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Education

1997: Ph.D. in Islamic Studies, Bayreuth University (magna cum laude), Germany,
Ph.D. thesis: „Islamische fromme Stiftungen und Staat. Der Wandel in den
Beziehungen zwischen einer religiösen Institution und dem marokkanischen Staat
seit dem 19. Jahrhundert bis 1937“ (Islamic Pious Endowments and the State. The
Relationship between a Religious Institution and the Moroccan State and Its Change
from the 19th Century to 1937), published 1999.

1991: M.A. (Magister Artium), in Islamic Studies (minors: Social Anthropology and
History of Africa), Bayreuth University (sehr gut), M.A. dissertation: „Die Islamisten
Ägyptens in der Regierungszeit von Anwar as-Sadat (1970-1981)“ (Egypt's Islamists
under the Regime of Anwar as-Sadat (1970-1981), published 1994.

Areas of Specialisation and Interest

Contemporary religious movements, Islam and politics, Islamism, Islamic endowments (waqf), Islamic law, religions in Africa

Academic Positions

Current

2007- Principal Investigator at Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS).

2010- Research grant awardee, Gerda Henkel Foundation, Special Programme: Islam, the modern nation state and transnational movements. Research project: "Zakat and Islamic Foundations in Contemporary Northern Nigeria".

Previous

09/2010 Visiting Scholar at St. Augustine University in Tanzania (SAUT), Mwanza.

07/2010 Director and Principal Investigator of second DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Summer Academy "Religion and Order in Africa", Bayreuth University.

05/2009 Visiting Scholar, University of Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria.

07/2008 Director and Principal Investigator of first DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Summer Academy "Religion and Order in Africa", Bayreuth University. www.sharia-in-africa.net

2006-2009 Director and Principal Investigator of research project: "Sharia Debates and Their Perception by Christians and Muslims in Selected African Countries" funded by Volkswagen Foundation.

2004-2005 Research fellow of collaborative research program SFB/FG 560 "Local Practice in Africa in the Context of Global Influences" Bayreuth University.

2003-2004 Coordinator and Co-Principal Investigator of research project: "The Sharia Debates and the Shaping of Christian and Muslim Identities in Northern Nigeria since 1999" funded by Volkswagen Foundation.

2000-2004 Research Fellow at German Orient-Institute, Hamburg.

1998-2000 Adjunct lecturer at Bayreuth University, Chair of Islamic Studies.

1992-1997 Research Fellow of collaborative research program SFB 214 "Identity in Africa" Bayreuth University.

Academic honours/fellowships/grants

- 2010 Co-Principal Investigator, DFG (200.000€ one year), project “Tradition and Innovation. The Economy of Sacred Space in Durban, South Africa”
- 2010 Gerda Henkel Foundation scholarship (50.000€ two years), Special Programme: Islam, the modern nation state and transnational movements, project: “Zakat and Islamic Foundations in Contemporary Northern Nigeria”
- 2010 Principal Investigator and Initiator of DAAD Summer Academy “Religion and Order in Africa” (25.000€ four weeks)
- 2008 Principal Investigator and Initiator of DAAD Summer Academy “Religion and Order in Africa” (25.000€ four weeks)
- 2007 Co-Principal Investigator, DFG (4.800.000€ five years), Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS)
- 2006-2009 Principal Investigator and Initiator, Volkswagen Foundation (500.000€ three years), Knowledge for Tomorrow – Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa, project “Sharia Debates and Their Perception by Christians and Muslims in Selected African Countries”
- 2005 Principal Investigator and Co-convener of workshop on current Sharia debates in Sub-Saharan Africa, Volkswagen Foundation (20.000€), Cape Town, South Africa
- 2004 Principal Investigator and Co-convener of conference cum workshop on current Sharia debates in Sub-Saharan Africa, Volkswagen Foundation (30.000€), Limuru, Kenya
- 2003-2004 Co-Principal Investigator, Volkswagen Foundation (135.000€ one year), priority area “How do we Perceive or Shape “Foreign” and “Native” Cultural Identities”, project: “The Sharia Debates and the Shaping of Christian and Muslim Identities in Northern Nigeria since 1999”, Jos, Nigeria
- 2000-2004 Principal Investigator, DFG (175.000€ three years), project: “The Development of Islamic Endowments in Morocco, Algeria and Egypt in the 20th Century”

