ACADEMIC CURRICULUM VITAE

DR. BETTINA GRÄF

EDUCATION

2009	PhD dissertation "Islamic legal opinions and electronic media: changes in legal-religious discourse as evident in the activities of scholar Yusuf ᶜAbdallah al-Qaradawi" at Freie Universität Berlin in *Islam Studies* with the overall grade „magna cum laude" (supervision Professor Gudrun Krämer, Professor Kai Hafez)
2000	Magistra Artium (M.A.) with the overall grade „outstanding" (sehr gut)
1993 – 2000	Studied *Islamic Studies* (major subject) and *Arab History and Culture* at Freie Universität Berlin as well as *Political Science* at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
1996 – 1997	Studied Arabic at the Institute for the Arabic Language, Sanaa, Yemen
1993 – 1994	Studied Latin at the Faculty of Theology, Freie Universität Berlin
1992 – 1993	Studied French, Cours de Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne, Paris
1989 – 1992	Abitur at the Hermann-Ehlers-Gymnasium in Berlin-Steglitz (West-Berlin)
1989	Apprenticeship as an accountant (Industriekauffrau) in Leipzig VEB Energiekombinat Leipzig, GDR
1987	Graduated from secondary school in Leipzig (Polytechnische Oberschule), GDR

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

since 1/2026	Universität der Bundeswehr München, Institute of Cultural Studies, Modern Cultural History of North Africa, Senior Lecturer and researcher
8/2025 - 1/2026	University of Zurich, Asia-Orient-Institute, Senior Lecturer
4/2017 – 6/2025	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Institute for Near and Middle Eastern Studies. Senior lecturer and head of research unit "Arab Mass media and (Trans)Regional Network Cultures"

4/2023 - 3/2024	University of Zurich, Asia-Orient-Institute, Senior Teaching and Research Assistant Islamic Studies, Development of a new MA program in Islamic Studies (with grant to leave LMU)
10/2019 - 9/2020	Freie Universität Berlin, Institute for Islamic Studies. Visiting professorship for Islamic Studies (W3) (with grant to leave LMU)
4/2014 – 3/2017	Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMCS), Freie Universität Berlin. Managing Director
6/2010 – 3/2014	Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin. Research fellow with the research project "Public Debates in Transcultural Space: The Concept of Islam as a System (*nizam*) at the Beginning of the Cold War" within the in the interdisciplinary research project *In Search of Europe: Considering the Possible in Africa and the Middle East* funded by the German Ministry of Science and Education (BMBF) (http://www.insearchofeurope.de/de/research/)
7/2009 – 5/2010	Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMCS), Freie Universität Berlin. Postdoc fellow with the project "Medialisation and transcultural communication within Islamic Studies"
1/2008 – 4/2009	Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin. Doctoral research fellow for the completion of the dissertation
1/2003 – 12/2007	Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin. Assistant to the director and project coordination (Prof. Ulrike Freitag, Dr. Achim von Oppen)
1/2002 – 12/2002	Pergamonmuseum Berlin, Museum für Islamische Kunst. Guided tours for school classes and adults

RESEARCH EXPIERIENCES IN

Egypt, Qatar, Syria, Western Sahara, Yemen

LANGUAGES

German	Mother tongue
English	Near fluency (*full reading ability, good speaking and writing*)
Arabic	Very good knowledge (*full reading ability, good speaking and writing*)
French	Very good knowledge (*full reading ability, good speaking and writing*)
Hebrew, Latin, Russian, Turkish	Reading knowledge

INTERVIEWED OR SHORTLISTED

2020	Associate Professor Islamic Studies at the Faculty of Culture and History, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
2019	Associate Professor Middle Eastern Studies at the Faculty of Arts, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
2014	Assistant Professor in Arab and Islamic Studies at the Department of Culture and Society at Aarhus University, Denmark

GRANTS

2015	Fatima al-Fihri Grant, Erasmus Mundus, University of Alexandria, Egypt (2 months)
1998	ASA-Grant Carl-Duisberg-Gesellschaft, Aden, Yemen (4 months)

OBTAINING EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

2010	Interdisciplinary research project *In Search of Europe: Considering the Possible in Africa and the Middle East* funded by the German Ministry of Science and Education (BMBF), coordinator Dr. Samuli Schielke, Funding initiative „Freiraum für die Geisteswissenschaften," 2010-2014 (grand total 1.2 Million Euro)

