

Curriculum vitae — Prof. Dr. Robert Langer — Germany

Professur für Religionswissenschaft mit dem Schwerpunkt Islam
Institut für Kulturwissenschaften
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Universität der Bundeswehr München
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Academic Qualifications and University Studies

- 2018, 8 February Certificate “University Teaching (intensive)” (‘Hochschullehre der Bayerischen Universitäten’), *University of Bayreuth*, 229 units
- 2016, 20 January ‘Habilitation’, *venia legendi* for “Islamwissenschaft”, ‘Privatdozent’ at the *Philosophical Faculty, University of Heidelberg*, without a dissentient vote
‘Habilitation’ lecture: “‘The Sublime Institution of the Caliphate Will Guide Them the Right Islamic Path’—The Yezidi in Late-Ottoman Writings Between Heresiography and ‘Inner-Islamic Mission’” (in German)
- 2007, August–
2016, January Registered ‘Habilitand’ at the *Philosophical Faculty, University of Heidelberg*
Title of thesis: “Alevi Rituals in a Transnational Context: Religious Practice between Turkish Metropolises, Western Diaspora, and Anatolian Village” (in German), submitted 13 April 2015 (Referees: Prof. Dr. Michael Ursinus, Heidelberg; Prof. Dr. Gregor Ahn, Heidelberg; Prof. Dr. Stefan Reichmuth, Bochum)
- 2004, 20 February Dr. phil., *magna cum laude*
Final Doctoral exam (*rigorosum*) cultural anthropology (Prof. Dr. Klaus Peter Koepping); grade: *magna cum laude*
- 2003, October Doctoral exam (*rigorosum*) Islamic studies (Prof. Dr. Michael Ursinus); grade: *magna cum laude*
- 2002, October Doctoral dissertation submitted to the *Philosophische Fakultät, University of Heidelberg*
Title of doctoral thesis: “*Pīrān* and *Zeyārat-gāh*: Shrines and Pilgrimage Places of the Zoroastrians of Iran in their Shiite-Muslim Context” (in German) (supervisor: Prof. Dr. Michael Stausberg, religious studies; examiners: Prof. Dr. Michael Ursinus, Islamic studies, and Prof. Dr. Gregor Ahn, religious studies); grade: *magna cum laude*
- 2000, June–
2002, September Doctoral student of Prof. Dr. Michael Ursinus (chair, Islamic studies, *Seminar für Sprachen und Kulturen des Vorderen Orients, University of Heidelberg*)
- 2000, June *Magister Artium* (M. A.)
Islamic studies and cultural anthropology; grade: “good” (1.6)
Title of M. A. thesis: “‘Azerbaijan’ in 18th and Early 19th Century Ottoman Documents: Prehistory, Documentation and Further Development of the Use of a Toponym” (in German) (supervisors: Prof. Dr. Michael Ursinus, Ottoman Studies, and Prof. Dr. Raif G. Khoury, Arabic studies)
- 1996, October–
1999, March Participant in the international research seminar “Identité individuelle et rapports de pouvoir dans les sociétés Musulmanes de la Méditerranée, dans le cadre du programme européen ‘Individu et Société dans le Monde Musulman Méditerranéen’”, funded by the *European Science Foundation (ESF)* at the Universities of Heidelberg and Strasbourg (France)
- 1995, March “Zwischenprüfung” (equates B. A.) Islamic studies (major): Ottoman studies (language exams: Turkish and Persian); grade: “good” (2.0)

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1994, August	“Intensive French” (language course), <i>Institut Français de Heidelberg</i>
1990–1992	Arabic language studies at the <i>Landesinstitut für Arabische Sprache Nordrhein-Westfalen</i> , Bochum (courses: intensive I and II, intensive reading, middle II intensive)
1992, September	“Zwischenprüfung” (equates B. A.) Islamic studies (minor): Arabic studies (language exam: Arabic); grade: “good” (2.0)
1991, September	“Zwischenprüfung” (equates B. A.) Cultural anthropology (major); grade: “excellent” (1.0)
From 1987, October	Studies at the <i>University of Heidelberg</i> : at first B. A. studies in philosophy, art history, archaeology, and Semitic studies (1987–1989); then Islamic studies and cultural anthropology (from 1989)