Other Relevant Professional Experience

Human resource management

2009-2010 Admissions Officer of Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies

Journalism

2006- Member of editorial board of NAB (Newsletter of African Studies at Bayreuth University)

Editor of online publications series (in collaboration with Dr John Chesworth, Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford)

Muslim-Christian Relations in Africa

Muslims and Islam in Africa

<http://www.sharia-in-africa.net/pages/publications.php>

Expert Assessment

2010 National Research Foundation (NRF) South Africa

2009 University of Botswana

2007-2008 SIDA – Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency,
Department for Research Cooperation

2007 SNF Schweizer Nationalfonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen
Forschung

Field Experience

2000-to date Nigeria, Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Egypt, Morocco,
France, c. 12 months research

1992-1997 Morocco and France, 9 months

1987-1988 Egypt, 12 months

Courses taught

- Summerterm 2009 Borders, Boundaries and Limits – Their Crossing and Transgression, in collaboration with Manfred von Roncador
- Summerterm 2008 Muslims in Nigeria
- Winterterm 2007/08 Interpretation of religious texts, in collaboration with Ulrich Berner
- Summerterm 2007 Sharia Debates in Africa
- Winterterm 2006/07 From Hassan al-Banna to Usama bin Laden. Texts of Islamists in Context
- Summerterm 2006 Sharia Debates in Africa
- Summerterm 2006 Contemporary Sharia Debates in Africa II
- Summerterm 2005 Contemporary Sharia Debates in Africa I
- Winterterm 2004/05 Religion and state. The Example of the Islamic Endowment System in the 20th Century
- Summerterm 2003 Islam in Nigeria
- Summerterm 2000 Civil Society in the Muslim World
- Winterterm 1998/99 Islamic Movements in Egypt
- Summerterm 1998 Islamic Endowments in the Muslim World since the 19th Century

Publications

Books: Published

Islamische fromme Stiftungen und Staat. Der Wandel in den Beziehungen zwischen einer religiösen Institution und dem marokkanischen Staat seit dem 19. Jahrhundert bis 1937. Mitteilungen zur Sozial- und Kulturgeschichte der islamischen Welt (MISK) 4. Würzburg: Ergon-Verl., 1999.

Die Islamisten Ägyptens in der Regierungszeit von Anwar as-Sadat (1970-1981). Islamkundliche Untersuchungen 179. Berlin: Schwarz-Verlag, 1994.

Ostien, Philip; Jamila Nasir; Franz Kogelmann (eds.) *Comparative Perspectives on Shari'ah in Nigeria.* Ibadan: Spectrum Books Limited, 2005.

Books: Under Review

Chesworth, John and Franz Kogelmann (eds.) *Shari'ah in Africa Today: Reactions and Responses,* under review.

