

EDUCATION

2011: PhD in Arabic Studies, Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Leipzig/Germany

2005: MA in Near and Middle Eastern Studies, SOAS, University of London/UK

CURRENT POSITION

since 09/2023 Research Associate Professorship in Islamic Studies, Department of Languages and Cultures, Ghent University/Belgium

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

05–09/2022 Interim Professor (W3) of Islamic Studies (Arabic), Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Heidelberg/Germany

2015–2023 equal opportunity officer and postdoc researcher in the ERC-Advanced Grant “PrivatePieties” (Roman Loimeier (PI)), Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Goettingen/Germany

2013–2014 Postdoc researcher, Department of Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Cologne/Germany

2011–2012 Middle East Expert, Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation, Bonn/Germany

2010–2011 Postdoc researcher, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Goettingen/Germany

2006–2011 Graduate research assistant, Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Leipzig/Germany

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2026–2031 PI of ERC-Starting Grant *HAIR*

2022–2023 Fellow of the Dorothea Schlözer Postdoctoral Programme for Women, Univ. of Goettingen

2015–2017 Post doc fellow of the a.r.t.e.s graduate school, University of Cologne (declined)

2013–2014 Fellow of the young researchers initiative, University of Hamburg for post docs (declined)

2007–2010 Fellow of the German Post-graduate Scholarship of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

2006–2007 Fellow of the DAAD Programme: Short-term scholarship for PhD candidates

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Center for Arabic, Islamic and Middle East Studies (CAIMES), Ghent University

Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Heidelberg

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Goettingen

Department of Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Cologne

Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Leipzig

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2026– Member of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Ghent University

2023– Co-organiser of the “Palestine Talks” lecture series, Ghent University

2023– Member of the Well-Being Committee, Ghent University

2023– Member of the Education Committee (OC), Ghent University

2023– Representative of CESSMIR at the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Ghent University

2021–2023 Equal opportunity officer, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Goettingen

since 2020 Member of the Post-doc Committee, University of Goettingen

2015–2023 Member of the academic “Mittelbau”, University of Goettingen

2019–2023 Responsible for “MoveOn”, study abroad, University of Goettingen

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (DAVO); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozial-und Kulturanthropologie (DGSKA); Die Welt des Islams; Der Islam; Middle East Topics and Arguments (META-Journal until 2020); Journal religions; Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation; Gender and Islam (Bloomsbury/I.B. Tauris); Islamic Studies Research Series (Brill/De Gruyter).

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Belgian Network for Islamic Studies; German Society for Social and Cultural Anthropology (DGSKA); German Oriental Society (DMG); Critical Muslim Studies (CMS); The German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO); European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA); Society for threatened people (GfbV); SOAS Alumni (since 12/2005); DAAD Alumni (since 05/2007)