REVIEWS

Manuscripts:	Brill, Palgrave Macmillan
Journals:	*Electronic Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law; Global Media Journal; International Journal of Asia Studies IJAS; Islamic Law and Society ILS, Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication MEJCC; Politics, Religion & Ideology; Religion, State & Society; Welt des Islams; Zeitschrift für Recht und Islam*
Institutions	BGSMCS, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Israel Science Foundation

MEMBER OF ADVISORY BOARD

since May 2019	Advisory Board Member of the book series *Social, Economic, and Political Studies of the Middle East and Asia* (SEPS), Brill, Leiden

RESEARCH GROUPS

Research Group **International Exchange on Media and Religion,** LMU München, https://media-religion.net, 2019 – 2025 (coordinator Prof. Dr. Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati)

Research group **Arab Massmedia and (Trans)Regional NetCultures**, LMU München, 2017 - 2025 (coordinator Dr. Bettina Gräf)

DFG-funded network **Medialisierung außerhalb Europas: Südasien, Südostasien und der arabischsprachige Raum,** 2011 – 2014 (coordinator Prof. Dr. Nadja-Christina Schneider)

Research group **In Search of Europe. Considering the Possible in Africa and the Middle East**, ZMO 2010 – 2014 (coordinator Dr. Samuli Schielke)

Research group **Actors in Translocal Spaces**, ZMO 2008 – 2013 (coordinator Dr. Heike Liebau)

Secularity and Tradition in European Public Spheres, NWO-funded network comprising Amsterdam & Utrecht Universities, Casa Arabe, Europa Universität Viadrina, and ZMO, 2008 – 2011 (coordinator Dr. Alexandre Caeiro)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND MEDIA WORKSHOPS

2025 Media Workshop *„Out of Place" – palästinensische „Literatur ohne festen Wohnsitz"*, Gast: Dr. Barbara Winckler (Universität Münster), LMU München, 30. - 31. Januar 2025

2024 Media Workshop *De/Kolonisierung der Westsahara als Forschungsfeld*, Gast: Dr. Judit Tavakoli (Universität Frankfurt), LMU München, 6.–7. Juni 2024.

2022 Media Workshop *The Future of Arab Cultural Studies* LMU München, 24–25 June 2022

2022 Media Workshop *Commodity Aesthetics and Consumption in Muslim Cultures and Societies* LMU München, 13–14 January 2022

2021 Media Workshop *Gender Representations in the Gulf*, LMU München, 1–2 July 2021

2021 Media Workshop *Von der arabischen Druckkultur zu nationalen Mediensystemen*, LMU München, 8 January 2021

2020 (with Prof. Nadja-Christina Schneider, HU Berlin) Media Workshop *Area Studies: Digital Media Practices and New Research Approaches*, FU Berlin, HU Berlin in Cooperation with LMU München, 9–11 January 2020

2019 Media Workshop *Cross-mediale Repräsentationen (in) der Golfregion*, LMU München, 11–12 July 2019

2019 Media Workshop *Arabische TV-Forschung: Sender, Formate und Themen*, LMU München, 10–11 January 2019

2018 (with Dr. Ines Braune) Panel *Media Practices in the Arab World: Infrastructures and Agencies,* WOCMES 2018, Unviversity of Seville, 16–20 July 2018

2018 Media Workshop *Drones: Conflict, Visual Culture, and Theory*, LMU München, 5–7 July 2018

2018 Media Workshop *Sound (and/in) Images in Arab Media*, LMU München, 11–12 January 2018

2017 (with Dr. Ines Braune) Panel *Arab Media and Cultural Studies: Methodological and Theoretical Approaches to Cross-Media Practices*, 33. Deutscher Orientalistentag (DOT) „Asien, Afrika und Europa," Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, 18–22 September 2017

2017 (with Dr. Amir Hamid) Media Workshop *After the Internet - Television Today: Twenty Years of Al Jazeera*, LMU München, 29–30 June 2017

2013 Co-Organiser Conference *New Media Configurations - Changing Societies? Current Research Perspectives on South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and North Africa*, HU Berlin (Prof. Nadja-Christina Schneider), 28–30 November 2013

2013 Workshop Anarchy as Order in the Arab Revolutions with Professor Mohammed Bamyeh, ZMO Berlin, 13 May 2013

2013 (with Dr. Samuli Schielke) Conference *Still in Search of Europe? The Possible in Arts, Ideologies and Travel from Africa and the Middle East*, ZMO Berlin, 6–8 March 2013

