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Born: 02.06.1995 in Bergisch Gladbach/Germany

- since 04/23 Board Member of the Institute of Islamic Studies of the German, Austrian and Swiss Alliance
- since 02/23 Editorial Board/Advisory Board of the International Institute for Religious Freedom
- since 07/21 Islamic Relations Coordinator of the World Evangelical Alliance
- since 06/2021 Free lecturer on Islam (M.A. programs of theology)
- 09/20 - 12/20 Visiting Research Fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (dissertation project)
- 06/19 - 06/21 Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn/Germany  
Dissertation in Islamic Studies – **Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. phil.)**  
  
Thesis: „Influential Converts to Islam: Bridge Builders of a ‚German Islam‘ of the first hour? Murad Wilfried Hofmann, Ahmad von Denffer and Hadayatullah Hübsch. Leaders and mouthpieces of Islam in the Federal Republic of Germany and their key concepts of Islamic theology“ (magna cum laude)
- 06/19 - 05/21 Project Coordinator (Mapping of international research cooperations) of the Department of International Affairs, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn/Germany
- 03/19 Member of research group, excavation and documentation team for an archaeological excavation in Jerusalem/Israel
- 6/18 - 07/18 Field trip, scholarship holder and member of the documentation team for an archaeological excavation in Madaba/Jordan
- 05/17 Member of research group, excursion with the department of Islamic Studies of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn/Germany to Teheran/Iran
- 10/16 - 09/18 Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn/Germany  
Asian Studies/Islamic Studies (profile Arabic) – **Master of Arts (M.A.)**  
  
Languages: Arabic  
  
Thesis: „„After the renewal of Islam, the way of the salaf aṣ-ṣāliḥ will be known‘. Muḥammad Nāṣir ad-Dīn al-Albānī (1914-1999) as an influential activist of contemporary Salafism“ (summa cum laude)
- 5/16 - 06/16 Field trip, scholarship holder and member of the documentation team for an archaeological excavation in Madaba/Jordan
- 08/15 - 09/15 Scholarship holder for an advanced language course in Farsi (Persian) at Shahid-Beheshti University in Teheran/Iran
- 03/14 Member of research group, excursion with the department of Political Geography and Conflict Studies of the University of Tübingen/Germany to Istanbul/Turkey
- 10/13 - 07/16 Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn/Germany  
Asian and Oriental Studies (profile Islamic Studies) – **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)**  
  
Languages: Arabic/Persian/Turkish  
  
Thesis: “From the Shah's Regime to Khomeini's Islamic Republic: Causes of the 1979 Change from Monarchy to Theocracy in Iran” (summa cum laude)
- since 08/13 Field trips to Muslim majority countries such as Saudi-Arabia, UAE, Turkey, Iran, Algeria, Morocco, Egypt, Israel, Qatar, Jordan, Lebanon, Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and Albania