Chapters in Books

- Maghreb. *Islam in the World Today: A Handbook of Politics, Religion, Culture, and Society*, Werner Ende und Udo Steinbach (eds.), 402-415. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2010.
- Die Entwicklung des islamischen Stiftungswesens im postkolonialen Staat: Prozesse der Säkularisierung in Ägypten, Algerien und Marokko.“ in *Islamische Stiftungen zwischen juristischer Norm und sozialer Praxis*, Astrid Meier, Johannes Pahlitzsch and Lucian Reinfandt (eds.), 233-260. Berlin: Akademie-Verlag, 2009.
- The “Shari‘a Factor” in Nigeria’s 2003 Elections. *Muslim-Christian Encounters in Africa*. Benjamin F. Soares (ed.), 256-274, Islam in Africa series 6. Leiden Boston: Brill, 2006.
- Sharia Debatten – Impressionen aus dem zeitgenössischen Nigeria. *Politischer Islam in Westafrika. Eine Bestandsaufnahme*. Michael Bröning and Holger Weiss (eds.), 179-187, Afrikanische Studien 30. Berlin: Lit-Verlag Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2006.
- Legal Regulation of Moroccan Habous under French Rule: Local Practice vs. Islamic Law? *Shattering Tradition: Custom, Law and the Individual in the Muslim Mediterranean*, Walter Dostal and Wolfgang Kraus (eds.), 208-232. London: I. B. Tauris, 2005.
- Maghreb. *Der Islam in der Gegenwart. Entwicklung und Ausbreitung, Kultur und Religion, Staat, Politik und Recht*, Werner Ende and Udo Steinbach (eds.). 5th edition, 415-429. München: Verlag C. H. Beck, 2005.
- Sharia and Secular Constitutions. *Conflict. What has Religion got to do with it? An African-European Dialogue*, Goethe Institut Accra (ed.), 181-192. Accra: Woeli Publishing Services, 2004.
- Some Aspects of the Development of the Islamic Pious Endowments in Morocco, Algeria and Egypt in the 20th Century. *Les fondations pieuses (waqf) en Méditerranée enjeux de société, enjeux de pouvoir*, Randi Deguilhem and Abdelhamid Henia (eds.), 343-393. Kuwait: Fondation Publique des Awqaf du Koweït, 2004.
- Die rechtlichen Grundlagen und die gesellschaftliche Verankerung des islamischen und anderen privaten Stiftungswesens. *Islamisches Stiftungswesen und wohltätige Einrichtungen mit entwicklungspolitischen Zielsetzungen in arabischen Staaten*, Sigrid Faath (ed.), 15-26. Hamburg: Deutsches Orient Institut, 2003.
- Islamische und andere wohltätige Einrichtungen in Nordafrika: Ägypten. *Islamisches Stiftungswesen und wohltätige Einrichtungen mit entwicklungspolitischen Zielsetzungen in arabischen Staaten*, Sigrid Faath (ed.), 109-119. Hamburg: Deutsches Orient Institut, 2003.

Islamische und andere wohltätige Einrichtungen in Nordafrika: Algerien. *Islamisches Stiftungswesen und wohltätige Einrichtungen mit entwicklungspolitischen Zielsetzungen in arabischen Staaten*, Sigrid Faath (ed.), 121-133.

Hamburg: Deutsches Orient Institut, 2003.

Islamische und andere wohltätige Einrichtungen in Nordafrika: Marokko. *Islamisches Stiftungswesen und wohltätige Einrichtungen mit entwicklungspolitischen Zielsetzungen in arabischen Staaten*, Sigrid Faath (ed.), 145-164.

Hamburg: Deutsches Orient Institut, 2003.

Sidi Fredj: A Case Study of a Religious Endowment in Morocco under the French Protectorate. *Social Welfare in Muslim Societies in Africa*, Holger Weiss (ed.), 66-79. Uppsala: Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, 2002.

Islam in der europäischen Diaspora: Probleme der Integration von Muslimen in Deutschland und Österreich. *L' Islam et l' espace euro-méditerranéen, Cahiers I.S.I.S. Fascicule VII*, Jean-Paul Lehnens and João Paulo Bento (eds.), 141-162. Luxemburg, 2001.

Muhammad al-Makki an-Nasiri alias Sindbad der Seefahrer. Networking eines marokkanischen Nationalisten in den dreißiger Jahren des 20. Jahrhunderts. *Die islamische Welt als Netzwerk. Möglichkeiten und Grenzen des Netzwerkansatzes im islamischen Kontext*. Roman Loimeier (ed.), 257-286, *Mitteilungen zur Sozial- und Kulturgeschichte der islamischen Welt (MISK)* 9. Würzburg: Ergon, 2000.

Germany and Austria. *Islam Outside the Arab World*, David Westerlund and Ingvar Svanberg (eds.), 315-336. Richmond: Curzon Press, 1999.

