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Career Details

2020 Directeur d'études invité, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris ("Studying Intellectual History through Libraries") [cancelled due to COVID-19]

2018 Directeur d'études invité, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE), Paris ("Pour une reconstruction des bibliothèques de la période médiévale et du début de l'âge moderne dans le monde musulman")

2014–present Permanent faculty member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

2014–present Associated Faculty, Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies (Lecturer with the rank of Professor in Near Eastern Studies)

2013–present Associate member, Laboratoire d'études sur les Monothéismes, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), Paris

2013–2014 Co-initiator (with Sari Nusseibeh and Sarah Stroumsa) and Founding academic director, Trilateral MA program "Intellectual Encounters of the Islamic World" (Freie Universität Berlin in cooperation with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Al-Quds University)

2011–2014 Founding Director, Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamic World (Freie Universität Berlin)

2006 Directeur d'études invité, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE), Paris ("Les ouvrages islamiques de polémique contre le judaïsme")

2002–2014 Full Professor of Islamic Studies (Freie Universität Berlin)

2002 Chair in Islamic Studies, University of Vienna (declined)

1999–2001 Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies (Freie Universität Berlin)

1997–1999 Lecturer in Islamic Studies (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn)

1991–1999 Career Diplomat, German Foreign Office

Academic Formation

1999 "Habilitation" (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn)

1990 D.Phil. (University of Oxford)

1987 Master of Arts (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)

1986 Bachelor of Arts (summa cum laude) (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Honors and Awards

2023 Corresponding Fellow, The British Academy

2021 Corresponding Member (*Korrespondierendes Mitglied der Philosophisch-Historischen Klasse im Ausland*), Austrian Academy of Sciences (*Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften*), Vienna

2019 Humboldt Research Award ("Humboldt-Forschungspreis")

2019 *Correspondant étranger*, Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, Paris

2017 Member, Accademia Ambrosiana, Milan

2017 Member, American Philosophical Society

2011 Dahlem Research School (DRS) Award for Excellent Supervision

2006 Prize for Scholarly Achievement in the Study of Twelver Shi'ism Conferred by the Written Heritage Research Centre, Tehran

2002 The World Prize for the Book of the Year of the Islamic Republic of Iran (for the book: *Theologie, Philosophie und Mystik im zwölfterschiitischen Islam des 9./15. Jahrhunderts. Die Gedankenwelt des Ibn Abi Gumhur al-Ahsa'i*, Leiden 2000)

Fellowships and Memberships

- 4–6/2024** Research Fellow, Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study
- 3–5/2021** Fellow, Center for Advanced Study (CAS), Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (Research Group "Books Known Only by Title: Exploring the Gendered Structures of the First Millennium Imagined Libraries")
- 2018** Fellow, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities (The Humanities and Social Sciences Fund)
- 2018** Polonsky Visiting scholar, Polonsky Academy at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
- 2013–2014** Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
- Spring 2013** LUCIS Visiting Fellow (Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society)
- 2–6/2012** Fellow-in-residence, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Wassenaar
- 2–4/2011** Sackler Scholar, The Mortimer and Raymond Sackler Institute of Advanced Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 9–12/2010** Ellie and Herbert D. Katz Distinguished Fellow, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania (Research Group "Converts and Conversion to and from Judaism")
- 2009–2010** Visiting Scholar, Department for Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University
- 2008–2009** Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton ("Gerda Henkel Stiftung member")
- 9/2008** Scholarly Residency, Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center
- 8–9/2007** Fellow, Scaliger Instituut (Universiteitsbibliotheek Leiden)
- 2005–2006** Fellow and co-coordinator (with W. Madelung), Institute of Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Research Group: "Mu'tazilism in Islam and Judaism")
- 2002–2003** Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Research Group: "Exclusivity and Universality in Shi'i Islam")
- 1999–2002** Heisenberg Research Fellow (Freie Universität Berlin)
- 1998** Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies
- 1998** Feodor-Lynen Research Fellow (St. John's College, Oxford)
- 1996** Feodor-Lynen Research Fellow (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)

