

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

- Beginning 04/2016 **University of Freiburg** **Freiburg / Germany**
Post-doctoral research fellow, Department of Political Science
Associate, Arnold Bergstraesser Institut (ABI)
- Courses on 'Introduction to Middle Eastern Politics' (summer term 16 and winter term 2016/17), 'Introduction to Political Science' (winter term 16/17 & 17/18), 'Militarism and (In-)Security in the Middle East' (summer term 18) and 'Democracy Promotion: Assumptions, Intentions & Effects' (summer term 18)
 - Supervision of BA theses on African and Middle Eastern Politics
 - Participation in and coordination of the ABI research cluster Contested Governance
 - Participation in the management of the chair for development theory and policy and in regular directorate meetings of the department of political science
- 09/2013 – 07/2014 **School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London** **London / England**
Graduate teaching assistant, Department of Politics and International Studies
- Tutorials for the BA course 'Government and Politics of the Middle East'
- 06/2011 – 07/2011 **Alkarama for Human Rights** **Geneva / Switzerland**
Internship
- Finalised a submission to the UN fact-finding Mission on Syria about crimes against humanity committed by the Syrian regime
 - Translated testimonies of Syrian refugees and communiqués about cases of torture, extra-judicial killings and illegal detention (Arabic-English)
- 10/2010 – 04/2011 **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** **Beirut / Lebanon**
Crisis Prevention and Recovery Unit
Carlo Schmid Scholarship for Internships in International Organisations
- Planned and prepared two Advance Missions to Lebanon in preparation of the 2nd Meeting of State Parties on the Convention on Cluster Munitions
 - Drafted and finalised a lessons learned report assessing UNDP's interventions in the communities surrounding Nahr El-Bared refugee camp
- 02/2009 – 04/2009 **Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES)** **Beirut / Lebanon**
Internship
- Carried out interviews and field research on Hizbullah-organised reconstruction after the July War 2006 and drafted background reports on Lebanese politics
- 11/2008 – 04/2009 **Children & Youth Centre (CYC) Shatila** **Beirut / Lebanon**
Volunteer work
- English lessons for Palestinian refugees in the refugee camp Shatila
- 05/2008 – 08/2008 **University of Leipzig, Institute of Oriental Studies** **Leipzig / Germany**
Student assistant to Prof. Jörg Gertel
- Tutorials on 'Developmental problems and potentials of the MENA-region'

EDUCATION HISTORY

09/2011 – 03/2016	School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London	London / England
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD in Politics and International Studies, supervised by Prof. Tripp and Prof. Khalili, on 'US and European democracy promotion in Jordan: The reinforcement of authoritarianism' (passed with no corrections; external examiners: Prof. Pratt (Warwick) and Dr. Allinson (Edinburgh)) • Courses on research ethics, qualitative research, introduction to quantitative research (SPSS), Arabic language and academic teaching development • Archival research & interviews (05-06/2013) Washington D.C. / USA • Qualitative interviews (09/2012-04/2013 & 01-02/2015) Amman / Jordan • Qualitative interviews (03/2015) Brussels / Belgium 	
10/2009 – 09/2010	School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London	London / England
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA Near & Middle Eastern Studies (with distinction) • Research and dissertation on 'Strategic Rents and their Limitations as Explanatory Device for Jordanian Politics – A Critique of Economic Determinism' 	
10/2006 – 09/2009	University of Leipzig	Leipzig / Germany
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA Arabic studies and Political Science (with distinction) • Research and dissertation on 'Urban Governance and Reconstruction in Lebanon – Hizbullah-Organised Reconstruction of Beirut's Southern Suburb Haret Hreik' 	
09/2008 – 02/2009	American University of Beirut	Beirut / Lebanon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester abroad with courses in Arabic language and Lebanese politics 	
08/2007 – 09/2007	Private lessons in Modern Standard Arabic	Damascus / Syria

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

American Political Science Association (APSA)	Collaborative grant for the organisation of an international workshop in Cairo in 12/2017
German Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Auswärtiges Amt)	Speaker on flight and migration at the German Embassy in Beirut (03/2016; declined)
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2016 Middle East and North Africa (MENA) workshop fellow ('Civil Society Revisited') in Beirut and Amman
International Studies Association (ISA)	Travel grant in support of two paper presentations at the 2016 ISA conference in Atlanta
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Doctoral scholarship 2014-2015
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)	Travel grant in support of a paper presentation at the 2014 MESA conference in Washington DC
Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES)	Doctoral scholarship 2011-2014
Santander Mobility Award	Scholarship 2007-2010
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Award for research in Washington D.C. 05-06/2013
Mideastwire	Carlo-Schmid-Scholarship for an internship with UNDP Lebanon 10/2010-04/2011
	Participation scholarship for the Beirut Exchange 2009

PUBLICATIONS

(* peer reviewed, ** double-blind peer reviewed)

Book project ('Promoting Democracy, Reinforcing Authoritarianism: US and European Democracy Assistance in Jordan'): Upon submission of a book proposal in summer 2017 the editor of the Middle East Studies series at Cambridge University Press asked me to submit a full manuscript by February 2018.