Astrid Meier und Johannes Pahlitzsch and Franz Kogelmann. Stiftungen im Islam. *Stiftungen in Theorie, Recht und Praxis. Handbuch für ein modernes Stiftungswesen*, Rupert Graf Strachwitz and Florian Mercker (eds.), 986-1001. Berlin: Duncker und Humblot, 2005.

Articles in Journals

La riforma delle fondazioni pie islamiche in Marocco durante il protettorato francese. *Quaderni Storici - Waqf, colonialismo e pluralismo giuridico nelle società musulmane* 44, 132 (2009): 727-760.

Ausprägungen und Einfluss des Islam. *Informationen zur politischen Bildung – Afrika Schwerpunktthemen*, 303 (2009): 45-48; Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.

Scharia in Afrika. *Informationen zur politischen Bildung – Afrika Schwerpunktthemen*, 303 (2009): 47; Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.

Scharia Debatten in Afrika--ein interdisziplinäres und internationales Forschungsprojekt an der Universität Bayreuth. *spektrum - Uni Bayreuth International*, Nr. 1 (2006): 51-53.

- Vom Kalifen Umar zu awqaf.org. Das islamische Stiftungswesen im Wandel der Zeit. *Stiftung & Sponsoring. Das Magazin für Non-Profit-Management und -Marketing* 9, Nr. 5 (2006): 28-29.
- Nigeria – Scharia-Debatten. *Informationsprojekt Naher und Mittlerer Osten inamo* 11, Nr. 41 (2005): 24-26.
- Die Wiederbelebung des Islam. Das islamische Stiftungswesen und die Entwicklungszusammenarbeit arabisch-islamischer Organisationen in Afrika südlich der Sahara. *Zeitschrift Entwicklungspolitik*, 7/8 (2005): 45-48.
- Ist die Scharia abschaffbar? Anmerkungen zum islamischen Recht. *Nahost Jahrbuch. Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft in Nordafrika und dem Nahen Osten und Mittleren Osten*, Deutsches Orient-Institut and Hanspeter Mattes (eds.), 218-222. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 2004.
- Kopftuchdebatten in Europa. *Orient Journal* (2004).
- Der Wandel des islamischen Stiftungswesens im 20. Jahrhundert am Beispiel von Marokko, Algerien und Ägypten. *Nahost Jahrbuch 2000. Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft in Nordafrika und dem Nahen und Mittleren Osten*, Deutsches Orient Institut, Thomas Koszinowski and Hanspeter Mattes (eds.), 219-224. Opladen: Leske + Budrich, 2001.
- Second Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Workshop VI Networking across the contemporary Mediterranean: Foundation Trust Properties, Revenues and socio-political alliances between North Africa, the Middle East and Europe. *Orient* 42, Nr. 3 (2001): 397-402.
- Islamische fromme Stiftungen und "religiöse Angelegenheiten" im Algerien des 20. Jahrhunderts. *Orient* 42, Nr. 4 (2001): 639-658.
- Innovationen und ihre Kontextualisierung in den islamischen Gesellschaften Afrikas - internationaler Workshop. 9.-10. Februar 2001 in Bayreuth. *Orient* 42, Nr. 2 (2001): 218-223.
- Wenn ihr mit den Ungläubigen zusammentrefft, dann haut ihnen mit dem Schwert auf den Nacken! – Zur Rechtfertigung der Gewaltanwendung militanter Islamisten in ihrem Kampf gegen den ägyptischen Staat. *Wuquf. Beiträge zur Entwicklung von Staat und Gesellschaft in Nordafrika*, 12 (1999): 79-98.

Online Publications

- Islamism in the Past and the Present. From Anti-Colonialism to Global Jihad, *Qantara.de Dialogue with the Islamic World*, 2006, http://www.qantara.de/webcom/show_article.php/_c-651/_nr-18/i.html (last access 2007-10-10).
- Potenziale islamischer Strukturen und Instrumente für die Armutsbekämpfung durch die EZ in Afrika südlich der Sahara, *Potenziale islamischer Gesellschaftsstrukturen für die EZ*, gtz, Eschborn, 2003,

http://www.gtz.de/en/dokumente/Potenziale_islamischer_Gesellschaftsstruktur_en.pdf (last access 2004-12-09).