Grants

- 2018–2021** National Endowment for the Humanities (Grant Number PW–258989–18) "The Zaydi Manuscript Tradition: A Digital Repository and Portal"
- 2016–2019** Carnegie Corporation Grant (Grant Number G–16–53663) "The Shii Studies Research Project"
- 2014–2015** "Trilateral Project" Research Grant (DFG) "Ideengeschichte in der mittelalterlichen Welt des Islams" (with Sarah Stroumsa and Sari Nuseibeh) (declined)
- 2014** Grant "Interne Forschungsförderung 2013", Freie Universität Berlin, Junior Research Group "Theological thinking in the pre-modern Islamicate World", Freie Universität Berlin (DFG Excellence initiative funds), in collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
- 2013–2014** "Reinhart Koselleck Project" Research Grant (DFG) "The Other Renaissance: Greek Philosophy under the Safavids (16th–18th centuries CE)"
- 2013–2014** German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Grant: Trilaterale MA program "Intellectual Encounters of the Islamicate World" (in cooperation with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Al-Quds University)

2013–2014 DIP (“Deutsch-Israelische Projektkooperation”) Research Grant (DFG): “Biblia Arabica: The Bible in Arabic among Jews, Christians and Muslims” (with Camilla Adang and Meira Polliack, Tel Aviv University)

2013–2014 Proof of Concept Grant, European Research Council (“Weaving the humanities into the web and the web into the humanities. Preserving the cultural heritage of Yemen by creating a universally accessible virtual library of manuscripts” [HumanWeb])

2012–2013 Grant “Interne Forschungsförderung 2012”, Freie Universität Berlin

2011–2014 Grant, Einstein Foundation Berlin, “New Frontiers in Islamic Studies: A series of five German-Israeli summer schools on selected topics of pre-modern Islamic studies” (in cooperation with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

2010–2013 Research Grant, DFG/NEH Bilateral Digital Humanities Program: “Enriching Digital Collections” (The Yemen Manuscript Digitization Initiative (YMDI), with Princeton University)

2010–2011 Research Grant, Fritz Thyssen Foundation (“Jüdische und muslimische rationale Theologie im islamischen Mittelalter: Erstellung einer kritischen Edition des *Kitāb al-Mughnī fī abwāb al-tawhīd wa-l-‘adl* mu‘tazilitischen Autors ‘Abd al-Jabbār al-Hamadhānī (st. 1025) – die zayditische und die jüdisch-käräische Fassung am Beispiel der Bände 9, 11, 12”)

2010 Research Grant, German Foreign Office (Kulturerhalt-Programm des Auswärtigen Amts) (“Preserving Yemen’s Cultural Heritage: The Yemen Manuscript Digitization Project (YMDP)”)

2008–2013 European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Research Grant (“Rediscovering Theological Rationalism in the Medieval World of Islam”)

2008 Research Grant, Gerda Henkel Foundation (“Critical Edition of Ṣāhib b. ‘Abbād’s *kalām* writings”)

2006–2007 Research Grant, Gerda Henkel Foundation (“Interreligious Polemics in the Ottoman Empire and pre-modern Iran”)

2005–2007 Research Grant, Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation (“The Mu‘tazilite Manuscripts Project”)

2003–2006 Research Grant, German-Israel Foundation (GIF) (“Study of Ibn Kammuna”) (with Y. Tzvi Langermann, Bar-Ilan University)

Service to the Profession

2023–present

Member of Editorial Board, “Historical Interactions of Religious Cultures“ (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck)

Member of Editorial Board, “Journal of Islamic Philosophy” (American Society of Islamic Philosophy and Theology; <https://islamicphilosophy.org/>)

2021–present

Member of Advisory Board, “Patrimoine des mondes de l’Islam” (Domaine de Recherche et d’Innovation Majeur de la Région Île-de-France)

Member of the Advisory Board, “Vatican Library Review” (Leiden: Brill)