2012	(with Dr. Heike Liebau and Larissa Schmid) Conference *Geteilt/ Vereint/ Global: vom Forschen im geteilten Deutschland zum Forschen ohne Grenzen*, ZMO Berlin, 6 December 2012
2012	(with Dr. Saadi Nikro) Workshop *Partitioning Arab Jews: Taboo Memories, Belated Traumas with Professor Ella Shohat*, ZMO Berlin, 25 September 2012
2011	(with Dr. Hatsuki Aishima) Panel *Locating the Popular in Arab Countries*, DAVO Berlin, 6–11 September 2011
2010	(with Prof. Nadja-Christina Schneider, HU Berlin) Conference *Time for Medialisation. Integrating Media and Transcultural Communication Research within Islamic and Area Studies*, BGSMCS/HU Berlin, 8–10 April 2011

PUBLIC EVENTS WITH ARTISTS AND RESEARCHERS

2025	Lecture Dr. Wesam Amr (University of Cambridge), *Communication Strategies of Hamas During the Gaza War Since 2023*, Cooperation of INMO at LMU Munich with the Institute of media and communication at LMU Munich, 19 Mai 2025.
2023	Film and Discussion *Diapositive. Haitians in Switzerland*, Documentary by Madafi Pierre, Collaboration AOI University of Zurich and Institute of Art History at the University of Zurich, Künstlerkollektiv U5, 11 December 2023.
2022	Podium discussion *Katar unter der Lupe. Menschenrechte, Fußball und Machtpolitik*, Student Division Lawyers Without Borders, LMU München and Institut für den Nahen und Mittleren Osten, LMU München, 14 November 2022.
2021	Podium discussion „Wie der Islam klingt. Stimme und klangliche Materialität in muslimischen Praktiken", *Basiswissen Islam* with Julia Tieke (Deutschlandfunk Kultur), Patrick Eisenlohr (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen) and Bettina Gräf (LMU München)
2014 –2016	Organiser of *Annual Lecture Series for the BGSMCS*, Freie Universität Berlin
2014/15	Co-Organiser *Art Exhibition Framing Muslims. images/objects/publications*, (Omar Kasmani, Stefan Maneval, BGSMCS), Universitätsbibliothek der Freien Universität Berlin, 18 November 2014 – 31 January 2015
2013/14	Participation *Exhibition In Search of Europe?* (Daniela Swarowsky), Kunstraum Kreuzberg/Bethanien in Berlin, 1 November 2013 – 12 January 2014

HONORARY POSITIONS

since 2022 Member of ZEOK e.V., Leipzig

since 2017 Tresurer, Gesellschaft zur Förderung des ZMO e.V., Berlin

PUBLICATIONS

A Articles and book chapters

Peer-reviewed scientific article

"On Naming Drones: A European Perspective", in: *Digital War* (2022), https://doi.org/10.1057/s42984-022-00056-3.

with Laura Hindelang: "No Spaces without History. Transdisciplinary Approaches to the Gulf Cities between Area Studies, Art History and Media Studies", in: *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication*, 15 (2022) 3, 219–239.

with Laura Hindelang: "The Transregional Cultural Magazine al-ʿArabī: Knowledge Production, Arab Metropolises, and Cultural Imaginations in the 1950s and 1960s", in *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication*, 15 (2022) 3, 301–328.

"Media Fatwas, Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī and Media-Mediated Authority in Islam", in: *Orient* 51 (2010) 1, 6–15.

"IslamOnline.net: Independent, interactive, popular", in: *Arab Media and Society* (2008), http://www.arabmediasociety.com/?article=576.

"Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi in Cyberspace", in: *Die Welt des Islams* 47 (2007) 3–4, 403–423.

Encyclopedia entries

"Fatwa, modern media", in: Kate Fleet et al. (eds.): *Encyclopedia of Islam Third Edition*, Brill: Leiden, 2017, 74-76.

"Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī" in: Esposito, J./ E. Shahin (eds.): *Oxford Handbook of Islam and Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2013, 222-236 (paperback edition as *Key Islamic Political Thinkers*, 2018).

"Qatar" in: Gerhard Robbers (ed.): *Encyclopedia of World Constitutions*, vol. 3, 2007, 747–749.

Book chapters

"Drone Rugs. Knoted Images as a Reminder of the Cruel Global Present", in: Haugbølle, Sune, Tina Dransfeldt Christensen and Søren Møller Christensen (eds.): *Suzanna in the Bath. Essays on Middle East Studies and Public Discourse. Festschrift in honour of Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen's 60th birthday*, 2023, 100-117.