Articles in Encyclopedias

Tunesien. *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart (RGG4)*. Bd. 8, Hans Dieter Betz et al. (eds.), 658-659. Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 2005.

Mali. *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart (RGG4)*, Hans Dieter Betz et al. (eds.), 715-716. Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 2002.

Marokko. *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart (RGG4)*. Bd. 5, Hans Dieter Betz et al. (eds.), 848-849. Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 2002.

Algerien, Azhar, Berber, Bibliothek, Bildungswesen, Erziehung, Fes, Fromme Stiftung, Kairuan, Libyen, Maghreb, Qaddafi, Qarawiyin, Tunesien, Tunis, waqf, Zaituna. *Kleines Islam-Lexikon. Geschichte, Alltag, Kultur*. Ralf Elger and Friederike Stolleis (eds.). München: C.H. Beck Verlag, 2001¹, 2008².

Book Reviews

Morocco since 1830: a History. Pennel, C.R. " *Orient* 45, Nr. 2 (2004): 311-313.

Moscheen in Deutschland. Konflikte um ihre Errichtung und Nutzung. Schmitt, Thomas. *Geographica Helvetica. Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geographie* 59, Nr. 4 (2004): 327-328.

Fliegen die Seelen der Heiligen? Muslimische Reform und staatliche Autorität in der Republik Mali seit 1960. Carsten Hock. *Davo Nachrichten*, Nr. 15 (2002): 104-106.

Ägypten. Michael Rauch unter Mitarbeit von Claudia Haj Ali. *Orient* 42, Nr. 2 (2001): 352-354.

Supervision

Ph.D. projects Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies

Francis Xavier Ng'atigwa: "Influence Assessment on Audiences of Religious Radio Broadcast in Tanzania: A Case Study of Radio Imaan and Radio Maria, supervisor, submission expected 04/2013.

Ahmed El-Hassab Omer El-Hassab: Social Reporting & Social Role in the Experience of Sudan's Islamic Banks (1990-2008), supervisor, submission expected 04/2012.

Halkano Abdi Wario: Contesting "Orthodoxies": Localizing Tablighi Jamaat in a Northern Kenyan Setting, supervisor, submission expected 04/2012.

Chikas Danfulani: Shari'ah re-Implementation in Northern Nigeria and the Education of Muslim Women, supervisor, submission expected 10/2011.

Ramzi Ben Amara: The development of the Izala movement in Nigeria: Its split, relationship to sufis and perception of sharia implementation, supervisor, submission expected 04/2011.

M.A. thesis Bayreuth University

Amr El-Hadad: Zur Beziehung zwischen Religion und Politik im theologischen Diskurs der modernen islamischen religio-politischen Gruppen am Beispiel der Hamas, submitted 10/2010, co-supervisor.

B.A. theses Bayreuth University

Carla Hagen: Das Islamverständnis von muslimischen Studentenorganisationen in Westafrika. Eine vergleichende Analyse der Association des Étudiants Musulmans de l'Université de Dakar (AEMUD), Senegal, und der Muslim Students' Society (MSS), Nigeria, submitted 2009.

Alice Skokoswki: Abdolkarim Sorouschs Sicht von Islam und Demokratie, submitted 2008.

Yvonne Golker: Politik und Religion in Marokko am Beispiel von Protektoratszeit und Gegenwart, submitted 2007.

Farshad Mohammad-Avvali: Säkularisierung durch Islamismus am Beispiel der Islamischen Republik Iran – Zur These Olivier Roys über das Scheitern des politischen Islam, submitted 2007.

Maïke Sanowsky: Perspektiven eines islamischen Bankwesens in Deutschland. Eine Studie unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der türkisch-islamischen Religionsgemeinschaft DITIB und Milli Görüs, submitted 2007.

Maren Janetzko: Apostasie im Islam – Gründe für den Glaubensabfall am Beispiel öffentlicher Bekenntnisse im Internet, submitted 2007.

