpern and Yael Berda, The Tel Aviv Review Podcast.
Oct. 2022	Book Talk <i>Charity in Saudi Arabia</i> , with Elad Giladi, Inken Wiese and Ulrike Freitag, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin.
Oct. 2022	Webinar, <i>Charity in Saudi Arabia</i> , with Jean-Loup Samaan and Jessie Moritz, The Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore.

June 2022	Islam Through the Eyes of a German Traveler? Reflections on Biography as Method, presentation at the research colloquium of the Martin Buber Society of Fellows at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
May 2022	Travel Writer, Public Voice, ,Islam Expert': Heinrich von Maltzan (1826–1874), presentation at the research colloquium at the Department of Islamic and Modern Middle Eastern Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
Nov. 2017	Die Zivilgesellschaft und die Menschenrechtssituation in Saudi-Arabien (Civil Society and Human Rights in Saudi Arabia), invited panel discussion together with Katja Nikles and René Wildangel, Saudi-Arabien. Ein Partner im Wandel. 18. Mülheimer Nahostgespräch (Saudi Arabia. A Partner in Transition. 18th Middle East Talk), Catholic Academy "Die Wolfsburg," Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Institute of Theology and Peace, Mülheim an der Ruhr (Germany).
Sep. 2015	Female, Young and Educated: A Gender in Waiting, invited talk at <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Insights into Europe's Key Partner in the Middle East</i> , Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Cadenabbia (Italy).
Mar. 2015	Geschichte des Königreichs Saudi-Arabien – Selbstverständnis des Herrscherhauses (History of Saudi Arabia – Conception of Rule and National Identity), invited lecture at the German Foreign Office, Berlin.
Feb. 2015	Zwischen Reformversprechen und Status quo: Frauen in Saudi-Arabien (Between Promise of Reform and Status quo: Women in Saudi Arabia), invited talk at the German Foundation for Defense and Security, Fritzlar (Germany).
Nov. 2014	Das Mädchen Wadjda: Ein Beispiel für das Leben saudischer Frauen? (Wadjda: An Exemplary Life of a Saudi Woman?), thematic conversation at the Student Cinema Week Berlin.
Nov. 2013	Wadjda, film talk at the Student Cinema Week Berlin.
June 2012	Philanthropy in Saudi Arabia, poster presentation at the Long Night of Sciences, Freie University Berlin.
July 2009	Begegnungen mit Saudi-Arabien (Encounters with Saudi Arabia), excursion report with Thomas Behr and Philipp Dehne, Open Doors Day, Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin.
June 2009	Fremde Kulturen ganz nah gebracht. Aus der Vielfalt ferner Welten: Saudi-Arabien (Approaching other Cultures. About the Diversity of Other Worlds: Saudi Arabia), with Philipp Dehne and Nora Haakh at the Long Night of Sciences, Institute of Islamic Studies, Freie University Berlin.

# IN THE MEDIA

Haaretz Weekly Podcast, "Israelis and Saudis Have More to Talk about than They Realize," October 4, 2023.

Jadaliyya, "Charity in Saudi Arabia: Civil Society under Authoritarianism", NEWTON, February 27, 2023.

- Bundeszentrale Politische Bildung (bpb), "Saudi-Arabien ein Land im Wandel (Saudi Arabia a Country in Transition)," Kinofenster.de, March–June 2020, https://www.kinofenster.de/filme/archiv-film-des-monats/kf2003-die-perfekte-kandidatin/die-perfekte-kandidatin-hg/.
- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, "Künstlerinnen und Intellektuelle üben den Spagat (Artists and Intellectuals in a Balancing Act)," July 8, 2019, no. 155, p. 12.
- Allegra Lab, "Saudi Arabia, Humanitarian Aid and Knowledge Production: What do we really know?" Muslim Humanitarianism #MUHU, July 5, 2019, http://allegralaboratory.net/saudi-arabia-humanitarian-aid-and-knowledge-production-what-do-we-really-know-muhum-5/.
- "Stille Revolution' oder Reform ,von oben'? Zur aktuellen Lage von Frauen in Saudi-Arabien ('Silent Revolution' or 'Top Down' Reform? On the Current State of Women in Saudi Arabia)," *FriedensForum. Network of the German Peace Movement* 4 (2018), 48–49.
- "Zivilgesellschaft trotz fehlender Grundrechte in Saudi-Arabien? (Civil Society in Saudi Arabia?)," *WeltTrends* 135 (2018), 30–35.

#### **TEACHING**

# THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

# Saudi Arabia through the Eyes of Its People (Fall 2022)

<u>BA seminar:</u> The course introduces Saudi society through the eyes of its people: Saudi academics, youth, women, social activists, intellectuals, artists, migrants, and the marginalized. Every course session centres on one primary source (a YouTube clip, a literary text, a petition, an interview, a tweet, an art installation, a film, etc.). Through diverse primary materials together with selected writings about the kingdom, the course introduces students to key debates in contemporary Saudi Arabia.

#### **Introduction to the Arab States of the Gulf (Spring 2022)**

<u>BA lecture open to select MA students:</u> The Arab Gulf states have moved from the margins of the Arab world towards its centre, shaping a distinct Khaleeji identity. This course goes beyond headlines of the strategic and geopolitical importance of the region, by offering an in-depth perspective on local histories, cultures, and the societies of the Arab Gulf states.

#### THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO

# **Arab Society** (Spring 2020, Fall 2019, two sections)

<u>BA seminar:</u> What is the social basis for Arab unity? Within the so-called Arab world, existing social structures create immense stratifications between different groups of

people based on class, sectarian, gender and ethnic differences. This course critically deconstructs the concept "Arab society", through drawing on theories of race and ethnicity, nation and nationalism, class and gender, Orientalism and the representation of culture.