"From the Pocketbook to Facebook: Maktabat Wahba, Publishing and Political Ideas in Cairo since the 1940s", in Gräf et al. (eds.): *Ways of Knowing Muslim Cultures and Societies. Studies in Honour of Gudrun Krämer*, Leiden: Brill, 2018, 223-245.

with Birgit Krawietz and Schirin Amir-Moazami: "Editor's Preface: Ways of Knowing Muslim Cultures and Societies", in Gräf et al. (eds.): *Ways of Knowing Muslim Cultures and Societies. Studies in Honour of Gudrun Krämer*, Leiden: Brill, 2018, xi-xxiii, co-authored with Birgit Krawietz und Schirin Amir-Moazami.

„Die Geschichte arabischer Massenmedien von 1860 bis 1950", in: Richter, Carola/Asiem El Difraoui (eds.): *Arabische Medien*, Konstanz, Münschen: UVK Verlagsgesellschaft, 2015, 25-38.

with Carola Richter: "The Political Economy of Media: An Introduction", in: Nadja-Christina Schneider/Carola Richter (eds.): New Media Configurations and Socio-Cultural Dynamics in Asia and the Arab World, Berlin: Nomos, 2015, 25-36, co-authored with Carola Richter.

"Media fatwas and fatwa editors: Challenging and preserving Yusuf al-Qaradawi's religious authority", in: Hudson, Leila/Adel Iskandar/ Mimi Kirk (eds.): *Before the Explosion: Media Evolution on the Eve of the Arab Spring*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, 139-157.

with Knut Graw and Samuli Schielke: "Post-Metonymy and the Question of Europe", in: Swarowsky, Daniela, Samuli Schielke and Andrea Heister (eds.): *In Search of Europe? In Collaboration. An Experiment*, Heijningen: Jap Sam Books, 2013, 18–23.

with Mohamed Abdelkarim: "Re-Introducing Ideology. Neoliberal Islam and Global Capitalism", in: Swarowsky, Daniela, Samuli Schielke and Andrea Heister (eds.): *In Search of Europe? In Collaboration. An Experiment*, Heijningen: Jap Sam Books, 2013, 44–62 (Arabisch: "Taqdīm al-īdiyūlūjiyya min jadīd. al-Islām al-niyūlībrālī wa-l-raʾsmāliyya al-ʿālamiyya", in ebd., 51–65).

with Alexandre Caeiro: "Yusuf al-Qaradawi and the European Council for Fatwa and Research", in: Peter, Frank and Rafael Ortega (eds.): *Islamist Movements in Europe: Perspectives on Public Religion and Islamophobia*, London: I.B. Tauris, 2014.

with Alexandre Caeiro: "El Consejo Europeo para la Fatwa y la Investigación y Yusuf al-Qaradawi", in: Peter, Frank and Rafael Ortega (eds.), *Los movimientos islámicos transnacionales y la emergencia de un "islam euroeo* Biblioteca del Islam Contemporaneo, Madrid: Edicions Bellaterra, 2012, 173–178.

with Nadja-Christina Schneider: "Introduction", in Schneider, Nadja-Christina and Bettina Gräf: *Social Dynamics 2.0: Researching Change in Times of Media Convergence. Case studies from the Middle East and Asia*, Berlin: Frank & Timme, Internationale und interkulturelle Kommunikation, 2011, 9–26.

with Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen: "Introduction", in: Gräf, Bettina and Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen (eds.): *The Global Mufti. The Phenomenon of Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī*, London, N.Y.: Hurst/Columbia University Press, 2009, 1–15.

"Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī. State of Research", in: Gräf, Bettina and Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen (eds.): *The Global Mufti. The Phenomenon of Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī*, London, N.Y.: Hurst/Columbia University Press, 2009, 17–26.

"The Concept of *Wasaṭiyya* in the Work of Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī", in: Gräf, Bettina and Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen (eds.): *The Global Mufti. The Phenomenon of Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī*, London, N.Y.: Hurst/Columbia University Press, 2009, 213–238.

Reviews

Baers, Michael: A History of the Western Sahara Conflict. The Paper Desert, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2022, English: *L'Ouest Saharien No. 21*, November 2025, 219-221.

Baers, Michael: A History of the Western Sahara Conflict. The Paper Desert, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2022, Arabic:
مايكل بايرز،تاريخ النزاع في الصحراء الغربية. الصحراء الورقية. منشورات كامبريدج للمتخصصين, 2022
in: *Journal Tifariti No. 2*, November 2025, 163-165.

Rozehnal, Robert (ed.): Cyber Muslims. Mapping Islamic Digital Media in the Internet Age, 2022, in: *Reading Religion*. *A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, October 2023.

Wöhrle, Jannic: Muslimische Konzeptionen von Menschenwürde. Zur innerarabischen Diskussion über den Begriff *karama* vor und nach 2011, in: *ZDMG* 173(2023)2, 513-515.