Barbara Taschner: „Die Scharia in Nigeria anhand der Texte von Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, submitted 2006.

Invited Lectures

09/2010 “Current Developments in Islamic Law in Nigeria: Zakat and Waqf”, Åbo Akademi University, Finland.

12/2009 “Muslims in Europe” Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid in the Context of Islam. Working Together for Constructive Policies and Partnerships. Welthungerhilfe, Bonn

12/2009 “Three Years of Sharia-Debates in Action: Knowledge for Tomorrow”, together with Esha Mwinyihaji, Maseno University, Kenya. Inaugural Conference of the Program Point Sud – Doing Research on an Equal Footing:

- Strategies for Dialog between Africa and the World. Point Sud, Centre de Recherche sur le Savoir Local, Bamako.
- 03/2009 "Present Sharia Debates in Africa", Modern Islamic Legal Pluralism in Africa: Focus on Authority and the Family, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen.
- 04/2009 "Current Developments in Islamic Law in Nigeria: The Case of Zakat and Endowment", Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies Oxford.
- 03/2008 „Scharia in Afrika – aktuelle Tendenzen des Islam in ausgewählten afrikanischen Staaten“, Lambrecht, Zukunfts kontinent Afrika – Ambivalenzen, Chancen, Perspektiven, Atlantische Akademie Rheinland-Pfalz.
- 02/2008 "Islamic Waqf and German Foundation – a Comparative Study", Dubai International Conference for Endowment's Investments, UAE.
- 10/2007 "The Islamic Endowment System (waqf) of Egypt, Algeria and Morocco in the 20th Century", Åbo Akademi University, Finland.
- 08/2007 "Aspects of the Transformation of the Islamic Endowment System of Morocco, Algeria and Egypt During the 20th Century", International Conference on Developing Waqf Institutions for Sustainable Community Development and Poverty Eradication, Cape Town.
- 03/2006 "Sharia Debatten – Impressionen aus dem zeitgenössischen Nigeria“, Zwischen Demokratie und Shari'a? Die Rolle des Politischen Islam in Westafrika, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Berlin
- 11/2003 „Potenziale islamischer Strukturen und Instrumente für die Armutsbekämpfung durch die EZ in Afrika südlich der Sahara“, Potenziale islamischer Gesellschaftsstrukturen für die EZ, Fachtagung in der GTZ, Eschborn
- 10/2003 "*al-Islam din wa daula* – Sharia and Secular Constitutions", Conflict: What has Religion got to do with it? An African-European Dialogue, Goethe Institut Accra, Ghana.

Conference Presentations

- 11/2010 "Sacred Spaces of Muslim Diaspora Communities", African Studies Association, annual meeting, San Francisco.
- 10/2010 "Sacred Spaces of Muslim Communities in Durban", Nordisk Africa Days, Turku, Finland.
- 11/2009 "Sharia Debates in Sub-Saharan Africa", African Studies Association – Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 12/2008 "Re-Implementation of Islamic Law in Northern Nigeria in 1999 – a Grassroots Movement?" Violence and Non-State Local Conflict Management in West Africa and Beyond, Bissau, INEP (Instituto Nacional de Estudos e Pesquisa), Guinea-Bissau.
- 11/2008 "The Question of Khadi's Courts – Kenya's Sharia Debate", African Studies Association – Annual Meeting, Chicago.

