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Education

- 06/2011 - present Advanced Studies in Higher Education (CAS-Hochschullehre) at the University of Bern
- 02/2011 - present Doctoral Candidate at the Institute of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Bern. Title of Dissertation: „From Aleppo to Paris and Back. Ḥannā Diyāb’s *Siyāḥa* (18th Century, Syria) as a Self-Reflexive Narration“, advised by: Prof. Dr. Reinhard Schulze
- 08/2008 - 07/2010 Master of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies: Bern University, Minor: Social Anthropology
- 09/2007 - 05/2008 Arabic Program at the Institut Français du Proche-Orient (IFPO) in Damascus (Syria)
- 10/2004 - 09/2007 Undergraduate studies in Islamic Studies (Islamwissenschaft) and Political Science at the University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany)

Professional Experience

- 09/2010 - present Teaching assistant at the Institute for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Bern. Courses taught (all in German):
- 2010 Methodological Tutorial: Historical Reconstruction
 - 2011 Seminar: An Egyptian in Paris. (Ṭaḥṭāwī’s *takhlīṣ al-ibrīz*, 1834)
Proseminar: *Nahḍa* and *Iṣlāh*. Introduction into 18th and 19th Century Arabic History of Ideas
 - 2012 Tutorial: Academic Research and Academic Writing
Methodological Tutorial: Structural Readings of the Arabian Nights
 - 2013 Proseminar: Introduction to Classical Arabic Literature
 - 2014 Tutorial: Academic Research and Academic Writing

Languages

- German: Native speaker
- English: Reading, writing, speaking: very good
- Arabic: Classical and Modern Standard Arabic: reading: excellent, speaking: very good, writing: good
Levantine Arabic: very good. Tunisian Arabic: fair
- French: Reading, writing, speaking: good
- Persian: Reading, writing, speaking: good
- Spanish: Reading, writing, speaking: fair

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Memberships and Grants

- 02/2013 - 07/2013 Doctoral fellow at the Orient-Institut Beirut (Scholarship by the Max Weber foundation)
- 08/2012 - present Member in the graduate school at the Institute of Advanced Study in the Humanities and the Social Sciences (IASH) at the University of Bern (Switzerland)
- 10/2006 - 09/2010 Scholarship from the German Research Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

Publications

- 11/2012 "Wie man die anderen verstehen soll und wie man über sie schreiben kann. Der Paris-Bericht Rifā'ā Rāfi' at-Ṭaḥṭāwīs (1801-1873) als vielseitige Vermittlung von ‚Kultur‘“, *Zeitenblicke* 1, 2012.
http://www.zeitenblicke.de/2012/1/Stephan/index_html.
- 12/2011 "Islamische Kultur und arabischer Text. Zur Reiseliteratur des 18. Jahrhunderts“, *SGMOIK Bulletin* 33, Fall 2011, 29-31.
<http://www.sagw.ch/sgmoik/publikationen/bulletins.html>.

Public Talks

- 03/2014 "The Social Imaginary of Culture/Civilization in the Arabic Literary Tradition". Paper Presented at the conference „Working with A Secular Age. Interdisciplinary Reflections on Charles Taylor’s Conception of the Secular“, at the University of Bern (Switzerland), March 7, 2014.
- 09/2013 "Eine siyāḥa als Bildungsroman? Überlegungen zur Organisation des Reisetextes von Ḥannā Diyāb (1763/64)“. Paper in the panel "Reisetexte im Fokus von Literatur- und Sozialgeschichte“ at the Deutscher Orientalistentag (German Oriental Studies Conference) in Münster (Germany), September 23, 2013.
- 07/2013 "Organizing Knowledge in Arabic Travelogues. A Reading of Rifa'a at-Tahtawis *Takhlis* (1834) and Hanna Diyab's *Siyaha* (1764)“. Public research seminar at the Orient-Institut, Beirut (Lebanon), Juli 30, 2013.
- 05/2012 "With my new Maître to Paris. A *Siyāḥa* Between Travelogue and Story-Telling." Presented at the conference "La composante franco-syrienne : Les Mille et une nuits d'Antoine Galland et de Hanna Diyab", at the University of Copenhagen (Denmark), May 31, 2012.