Weismann, Itzchak/Malik, Jamal (eds.), Culture of Daʿwa: Islamic Preaching in the Modern World. Salt Lake City, University of Utah Press, 2020, in: *The New East*, 62(2023), 295-298 (Hebräisch) und in: *Die Welt des Islams*, 63(2023)4, 500-503.

Ron Shaham: *Rethinking Islamic Legal Modernism: The Teaching of Yusuf al-Qaradawi*, Leiden: Brill, 2018, in: *The New East*, 60 (2021), 244-247 (Hebrew).

Aishima, Hatsuki*: Public Culture and Islam in Modern Egypt. Media, Intellectuals and Society*. London, New York: I.B. Tauris, 2016, in: *Die Welt des Islams,* 60 (2020), 106-108.

Determann, Jörg Matthias: *Space Science and the Arab World. Astronauts, Observatories and Nationalism in the Middle East*, London: I.B. Tauris, 2018, in: *Die Welt des Islams,* 59 (2019) 224-227.

Al-Rawi, Ahmed: *Islam on YouTube: Online Debates, Protests, and Extremism*, New York, NY: Palgrave Macmilan, 2017, at: *Reading Religion. A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, August 2018.

B Books

Monographs

Gräf, Bettina/Julia Tieke: *111 Orte in Berlin, die über den Islam erzählen.* Emons Verlag, 240 S., 2023.

Gräf, Bettina: *Rezo, Ramstein und Drohnentötungen im Jemen: Ein islamwissenschaftlicher Werkstattbericht,* Diskussionspapiere 122, Berlin*,* Boston: De Gruyter, 2021 (61 pp).

Gräf, Bettina: *Medien-Fatwas@Yusuf al-Qaradawi. Die Popularisierung des islamischen Rechts*, ZMO-Studien 27, Berlin: Klaus Schwarz Verlag, 2010.

Gräf, Bettina: *Islamische Gelehrte als politische Akteure im globalen Kontext. Eine Fatwa von Yusuf Abdallah al-Qaradawi*, Dikussionspapiere 93, Freie Universität Berlin, 2003 (39 pp).

Editorship

Taleb Omar Ahmed Baba, Abderrahmane, Bettina Gräf, Wolf-Dieter Seiwert, Judit Tavakoli (eds.), *Journal Tifariti No. 2*, November 2025. https://zenodo.org/records/20669804

Gräf, Bettina, Birgit Krawietz and Schirin Amir-Moazami (eds.): *Ways of Knowing Muslim Cultures and Societies. Studies in Honour of Gudrun Krämer*, Leiden: Brill, 2018.

Schneider, Nadja-Christina and Bettina Gräf (eds.): *Social Dynamics 2.0: Researching Change in Times of Media Convergence. Case studies from the Middle East and Asia*, Berlin: Frank & Timme, Internationale und interkulturelle Kommunikation, 2011.

Gräf, Bettina and Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen (eds.): *The Global Mufti. The Phenomenon of Yusuf al-Qaradawi*, London, N.Y.: Hurst/Columbia University Press, 2009.

C Publications intended for students

Bibliographical revision and new introduction to Gudrun Krämer: *Politischer Islam*, Textbook Fern-Universität Hagen, 2011.

D Publications intended for the general public, cooperation with artists

„Warum der Drehort von «Odyssee» umstritten ist", in: *SRF Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen*, 28. Juni 2026. https://www.srf.ch/news/international/filmkulisse-im-konfliktgebiet-warum-der-drehort-von-odyssee-umstritten-ist-1

„The „Pearl" of the South is still not free", in: *Qantara.de,* 30. October 2025. https://qantara.de/en/article/50-years-occupation-western-sahara-pearl-south-still-not-free (Arabic, English, German)

„Kulturpolitik in der besetzten Westsahara: TV Laâyoune", in: *ZMO Blog*, June 2025. https://www.zmo.de/wissenstransfer/zmo-blog/17

with students: „Excursion to Algeria 2024. Sahrawi refugee camps near by Tindouf", INMO LMU Munich. https://www.naher-osten.uni-muenchen.de/wasistlosaminstitut/exkursionen/exkursion-algerien/glossar/index.html, September 2024.

"Foreword", in Kasmani, Omar/Stefan Maneval (eds.): *Muslim Matter. Photographs, Objects, Essays.* Berlin: Revolver Publishing, 2016, 13-16.

"In Search of a Global Islamic Authority", in: *ISIM Review* 15 (Spring 2005), 47.

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