- 11/2008 "Eight Years of Full Implementation of Sharia in Nigeria – Only Political Sharia? Some Remarks on Religious Politics in Nigeria – the Example of Zakat", American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting Chicago.
- 05/2008 "Law Reform in Morocco under the French Protectorate: The Example of Habous", The Law of Waqf II, Harvard School of Law, Cambridge.
- 07/2007 "Zakat – the Politics of Social Welfare in Northern Nigeria since 1999", Second European Conference on African Studies, AEGIS, Leiden.
- 12/2006 "Current development in the Islamic endowment system (waqf / awqaf) a comparative perspective", 50th Anniversary Conference of the Oriental Society of Australia, Sydney.
- 09/2004 "Habous in Contemporary Morocco: Reformed Tradition or Traditional Reform?" Breaking with the Past: Pious Waqf Foundations in Post-Colonial Muslim Societies and Eastern Christian Communities, IFPO Damascus
- 03/2001 "Wie tot ist die tote Hand? Notizen zur gegenwärtigen auqaf-Diskussion unter Muslimen", Deutscher Orientalistentag, University Bamberg.
- 03/2001 "Some Aspects of the Development of the Islamic Pious Endowments in Morocco, Algeria and Egypt in the 20th Century", European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Second Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Florence.
- 02/2001 „Anmerkungen zur gegenwärtigen Diskussion über islamische fromme Stiftungen“, Innovationen und ihre Kontextualisierung in den islamischen Gesellschaften, Bayreuth University, Bayreuth.
- 08/2000 "Sidi Fredj: A Case Study of a Religious Endowment in Morocco", University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 07/2000 "Local Practice vs. Islamic Law – Legal Regulation of Moroccan Habous under French Rule", Plurality of Norms and State Power, research programme Individual and Society in the Mediterranean Muslim World, European Science Foundation, Vienna.
- 02/2000 "Curriculare Verankerung des Islam im Bildungswesen arabischer Länder: Anregungen für die deutsche Diskussion", Muslime zwischen Kopftuch und Kreuzifix. Islamischer Religionsunterricht in deutschen Schulen. Interdisziplinäre Fachtagung, Ruhr University Bochum.
- 09/1997 "Islam in der europäischen Diaspora: Probleme der Integration von Muslimen in Deutschland und Österreich", L'islam et l'espace euro-méditerranéen, Bourglinster, Luxembourg.

Organization of International Conferences and Workshops

- 09/2010 Workshop on Research Methodologies in Social Science, St. Augustine University in Tanzania (SAUT), Mwanza, Tanzania, in collaboration with Bernardin Mfumbusa, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academics, Asonzeh Ukah, Bayreuth University, three weeks.

- 07/2010 Second DAAD Summer Academy *Religion and Order in Africa*, Bayreuth University, four weeks.
- 05/2009 Workshop on Research Methodologies in Social Science, University Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, in collaboration with Department of Religious Studies, University of Jos, Asonzeh Ukah and Magnus Echtler, Bayreuth University, two weeks.
- 09/2008 *Shari'a Debates in Selected African Countries* – Workshop, Kisumu, Kenya, in collaboration with John Chesworth, Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford.
- 07/2008 First DAAD Summer Academy *Religion and Order in Africa*, University Bayreuth, four weeks.
- 04/2008 Shari'a Debates in Selected African Countries – Workshop, University of Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, in collaboration with Sati Fwatshak, University of Jos.
- 05-06/2007 Second Summer Academy *Sharia Debates in Selected African Countries*, Bayreuth University.
- 06/2007 *Local Islam under Global Influences – Shari'a Debates in Selected African Countries*, international conference, Bayreuth University.
- 02/2007 *Shari'a Debates in Selected African Countries* – Workshop, Shendi, Sudan, in collaboration with Osman Mohamed Osman Ali, University of Khartoum.
- 10/2006 *Shari'a Debates in Selected African Countries* – Workshop, Limuru, Kenya, in collaboration with John Chesworth, St. Paul's United Theological College, Limuru, Kenya.
- 05-07/2006 First Summer Academy *Sharia Debates in Selected African Countries*, Bayreuth University.
- 01-04/2005 Selection process of Volkswagen Foundation project *Shari'a Debates and Their Perceptions by Christians and Muslims in Selected African Countries*, Kenya, Zanzibar, Sudan, Nigeria, in collaboration with local committees.
- 02/2005 Workshop in Cape Town to complete project application, in collaboration with Cape Town University, Zanzibar University, St. Paul's United Theological College and University of Khartoum.
- 07/2004 *Shari'a Debates in African Countries*, International Workshop, St. Paul's United Theological College, Limuru, Kenya, in collaboration with John Chesworth St. Paul's United Theological College.