Member of the Editorial Board, “Methods and Methodologies in the Study of Islam” (Edinburgh University Press)

Member of the Advisory Board, “Bavarian Research Center for Interreligious Discourses” (“Bayerisches Forschungszentrum für Interreligiöse Diskurse: BaFID”) at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU)

2020–present

Member of the Advisory Board, “Maktoub digital project” (National Library of Israel)

Member of the Advisory Board, “Orient-Digital – Aufbau eines Verbundkatalogs für orientalische Handschriften durch Etablierung von Erschließungsstandards, Konversion gedruckter Kataloge und Integration bestehender elektronischer Nachweise”

2019–present

Member of the Advisory Board, "Al-Qanṭara: Revista de estudios árabes" (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Spain)

Member of the Advisory Board, "Al Afaq: A Bi-Annual Research Journal" (Ghazi University Deri Ghazi Khan (Punjab), Department of Islamic Studies, Pakistan)

2019–2021

Associate Editor for Medieval History, "Iranian Studies: Journal of the Association for Iranian Studies" (Taylor & Francis)

2018–present

Member of the Editorial Board, "Ancient Culture of Sciences and Knowledge" (ASK) (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen)

Series editor (with Maribel Fierro), "Arabo-Islamica" (UCOpress, Cordoba, Spain)

Member of the Editorial Board, "Biblical and Apocryphal Christian Arabic Texts Series" (BACA) (Gorgias Press, Piscataway, NJ)

2017–present

Member of the Advisory Committee, Haifa Center for Mediterranean History (HCMH), Department of History, University of Haifa

2017–2018

Member of the MESA Ad Hoc Committee "Digital Humanities"

2016–present

Member of the External Advisory Board, "Persian Manuscript Initiative" (PMI) (Roshan Initiative in Persian Digital Humanities (PersDig@UMD) at the University of Maryland)

Member of the Advisory Committee, "Les Chroniques du manuscrit au Yémen" <<https://cmy.revues.org/>>

Member of the Advisory Board, <<http://www.mizanproject.org/>> (Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations, Boston University)

Member of the External Advisory Board, "Islamic Texts Initiative (ITI)" <iti-corpus.github.io>

Consulting Editor for Islamic Intellectual History (*Encyclopaedia Iranica*, editor-in-chief: Prof. Ehsan Yarshater)

Member of the Editorial Board, "Intellectual Heritage of Islamic Civilization" (Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, Canada and the Center for the Great Islamic Encyclopaedia/Markaz-i Dā'irat al-ma'ārif-i buzurg-i islāmī/Nashr-i kitāb-i rāyzan, Tehran, Iran)

Member of the Editorial/Advisory Board, "Journal of Islamic & Religious Studies" (JIRS) (Department of Islamic & Religious Studies, University of Haripur, Pakistan)

2016–2023

Jury Member, Gerda Henkel Prize (Gerda Henkel Foundation, Düsseldorf)

2016

Member of the scientific committee "International Symposium on the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Scholar Abū al-Khayr 'Iṣām al-Dīn Aḥmad Tashkūbrizādah" (November 18–20, 2016, organized by Istanbul Medeniyet University, Scientific Studies Association (ILEM) and the Foundation for Science, the Arts, History and Literature (ISTEV))

2015–present

Series editor (with Khaled El-Rouayheb) "Makers of the Muslim World" (Oxford, Oneworld)

Member of the Board of Trustees, Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, Hamburg University

Member of the Editorial Board, "Brill's Series in Jewish Studies" (Leiden, Brill)

Member of the Publications Committee, "Mediterranea. International Journal on the Transfer of Knowledge" (Cordoba University Press, in collaboration with Tel Aviv University, the Warburg Institute, London, the University of Leuven, Southern Denmark University, and the Institute of Medieval Philosophy of the University of Porto, Portugal)

Member of the Advisory Board, "Berkeley Series in Post-Classical Islamic Scholarship" (University of California (Berkeley) Press)

