

curriculum vitae

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Profile

A social researcher & lecturer and a teacher in adult education; special competences and interests in Kurdish Studies

Education and Qualifications

July 2002	PhD thesis: »Wir gaben viele Märtyrer.« Widerstand und kollektive Identitätsbildung in Sulaimaniya, Irakisch- Kurdistan (1975-2000)«, Leipzig University, Institute for Oriental Studies
March 1999-July 2002	Study of graduation at the University of Leipzig and field research in Iraqi Kurdistan
November 1998	Certificate Teacher for German Language as Foreign Language at the Herder-Institute Leipzig
September 1996-November 1998	Study of German Linguistics, Methodology and Literature Science at the Herder-Institute Leipzig
July 1996	Magistra Artium (M.A.) at the Leipzig University (thesis on ethnicity, nationalism and the feminist movement in Kurdistan)
October 1990-July 1996	Study of Arabic Language and Oriental Philology, Social Anthropology and History of Religion at the Leipzig University
September 1987-August 1989	General Certificate of Education, High school Carl-von-Ossietzky (East Berlin)

Work Experience

Since August 2006	Lecturer in Sociology / Social Anthropology at the Special Studies Project, Norwegian People's Aid, Sulaimaniya, Iraq
Since July 2006	Researcher and Coordinator for International Relations at the Kurdistan Technology and Scientific Research Center, Sulaimaniya, Iraq
January-June 2006	Editor at Beyanî weekly, a Kurdish newspaper
March 2005-January 2006	Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Koya, Faculty of Education / Department of Psychology, Iraqi Kurdistan
January 2005-June 2006	Director of the Department for International Relations at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Kurdistan Regional Government
October 2003-August 2004	Social researcher and adviser at the Office for Cultural affairs Saxony, special responsibility (empirical study on resources for civic commitment against right-wing extremism)
August 2002-February 2004	Teacher for German language at the Institute for Education, Knowledge and Training in Leipzig
January-March 1998	Office Assistant in the Leipzig constituency of the Member of Parliament: Steffen Tippach
October 1993-April 1994	Practical training in Iraqi Kurdistan, working for Medico international in Sulaimaniya (field research on land tenure problems in the region of Qaradagh)

Additional Skills

Languages	German – Native Speaker English – good working knowledge Kurdish-Sorani – Second language of everyday life Arabic – everyday competence, working knowledge Russian – everyday competence Turkish and Persian – basic knowledge
Computer Skills	Operating system, application programs

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