



Curriculum Vitae



Personal Information

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Expert on Authoritarianism, Civil Society, Human Rights, Academic Freedom & Democracy Support

Affiliations

Associate Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient
Non-Resident Fellow at Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)

Work Experience

PERIOD	Since January 2023
POSITION	Freelance Consultant and Researcher
CLIENTS	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, German Development Cooperation (GIZ), German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)
PERIOD	September 2022 – January 2023
POSITION	Foreign Policy Advisor
ORGANISATION	German Parliament (Bundestag), MP Lamya Kaddor
RESPONSIBILITIES	Political advisor on Foreign and Security Policy
PERIOD	May 2019 – September 2021
POSITION	Research Fellow
ORGANISATION	Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)
RESPONSIBILITIES	Democracy and Rule of Law promotion, measuring and strengthening Academic Freedom, PR strategy, project management, outreach to civil society, donor relations
PERIOD	January 2018 – May 2019
POSITION	Middle East and North Africa Coordinator
ORGANISATION	Amnesty International Germany
RESPONSIBILITIES	Strategy & advocacy on ongoing Human Rights issues, cooperation with civil other society actors, PR strategy
PERIOD	January 2013 – March 2022
POSITION	Research Fellow
ORGANISATION	WZB Berlin Social Science Center
RESPONSIBILITIES	Research on PhD project on the effects of the Arab Spring in Morocco, Egypt and Tunisia, Editor in chief and producer of the WZB Democracy Blog and Podcast

VOLUNTEERING Member of the European Coordination Committee for Academic Freedom Advocacy at Scholars At Risk
Election observer for the OSCE mission in Belarus 2019,
Chairmen of Netzwerk Europa e.V., Mentor at Academics in Solidarity, Tutor at Morus 14

REFERENCES Mr Thorsten Benner, Global Public Policy Institute
Ms Ruth Jüttner, Amnesty International Germany
Mr Wolfgang Merkel, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Education

PERIOD October 2013 - July 2024 (expected)
QUALIFICATION **PhD in political science**
THESIS Authoritarian Learning in Crises: Tunisia, Egypt & Morocco during the Arab Uprisings
INSTITUTION Humboldt University Berlin
Research stays at Oxford University (UK), European University Institute (Italy), American University in Cairo, Ecole Gouvernance et d'Economie de Rabat (Morocco)

PERIOD 2011 - 2013
QUALIFICATION **Master in comparative and international studies**
THESIS Authoritarian Resilience: Morocco in the Arab Spring
INSTITUTION ETH Zürich & University of Zürich, Switzerland

PERIOD 2007 - 2011
QUALIFICATION **Bachelor in political science**
THESIS European Union foreign policy towards Libya
INSTITUTION University of Hamburg
Erasmus at University of Gothenburg

Expertise

LANGUAGES German (native), English (business fluent), French (C1)
Arabic (A2), Dutch (A2), Spanish (A2)

EXPERIENCE Democracy and civil society support, human rights and academic freedom policy and advocacy, broad network in politics, research, and civil society, writing and conducting independent studies, moderating and conducting workshops, fieldwork and data collection.

Selected Publications

BOOKS

University Autonomy Decline: Causes, Responses, and Implications for Academic Freedom. 2022. Routledge. With Kirsten R. Lyer and Janika Spannagel

Safer Field Research in the Social Sciences. A Guide to Human and Digital Security in Hostile Environments. 2020. SAGE. With: Jannis Grimm; Kevin Koehler; Ellen Lust und Isabell Schierenbeck

ARTICLES

Academic reputation and academic freedom. 2022. The International Journal of Human Rights, pp. 1-18. With Katrin Kinzelbach and Janika Spannagel.

The Academic Freedom Index and Other New Indicators Relating to Academic Space: An Introduction. 2020. V-Dem Users Working Paper Series no 26. With Katrin Kinzelbach and Janika Spannagel

Free Research in Fearful Times: Conceptualising an Index to Monitor Academic Freedom. 2017. Interdisciplinary Political Studies, vol. 1, pp. 42-75.

Change or Charade? Morocco's constitutional reform process 2011. 2016. ORIENT German journal for Politics, Economics and Culture of the Middle East (3) pp. 50-55.

CHAPTERS

Academic Freedom in Egypt. 2020. In: Researching Academic Freedom: Guidelines and Sample Studies, FAU Press, Katrin Kinzelbach.

Research Guidelines for Country Case Studies on Academic Freedom. 2020. In: Researching Academic Freedom: Guidelines and Sample Studies. FAU Press, with Katrin Kinzelbach and Janika Spannagel.

Academic Freedom in the MENA Region: Universities under Siege. 2018. Mediterranean Handbook, pp. 313ff.

POLICY BRIEFS

Shrinking Spaces in the MENA: Supporting Civil Society Resilience. 2023. IDOS policy Brief 17/2023.

Free Universities: Putting the Academic Freedom Index into Action. 2021. GPPi Policy Report. With Katrin Kinzelbach, Janika Spannagel and Robert Quinn.

No Rivals to the King. The Limits to Political Reform in Morocco's 'Enlightened Authoritarianism'. 2017 SWP Comments 2017/C 17. With Isabelle Werenfels.