2014–present

Member of the Advisory Board, "Nazariyat: İslâm Felsefe ve Bilim Tarihi Araştırmaları Dergisi (Nazariyat: Journal for the History of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences)", İstanbul Medeniyet Üniversitesi, Edebiyat Fakültesi

Member of the Academic Council, The Higher School of Economics, Department of Asian and African Studies, St. Petersburg University

Member of the Advisory Board, "AFION: A Journal of Religious Studies" (Centre of Religious Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

2013–present

Member of the Editorial Board, "Saint Petersburg University Annual of Asian and African Studies" (Saint Petersburg University, Russia)

Member of the Editorial Board, "Canon: International Journal of Religious Studies" (Gutenberg Journals of Research and Development, Lucknow, India)

Member of the Advisory Board, "The Library of Judeo-Arabic Literature" (The Brigham Young University Press)

Member of the Editorial Board, "İlahiyat Studies: A Journal on Islamic and Religious Studies" (Uludag University, Turkey)

Member of the Editorial Board, "Islamische Theologiegeschichte / History of Islamic Theology" (LIT Verlag, Münster)

Member of the Scientific Board, "International Medeniyet (Civilization) Congresses", İstanbul Medeniyet University, Center for Civilization Studies

Member of the Editorial Board, "The Shi'i Heritage Series" (The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London)

Member of the Advisory Board of the Research Cluster and Graduate School "Society and Culture in Motion: Diffusion – Experiment – Institution" (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)

2012–2019

Editor-in-Chief, Intellectual History of the Islamicate World (Brill, Leiden)

2012–present

Member of the Editorial Board, "Edition Open Access: Max Planck Research Library for the History and Development of Knowledge"

Series editor (with C. Adang, J. P. Monferrer-Sala, M. Polliack, R. Vollandt, A. Treiger), "Biblia Arabica: Texts and Studies" (Brill, Leiden)

Member of the Steering Committee, "Intellectual Encounters: Philosophy and Science in the World of Medieval Islam" (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Yale University; Freie Universität Berlin (until 2014))

2012–2014

Co-founder and Member of the Academic Committee, "Scriptorium: Workshops on the study of Oriental manuscripts" (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin; Freie Universität Berlin)

2011–present

Co-founder and member of the Editorial Board, "Classical Muslim Heritage Series" (co-published by Mirâth-i maktûb, Tehran, and Laboratoire d'Etudes sur les Monothéismes, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (until 2014: Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamicate World, Freie Universität Berlin)

Member of the Advisory Council, “Shī‘ī Studies” (Centre for Islamic Shi‘a Studies (CISS), London)

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, “Oxford Research Directions” (Oxford University Press), Muslim Intellectual History

Co-founder and member of the Editorial Board, “Muslim History and Heritage Series” (co-published by Markaz-i Dā‘irat al-ma‘ārif-i buzurg-i islāmī, Tehran, and (until 2014) the Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamic World, Freie Universität Berlin)

2011–2014

Scientific coordinator of the strategic partnership between Freie Universität Berlin and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Member of the Advisory Board, “Oxford Studies in Post-Classical Islamic Scholarship” (Oxford University Press, Pakistan)

2010–2012

Member of the Advisory Board to the Federal President of Germany, Christian Wulff

2009–present

Regional representative for Western Europe, “International Society for Islamic Philosophy (ISIP)”

Member of the Editorial Board, “Ishraq: Islamic Philosophy Yearbook” (co-published by the Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, and the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran)

2009–2012

Member of the Advisory Board, “Intellectual Encounters: Philosophy and Science in the World of Medieval Islam” (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Yale University)

2009

Member of the Organizing Committee “German-Israeli Frontiers of Humanities” (GIFOH) (Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation & The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities)

2008–present

Member of the Board of Advisors, “Post-classical Islamic Philosophy Database Initiative (PIPDI)” (Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal)

Member of the Advisory Board, “Studies on the Children of Abraham” (Brill, Leiden)