# Social Constructions of Difference: Race, Class, Gender (Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018)

<u>BA seminar:</u> The course introduces students to the theoretical literature on the concepts of race, class and gender from sociology and anthropology. Second, the course encourages students to shift focus away from looking at different cultures to analyzing cultural productions of difference in the context of Arab societies.

# **Social Problems of the Middle East: From Charity to Social Change?** (Spring 2019)

<u>BA seminar:</u> First, the course introduces students to the rich traditions of Islamic charity and the multiple forms which it assumes in the contemporary Middle East. Second, in light of heated debates and criticism articulated towards charity, the course examines the challenges and the potential of charity to make a positive contribution towards the manifold social problems of the Middle East.

# **Arab Youth: Hopes, Realities, Future?** (Spring 2019)

<u>BA seminar:</u> In this course, we move beyond the politics of representation of Arab youth, in order to explore the everyday lifeworlds and practices of youth in the Middle East.

# **Development Agencies** (Fall 2018)

<u>BA seminar:</u> The course examines the various agencies active in the field of development. It investigates how these organizations, such as NGOs, state bureaucracy and international development organizations, shape the process of development in the Arab world.

# Civil Society Revisited: Studying Community Organizations, Charities and NGOs in the Arab World (Fall 2018)

<u>BA seminar:</u> The course explores the concept of civil society and its usefulness as an analytical tool for the study of the contemporary Arab world.

#### FREIE UNIVERSITY BERLIN

Von Almosengabe bis Entwicklungszusammenarbeit – Wohltätigkeit von Muslimen aus Islamwissenschaftlicher Perspektive (From Alms to Development – Studying Benevolent Practices of Muslims) (Summer 2012)

<u>BA seminar:</u> A research-oriented seminar that encouraged students to conduct small research projects on Islamic benevolent practices.

# Entwürfe und Gegenentwürfe von Herrschaft in den arabischen Golfmonarchien

(Narratives and Counternarratives of Hegemony and Sovereignty in the Arab Gulf Monarchies) (Winter 2011/12)

Graduate tutorial: The course assisted students in locating and carefully translating Arabic primary texts, which manifest or challenge hegemony in the Arab states of the Gulf

# Islam and the West: Transcending the Dichotomy (Summer 2009)

International Summer School of Freie University Berlin (FUBiS), seminar assistant of Dr. Aydin Suer, undergraduate course. By taking a deconstructive perspective, the course questions essentialist ideas of Islam and the West and examines processes of identity construction.

#### EFFAT UNIVERSITY JEDDAH (SAUDI ARABIA)

German as a Foreign Language (Winter 2009/10), undergraduate course.

# **TEACHERS' TRAINING**

- Workshop: Israel and the Middle East: Teaching the Middle East Conflict, 10-day program, organized by the Moshe Dayan Center at the Tel Aviv University, July 2022.
- Semester course (fall 2018): Teaching Enhancement Certificate I, Center for Learning and Teaching at the American University in Cairo, topics included: teaching in a liberal arts institution, designing courses that inspire and engage, assessment for learning, experiential learning/ lining the classroom to real life, syllabus design.
- Course: Blackboard Build your Course Day, Center for Learning and Teaching, the American University in Cairo, January 27, 2019.
- Course: Design for Active Student Engagement and Participation, Teaching Advancement Program, Center for Learning and Teaching, the American University in Cairo, November 6, 2018.
- Lehren und Lernen: Hochschuldidaktische Grundlagen (Teaching and Learning: Pedagogy in Higher Education), October, 22-23, 2012, workshop by Martin Mürmann, Dahlem Research School, Freie University Berlin.

#### SUPERVISION & SERVICE

- Fahad Albylwi, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, US, <u>Dissertation:</u> Saudi Arabia's Aid Allocation and Determination (working title), since academic year 2022–2023 (in progress).
- Matan Perchikow, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, <u>BA thesis</u>: Clergy and State in Saudi Arabia: The Test Case of Grand Mufti 'Abd ul-'Azīz Ibn Bāz's Fatwa regarding the Legitimacy of Peace Accords and Reconciliation with Israel and the Jews (working title), academic year 2022–2023 (extension/in progress).
- Noa Galiley, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, <u>BA thesis:</u> An Analysis of Stand-up Comedy's Development in 21st Century Saudi Arabia, academic year 2022–2023 (submitted).

- Eden Kristal, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, <u>BA thesis:</u> A (Re)Newed Saudi Identity, academic year 2022–2023 (submitted).
- Matteo Bulzomì, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, <u>MA thesis:</u> From Shadow to Light: the Jewish Communities of Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, academic year 2021–2022 (submitted).
- Melissa Garand, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rothenberg International School, <u>MA</u>
  <a href="mailto:thesis: Abolish 153">thesis: Abolish 153</a>: Politics from Below in Kuwait, academic year 2021–2022 (submitted).

2019–20	Core Curriculum advisory committee member, at the American University in
	Cairo (AUC)
Oct. 2019	Teaching for the Liberal Arts: Integrating Writing in Content Courses, panel
	discussion, organized by the Center for Learning and Teaching and the
	Academy of Liberal Arts, The American University in Cairo (AUC), Cairo.
2018–20	The Middle East Studies Center advisory committee member, at the American
	University in Cairo (AUC)
2018–20	Undergraduate advisor for sociology students (major and minor), at the
	American University in Cairo (AUC)

#### **LANGUAGES**

German native,

English excellent,

Arabic, French (very good C1, advanced conversational and good reading ability),

Hebrew (studying: Ulpan level gimel),

Turkish, Persian, Spanish (basic skills, can read with dictionary).

#### REFERENCES

Raz Chen-Morris (postdoc host)

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