Positions, Employments, Service

2022, 15 September until present	Full professor for the Study of Religion with a special focus on Islam, Institute of Cultural Studies, Department of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, <i>Universität der Bundeswehr München</i>
2020, 1 May until 2022, 14 September	Deputy professor for the Study of Religion with a special focus on Islam, Institute of Cultural Studies, associated at the Institute of Theology and Ethnics, Department of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, <i>Universität der Bundeswehr München</i>
2019, 1 March–2022, 28 February	Principal Investigator: <i>International Standing Working Group Iran and Beyond – Breaking the Ground for Sustainable Scholarly Collaboration (IRSSC)</i> , “Performance of Culture, Religion, and Body as Strategies of Self-Empowerment in the Islamic Republic Iran”, <i>Max Weber Foundation</i> : Submodule 2c of “Knowledge Unbound”, 260.004 €
2017, October–2022, June (on leave 2020, 1 May–2022, 30 June)	Senior Researcher, <i>Orient-Institut Istanbul, Max-Weber-Stiftung</i> , responsible for the research area “Religious History of Anatolia and Iran”
2011, May–2019, December	Public relations, “Heidelberg Centre for Euro-Asiatic Studies e. V. (HECEAS)” at the <i>University of Heidelberg</i>
2017, 15 December	Ranked as third for Associate Professor in the Study of Religions with a specialization in Islam, Faculty of Humanities, <i>University of Bergen</i>
2017, 17 July	Ranked as second for the W2 chair for Islamic Studies with a focus on Iranian Studies (succession Prof. em. Dr. Monika Gronke, <i>University of Cologne</i>)
2014, April–2017, September (extended 2017, October–2021, September)	Junior Research Group Leader, Religious Studies, “Contemporary Islamic Cultures”, <i>University of Bayreuth</i> , € 495.080 Extension (€ 777.120) declined for Senior Researcher, <i>Orient-Institut Istanbul</i>
2013, September–2015, September	Project Leader “Negotiating Alevi Cultural Heritage: Stateless Cultural Assets of Marginalized Groups between Hegemonial Definition and Self-Standardization”, <i>University of Heidelberg</i> , Exzellenzinitiative II, Field of Focus 3: Cultural Dynamics in Globalised Worlds: €56.434 https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/research/research-profile/fields-of-focus/field-of-focus-iii/research-activities/research-activities-2013-2019/negotiating-alevi-cultural-heritage
2013, October–2014, March	Deputy Professor, Islamic Studies / Ottoman Studies, <i>University of Heidelberg</i>

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- 2012, December Lecturer for “Historical Sources in Alevism”, Program “Pedagogy of Religion”, *Heidelberg University of Education*
- 2011–2013 Lecturer for “History of Alevism”, Program “Pedagogy of Alevi Religion”, *Pedagogy of Islamic Religion, Pädagogische Hochschule Weingarten*
- 2002, September–
2013, June Member of the *Collaborative Research Centre 619 “Dynamics of Ritual” of the University of Heidelberg* (funded by the *German Research Council* since July 2002, assessed as “excellent”, highest grade, in May 2005 / **€349.800** and January 2009 / **€359.000** (composition of assessed proposal for Islamic studies project)
- Academic associate in sub-project C7 (Islamic studies) “Transfer of Rituals within Marginalised Religious Groups in Islamic Societies of the Near East and in the Diaspora”
- Member of lecturing staff in Islamic studies and religious studies
- 2006, October–
2007, February Assistant professor (part time) in Oriental studies (focus: social anthropology) at the *Institute for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Berne, Switzerland*
- 2000, April–
2002, August Academic associate at the *Institute for Religious Studies, University of Heidelberg* (acting director: Prof. Dr. Gregor Ahn) in the research group “Zoroastrian Rituals in Varying Cultural Contexts” (project leader: Prof. Dr. Michael Stausberg, now University of Bergen, Norway)
- www.zegk.uni-heidelberg.de/religionswissenschaft/forschung/zoroastrische-rituale/
- Member of lecturing staff in religious studies
- 2000, October–
2002, June Collaboration in the working group “Dynamics of Ritual” at the *University of Heidelberg* (composition of the proposal for the *Collaborative Research Centre “Dynamics of Ritual”, sections “Transfer of Ritual (general)” and “Transfer of Rituals within Marginalised Religious Groups in Islamic Societies of the Near East and in the Diaspora (Islamic studies)”*): **€186.900**
- 2001, April–Oct.
1998–2001 Parental leave (half-time)
- 1998–2001 Management of a distribution service for antiquarian and new books and journals from Iran, Azerbaijan and Pakistan for academic libraries
- 1999–2000 Lecturer for management seminars “Doing Business in Turkey” (*The Cross-Cultural Leadership Forum – Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Kulturwissenschaften, Heidelberg*)
- 1998, October–
1999, September Concept and composition of a tutorial handbook for Islamic and Iranian studies (working contract, *University of Heidelberg*)
- 1996, April–
1999, March Tutor for Islamic and Iranian studies, research assistant and Librarian, library for Islamic and Iranian studies
- Seminar für Sprachen und Kulturen des Vorderen Orients, University of Heidelberg*
- 1993, July–
1999, February Student assistant at the chair for Islamic studies / Iranian studies, *Seminar für Sprachen und Kulturen des Vorderen Orients, University of Heidelberg*
- 1996, May Advisor, market research institute, advertising campaigns for Indonesia and Malaysia
- 1995, May–
1996, April Student assistant at the *University Library Heidelberg*, Arabic and Persian books
- 1994, August–
1995, June Member of the organising staff for the *VIIth International Congress for Ottoman Economic and Social History (25.–29.06.1995)* (working contract)
- 1993, May–June Translations Arabic–German, research project “Education in the Arabic World”, *Institute for Educational Science, University of Heidelberg*

