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Andrea Fischer-Tahir studied Arabic Language and Oriental Philology, Social Anthropology and History of Religions at the University of Leipzig. She wrote her MA thesis (Magister) on the *Feminist Movement in Iraqi Kurdistan*. Her PhD thesis dealt with *Resistance against the Ba'th Regime and Collective Identity in Iraqi Kurdistan*. She combines her academic work on history and society of Iraqi Kurdistan with NGO activities in the region. From January 2005 to April 2007 she worked for the Kurdish Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Sulaimaniya, for the University of Koye and for regional media. Currently Andrea Fischer-Tahir is a researcher at the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) in Berlin and works in the joint research project "Representations of Changing Social Order" (SFB 640) at the Humboldt University on *Identity Politics in Changing Societies of Morocco and of Iraq*.

### Academic Cooperation

- Academic Cooperation with the European Centre for Kurdish Studies Berlin: lectures, conferences, publications etc. (since 1996)
- Lecturer in Sociology in the academic project Special Studies for Development, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) in Sulaimaniya, Iraqi Kurdistan (August 2006 – April 2007)
- Lectures in Sociology at the University of Koye, Department of Education, Iraqi Kurdistan (winter semester 2005/2006)
- Seminar on Sociology of Violence at the University of Koye, Iraqi Kurdistan (summer semester 2005)
- Honorary fellow of the Exeter University, Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Centre for Kurdish Studies (2005-2006)

## Projects

- Summer School for Iraqi Kurdish students and NGO activists on "Urban Sociology", Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin, June 2008, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office
- Editor of the independent weekly Beyanî and trainer for coverage on gender at IWPR in Sulaimaniya (January 2005 – December 2006)
- Research on *Right-wing Extremism and Civic Intervention in Saxony*, Kulturbüro Sachsen e.V. (February – September 2004)
- Consultancy for Refugees from MENA-region, Kahina e.V. Leipzig (1993-2001)
- Program designer of Radio Jiyan, Kurdish Radio Program on Radio Blau, free radio in Leipzig (1996-1999)

## Academic Publications

### Monographs

- (forthcoming) *Strong Man, Nice Woman? Negotiating Gender Representations in Kurdish Urban Society*.
- 2003: *"Wir gaben viele Märtyrer." Widerstand und kollektive Identitätsbildung in Irakisch-Kurdistan*. Münster: UNRAST Verlag.
- 1996 (mit Christian Pommerening): *Zwischen Aufstand und Flucht. Zur jüngeren Geschichte Irakisch-Kurdistans*. Leipzig: Rosa Luxemburg Verein, GNN.

### Published Papers

- 2007: "Black-White Man, White-Red Woman. - Gender Representations in Kurdish Urban Society." In: *The International Journal of Kurdish Studies*, Volume 21, 2007, pp. 123-143
- 2004: "'Why do they humiliate us?' Aspects of resistance in Iraqi Kurdistan." In: *Journal for Kurdish Studies*, Volume 5, 2002-2004, Louvain: Peeters Publishers, pp. 53-72.
- 2004: "Widerstand und genozidale Verfolgung in Kurdistan (1968-2003)." In: Kreutzer, Mary & Thomas Schmidinger (eds.): *Irak. Von der Republik der Angst zur bürgerlichen Demokratie?* Freiburg: ça ira, pp. 160-196.
- 2004: "'Ich war eine, die keine Angst hatte.' Biografische Annäherungen an Frauen im organisierten Widerstand im Irakisch-Kurdistan der 1980er Jahre." In: Hajo, Siamend et al. (eds.): *Gender in Kurdistan und der Diaspora*. Münster: UNRAST, pp. 59-106.
- 2003: "Frauen in Irakisch-Kurdistan." In: Navend, Zentrum für kurdische Studien (ed.): *Kurden heute. Hintergründe, Aspekte, Entwicklungen*. Bonn: Navend, pp. 23-40.

- 2000: "Nationalismus und Frauenbewegung in Irakisch-Kurdistan." In: Savelsberg, Eva et al. (eds.): *Kurdische Frauen und das Bild der kurdischen Frau*. Münster: LIT, pp. 157-178.

### Recently Presented Papers

- "... to exterminate the Kurdish nation." – *The Concept of Genocide in Scientific Knowledge Production in Iraqi Kurdistan*. Conference "Writing the History of Iraq. Historiographical and Political Challenges." The Graduate Institute Geneva, Geneva November 2008
- *Neighbours, Allies and our Enemy's Enemy: Jews in Iraq-Kurdish Images of the Past and Present*. Workshop "Reconfiguring the Past: Politics of Memory in the Middle East and North Africa since the 1990s", Hamburg May 2008
- *Negotiating Identities in Iraqi Kurdistan: Returnees from the Diaspora*, MESA Boston, November 2006

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