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Andrea Fischer-Tahir studied Arabic Language and Oriental Philology, Social Anthropology, and History of Religions at the University of Leipzig. Her MA thesis dealt with the *Feminist Movement in Iraqi Kurdistan*, and her PhD thesis with *Resistance and Collective Identity in Iraqi Kurdistan*. From January 2005 to April 2007 she worked for the Kurdish Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Sulaimaniya, the University of Koye, and for local media. Currently Andrea Fischer-Tahir is a research fellow at the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) in Berlin, working in the joint research project "Representations of Changing Social Order" (SFB 640). Her research interest is on issues of knowledge circulation, media, gender, urban-rural dynamics, and memory.

### Academic Cooperation

- Academic Cooperation with the European Centre for Kurdish Studies Berlin: lectures, conferences, publications etc. (since 1996)
- with Dr Matthias Naumann, Leibniz Institute for Regional Development Erkner: Workshop on "Peripherization: the making of spatial dependencies and social injustice", 6th International Conference on Critical Geography, Frankfurt am Main 2011
- Lectures on social and cultural anthropology at Special Studies for Development, Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) in Sulaimaniya, Iraqi Kurdistan (since 2006)
- Lectures at the University of Koye, Department of Education, Iraqi Kurdistan (2005/2006)
- 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 (2006)
- Research on *Right-wing Extremism and Civic Intervention in Saxony*, Kulturbüro Sachsen e.V. (published in 2004, [http://www.kulturbuero-sachsen.de/dokumente/11Wurzen\\_lang.pdf](http://www.kulturbuero-sachsen.de/dokumente/11Wurzen_lang.pdf))
- Consultancy for Refugees from MENA-region, Kahina e.V. Leipzig (1993-2001)
- Program designer of Radio Jijan, Kurdish Radio Program on Radio Blau, Leipzig (1996-1999)

## Academic Publications

### Monographs

- *Brave men, pretty women? Gender and symbolic violence in Iraqi-Kurdish urban society*. Berlin: Europäisches Zentrum für Kurdische Studien.

Translated into Kurdish by Awat Ahmed 2011: *Pyawan-î aza, jinan-î ciwan? Cênder-u tundutij-î hêmayî le komelga-î şarnîşin-î Kurdistan-î Îraq-da*. Sulaimaniya: Awêne.

- 2003: *"Wir gaben viele Märtyrer." Widerstand und kollektive Identitätsbildung in Irakisch-Kurdistan*. Münster: UNRAST Verlag.
- 1996 (with Christian Pommerening): *Zwischen Aufstand und Flucht. Zur jüngeren Geschichte Irakisch-Kurdistans*. Leipzig: Rosa Luxemburg Verein, GNN.

### Articles

- 2012: "Gendered Memories and Masculinities: Kurdish Peshmerga on the Anfal Campaign in Iraq", in *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 8: 1 (Winter), pp. 92-114.
- 2011 (with Irene Dulz): "Willkommener Feind: Türkisch im kurdischen Teil des Irak", in *INAMO* 67 (Autumn), pp. 10-12.
- 2011: Über Genozid sprechen: Geschichtspolitik in Irakisch Kurdistan. In: Schmidinger, Thomas (ed.): *Konflikte, Staatlichkeit, Gesellschaft und Religion zwischen Nahem Osten und Diaspora*. Frankfurt: Peter Lang.
- 2010: "Representations of Peripheral Space in Iraqi Kurdistan", in *Études Rurales* 186: 2 (July-December 2010), pp. 117-132.
- 2010: "Competition, cooperation and resistance: Women in the political field in Iraq", in *International Affairs* 86:6 (November), pp. 1381-1394.
- 2010: "Identitätspolitik und Presse im Irak", in *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* 24, pp. 34-40.

- 2007: "Black-white man, white-red woman: Gender representations in Kurdish urban society", in *International Journal of Kurdish Studies* 21, pp. 123-143.
- 2004: "'Why do they humiliate us?' Aspects of resistance in Iraqi Kurdistan", in *Journal for Kurdish Studies* 5 (2002-2004), pp. 53-72.
- 2004: Widerstand und genozidale Verfolgung in Kurdistan (1968-2003). In: Kreuzer, Mary & Thomas Schmidinger (eds.): *Irak. Von der Republik der Angst zur bürgerlichen Demokratie?* Freiburg: ça ira.
- 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.
- 2003: Frauen in Irakisch-Kurdistan. In: Navend, Zentrum für kurdische Studien (ed.): *Kurden heute. Hintergründe, Aspekte, Entwicklungen*. Bonn: Navend.
- 2000: Nationalismus und Frauenbewegung in Irakisch-Kurdistan. In: Savelsberg, Eva et al. (eds.): *Kurdische Frauen und das Bild der kurdischen Frau*. Münster: LIT.

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