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1986, October–
1987, December Conscript, German Federal Armed Forces

Field Experience and Studies Abroad

2017 Co-organisation and co-leader for an academic excursion to Iran, *Universities of Bayreuth and Hannover*; cooperation talks with Iranian universities

2014–2016 Field work among Shiite communities in Germany (Turkish/Azerbaijani; Arabic/Iraqi, Lebanese; Iranian; Afghani; Pakistani)

2013 Co-organisation and participation at an academic excursion to Iran, cooperation between the Universities Potsdam, Frankfurt am Main and Qom (Iran), promoted by the *German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)*

2003–2013 Multiple field work trips to Turkey and Armenia (Alevi, Yezidi, Nusayri)
Multiple field work trips within Germany (Alevi, Yezidi)

2001 Two field work stays in Iran (Tehran, Yazd, Kerman; Zoroastrians), total: four months

1997 Field assistant to my wife, research in the Slovak Republic, political science (see Cramer-Langer, Katrin: *Demokratisierung in der Slowakischen Republik: Entstehung und Entwicklung des Parteiensystems seit 1989*. {Sonderveröffentlichung / Bundesinstitut für Ostwissenschaftliche und Internationale Studien} Köln 1998. 96 pp.)

1996 Language studies Turkish, *TÖMER* scholarship, at the “Turkish Language Centre of the University of Ankara” (*Tömer: Dil Öğretim Merkezi, T. C. Ankara Üniversitesi*), İstanbul, Turkey

1993 Language studies, “Intensive Arabic”, *Dawra mukaththafa li-ta’lim al-lugha al-‘Arabiyya*, *Goethe Institute*, Damascus, Syria

1991 Study tour to different educational and research institutions in Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Israel, and Egypt

1990 and 1991 Academic excursions to Turkey (İstanbul, Ankara, Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Anatolia, Black Sea Region), conducted by Dr. Angelika Landmann, Turkish instructor and cultural anthropologist, *University of Heidelberg*

1988 Language studies Turkish at the “Turkish Language Centre of the University of Ankara” (*Türkçe Öğretim Merkezi, T. C. Ankara Üniversitesi*), Ankara

Apprenticeships and Free Lance Work

2003–2006, 2013 Work on a large private collection of Oriental amulets (transcription and translation of Persian, Arabic and Turkic magical texts)

1997–2001 Member of the working group “Museum Ethnology” at the *Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Heidelberg* (under the direction of Dr. Anna Schmid, *Abteilung für Ethnologie, Südasien-Institut, University of Heidelberg*, now director of the Ethnographic Museum Basel, Switzerland)

1990, August–
September Museum of Ethnology, Hamburg, Eurasia section:
Hamburgisches Museum für Völkerkunde: Eurasien-Abteilung (supervision: Dr. Rüdiger Vossen)

1989, August–
September Museum of Ethnology, Stuttgart, Oriental section, public relations / pedagogical staff:
Linden-Museum Stuttgart, Staatliches Museum für Völkerkunde: Orientabteilung (supervision: Prof. Dr. Johannes Kalter), *Abteilung für Öffentlichkeitsarbeit und Museumspädagogik* (supervision: Dr. Gundolf Krüger)