- ** 'Marketing parliament: The constitutive effects of external attempts at parliamentary strengthening in Jordan', *Cooperation and Conflict* (2018; accepted for publication).
- ** 'Simulating, marketing, and playing war: US-Jordanian military collaboration and the politics of commercial security', *Security Dialogue*, Vol. 48, No. 5, 2017, pp. 431-50. Available at: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0967010617717620>.
- 'Jordan's KASOTC: Privatising anti-terror training', *Al Jazeera*, July 17, 2017. Available at: <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2017/07/jordan-kasotc-privatising-anti-terror-training-170717074832979.html>.
- 'US-Jordanian military collaboration and the politics of commercial security', *Security Dialogue blog*, July 12, 2017. Available at: <https://blogs.prio.org/SecurityDialogue/author/benjamin-schuetze/>.
- * 'Misrepresenting the Contextual and Idealising the Universal: How US Efforts at Democracy Promotion Bolster Authoritarianism in Jordan', *ABI Working Paper No. 3*, 2016. Available at: http://www.arnold-bergstraesser.de/sites/default/files/field/pub-download/abi_working_paper_3_-_schuetze.pdf.
- 'Stabilität nützt nicht unbedingt der Demokratie', *Badische Zeitung*, August 6, 2016. Available at: <http://www.badische-zeitung.de/kommentare-1/stabilitaet-nuetzt-nicht-unbedingt-der-demokratie--125781611.html>.
- * 'Book review: Democracy's Arsenal – Creating a twenty-first-century defense industry', *Media, War & Conflict*, August 2013, 6, pp. 184-5. Available at: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1750635213477572>.
- * 'Haret Hreik – Hisbollah-organisierter Wiederaufbau und die Notwendigkeit von Alternativen', *Mediterranes*, Euro-Mediterranean Association (EMA), Nr. 2, 2010, pp. 13-5. Available at: http://ema-hamburg.org/media/DE/medi/Ausgaben/2010-02/13_med_2_2010.pdf.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA) since 2016

International Studies Association (ISA) since 2015

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) since 2014

Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) since 2013

Middle East Studies Association (MESA) since 2013

Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) since 2009

German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO) since 2006

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 'Transregional Migration, Mobility and Forced Displacement: Moving beyond methodological nationalism', annual Cross Area Studies conference, Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut (ABI): discussant; André Bank (GIGA): 'Forced Immobility: Lessons from the Jordanian-Syrian Borderland', Freiburg, 9 November 2017.
- ALMA Research Series, Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut (ABI) and University of Freiburg: "Break on through to the other side": Neoliberal democracy promotion in Jordan', Freiburg, 26 October 2017.
- 'Mutants of Development? Special economic zones, economic corridors, and the changing geographies of capitalism', international conference organised by University of Amsterdam and Universiteit Utrecht: 'The creation of financial value and 'people' issues: the Aqaba Special Economic Zone (ASEZ)', Amsterdam, 16 November 2016.

- **'Decentering International Interventions: Alternative Perspectives on Statehood and (In)Security in the Global South'**, international workshop organised by SFB 700/Free University Berlin: 'Liberal democratic processes of identity formation and depoliticising 'the local': US and European efforts at parliamentary strengthening in Jordan', Berlin, 15-16 July 2016.
- **'5 Jahre Krieg in Syrien: Innere und regionale Dynamiken' (5 years of war in Syria: Domestic and regional dynamics)**, Freiburg, 12 July 2016, together with Dr. Omar Sharaf, Hochschulgruppe Außen- & Sicherheitspolitik, in Kooperation mit Adopt a Revolution.
- **International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention 2016: 'Are you afraid of politics? US democracy promotion in Jordan'**, Atlanta, 19 March 2016.
- **International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention 2016: 'Promoting an Israeli-Jordanian transit-trade route: geopolitics and attempts at de-politicisation and technocratisation'**, Atlanta, 17 March 2016.
- **'Peut-on comparer les 'révolutions de couleur' et les 'printemps arabes'?' (Can we compare the 'Color Revolutions' and the 'Arab Springs'?)**, international conference organised by Sorbonne-Paris-Cité University, Sciences Po and INALCO: 'The Eastern European origins of US democracy promotion in Jordan: Liberal democratic identity formation and the reinforcement of authoritarian stability', Paris, 25 September 2015.
- **Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Conference 2014: "The special forces experience" – an analysis of US security assistance to Jordan at the example of the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Centre'**, Washington D.C., 22-25 November 2014.
- **World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES) 2014: 'Are you afraid of politics? US democracy promotion in Jordan'**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, 18-22 August 2014.
- **British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) Annual Conference 2014: 'The effects of growing Israeli-Jordanian economic cooperation – the promotion of an Israeli-Jordanian transit trade route'**, University of Sussex, Brighton, 16-18 June 2014.
- **German Oriental Studies Conference (DOT) 2013: 'Strategic Rents and their Limitations as Explanatory Device for Jordanian Politics'**, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, 23-27 September 2013.
- **'Pondering the Political', SOAS Politics MPhil Student Conference: 'The unforeseen and self-defeating consequences of Western democracy promotion in Jordan'**, London, 13 June 2012.

ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- **'Faire de la politique (extérieure) sans en avoir l'aire: Les dispositifs à destination des "sociétés civiles" étrangères' ('Außenpolitik im Verborgenen: Die Einbindung der "Zivilgesellschaft" in der transnationalen Politik')**, international colloquium organised by CHERPA, Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence and the University of Freiburg with support of the German-French University and the Centre d'Excellence Jean Monnet 'L'europe au sud', member of the scientific committee, Aix-en-Provence, 21-23 March 2018.
- **'Structure and agency revisited: new modes of political mobilisation in the changing Middle East and North Africa'**; Co-organisation of an international workshop funded by the American Political Science Association (APSA), American University of Cairo (AUC), Cairo, 10-14 December 2017.

LANGUAGES

German	first language
English	fluent (TOEFL IBT 112/120 points)
French	fluent
Arabic	advanced



Freiburg, 26 January 2018