1989, March–April Museum of Ethnology, Heidelberg

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Völkerkundemuseum der Josefine und Eduard von Portheim-Stiftung für Wissenschaft und Kunst in Heidelberg (supervision: Dr. Walter Böhning, †)

Committee and Referee Work

Since 2020, May	Member of the Extended Faculty Council, Faculty of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, <i>Universität der Bundeswehr München</i>
Since 2016, 20 January	Member of the Habilitation Conference of the <i>Philosophical Faculty, University of Heidelberg</i>
2020, December	Referee for 'Sachbeihilfe', <i>German Research Council</i>
2014–2019	Member of the PhD committee of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of <i>University of Bayreuth</i> as junior research group leader
2018, October	Referee for <i>Alexander von Humboldt Foundation</i>
2018, April	Referee for "Prix de thèse sur le Moyen-Orient et les mondes musulmans", L'Institut d'études de l'islam et des sociétés du monde musulman (IISMM) et le Groupement d'intérêt scientifique (GIS) Moyen-Orient Mondes musulmans du CNRS, Paris
2013–2015	Member of the Academic Board for the project "Alevi Pastoral Care" (<i>Robert Bosch Foundation</i>) of the <i>Alevitische Akademie e. V.</i> and the 'Geistlichenrat' of the Alevi Community Baden-Württemberg
2015, March	Referee for <i>The Leverhulme Trust</i> (London), "Early Career Fellowships"
2013–2022	Representative for the Collections of the Chair for Islamic Studies, <i>Seminar für Sprachen und Kulturen des Vorderen Orients, University of Heidelberg</i>
2013–2014	Academic Member, "Fachrat Islamwissenschaft/Iranistik", <i>University of Heidelberg</i>
2014, November	Referee for the <i>Volkswagen Foundation</i> , International Promotion
2012, November	Reviewer for HERA JRP "Cultural Encounters", <i>European Science Foundation, Humanities and Social Sciences Unit</i>
Since 2012	Board member of the "Heidelberg Centre for Euro-Asiatic Studies e. V. (HECE-AS)" at the <i>University of Heidelberg</i>
Since 2008	Staff member of the "Commission for the Allocation of Tuition Fees" for Islamic and Iranian Studies, <i>University of Heidelberg</i>
2005, July–2013, June	Elected Board Member, <i>Collaborative Research Centre 619 "Dynamics of Ritual"</i>
1995, October–1998, September	Elected student member, <i>Council of the Faculty for Oriental and Classical Studies, University of Heidelberg</i> ; elected member: "Commission for Educational Affairs"
1992–1999	Co-founder and member of the students' organisation ("Fachschaft") for Islamic, Semitic and Iranian Studies (<i>Seminar für Sprachen und Kulturen des Vorderen Orients, University of Heidelberg</i>) Student representative at official syllabus conferences
1988–1990	Co-founder and member of the students' organisation for Art History at the <i>Kunsthistorisches Institut, University of Heidelberg</i>

Award

2003, December	Doctoral dissertation awarded as "Cultural Research of the Year 2002, 6 th Course (International): First Award" by the <i>Ministry for Culture and Islamic Guidance, Islamic Republic Iran</i>
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Language Proficiencies

- Fluent: German (native language), English, Turkish
- Good speaking and reading abilities (intermediate): Persian (Farsi), French, Arabic
- Excellent reading abilities: Ottoman Turkish (advanced, including palaeography)
- Proficient reading abilities: Azeri-Turkish, Latin
- Basic knowledge: Italian, Dutch, Kurdish (Kurmâncî), Syriac, Middle Persian

Memberships

- *Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft* (DMG), Islamic, Ottoman, and Iranian Studies Sections
- *Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft e. V.* (DVRW + EASR), Working Group “Islam”
- *Deutscher Hochschulverband* (DHV)
- *German Anthropological Association* (GAA), Spokesperson of the Regional Group “Middle East and North Africa”
- *German Middle East Studies Ass. for Contemporary Research and Documentation* (DAVO)
- *Society for Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies* (GTOT), Member of the Advisory Board of *DÎYÂR* (Nomos/Ergon Publishers)
- *Heidelberg Centre for Cultural Heritage* (HCCH), *University of Heidelberg*
- *Heidelberg Centre for Euro-Asiatic Studies* (HECEAS), Board Member
- *Münchner Mittelost-Mittelmeer-Mittelasiens-Zentrum* (MMMMZ)