2006–2013

Co-founder and member of the Editorial Board, “Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Mysticism. Facsimiles and Editions” (formerly Series on Islamic Philosophy and Theology. Texts and Studies) (co-published by the Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, and (until 2014) the Institute of Islamic Studies, Freie Universität Berlin)

2005–present

Member of the scientific committee, “Ueberweg Grundriss der Geschichte der Philosophie: Die Philosophie in der islamischen Welt”

2003–2008

Co-founder (with D. Sklare) and coordinator, “Mu‘tazilite Manuscripts Project Group”

2002–2011

Sectional Editor (Theology & Philosophy), *Encyclopaedia of Islam*. Third Edition. Leiden: Brill

Coordination of International Research Groups

2016–2019 "Shii Studies Research Program" (Carnegie Cooperation, New York, NY, Research Grant)

2013–2014 "The Other Renaissance: Greek Philosophy under the Safavids (16th–18th centuries CE)" (Reinhart-Koselleck Grant, DFG; group consisting of two PostDoc researchers and one doctoral student)

2013–2014 "The Bible in Arabic among Christians, Jews and Muslims" (DIP DFG Grant; group consisting of four PostDoc researchers and six doctoral students; other Principal Investigators: Camilla Adang, Meira Polliack, Tel Aviv University)

2008–2013 "Rediscovering theological rationalism in the medieval world of Islam" (ERC Advanced Research Grant; group consisting of four PostDoc researchers and three doctoral students)

2006–2008 "Interreligious Polemics in the Ottoman Empire and pre-modern Iran" (participants: Camilla Adang, İlker Evrim Binbaş, Judith Pfeiffer, Reza Pourjavady)

2003–2014 "The Mu'tazilite Manuscripts Project Group" (International Research Group, co-founded with David Sklare, with 10 active members)

Organisation of International Conferences and Meetings

2025

Co-convenor (with George A. Kiraz, Sonja Brentjes, and Mathieu Ossendrijver) "The Visual Scribe: Tables and Diagrams in Middle Eastern Manuscripts Workshop," Institute for the History of Knowledge in the Ancient World at Freie Universität Berlin, April 10–11, 2025

2024

Co-convenor (with George A. Kiraz and Grigory Kessel), "Misattributions and Forgeries in Middle Eastern Manuscript Traditions Workshop," Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 17–18 May 2024

Co-convenor (with Adam Mestyan and Maria Mercedes Tuyá), "Scholarly Digital Editions of Right-to-Left Script Texts: A Workshop," Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 22 March 2024

Co-convenor (with Sonja Brentjes), "Asterisms: The Relations Among their Verbal, Numerical and Visual Representations Across Cultures in Research and Public Outreach," Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 14–15 February 2024

2023

Co-organizer (with Cecilia Palombo), "Under the Hammer: Trafficking, Trading, and Salvaging the Middle Eastern and North African Written Heritage," panel at The Middle East Studies Association's (MESA) 57th annual meeting, Montreal, 2 November 2023

Co-convenor (with Zachary Chitwood and Johannes Pahlitzsch), "Second Mainz-Princeton Symposium: Reflections on Byzantium from a Global Perspective," Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 28–30 June 2023

Co-convenor (with George A. Kiraz), "Multilingual Manuscripts in Middle Eastern Manuscript Traditions", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 4 May 2023

Co-convenor (with Marieke Brandt, Valentina Sagaria Rossi, and Jan Thiele), "Yemen under the rule of Imam Yahya, 1904 through 1948: A critical assessment of the sources," Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 23–24 March 2023

2022

Co-convenor (with Joseph Witztum), "Medieval (and Premodern) Muslim Scholars at Work: A Symposium in Honor of Etan Kohlberg", The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 19 September 2022

2021

Co-convenor (with Hans-Jürgen Becker, Kinga Dévényi, and Sebastian Günther), "Islamic and Jewish Studies Around the Turn of the Twentieth Century: Ignaz Goldziher and His Correspondents", Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 12–13 November 2021 [<https://albert.ias.edu/handle/20.500.12111/7927> and <https://www.ias.edu/hs/islamic-world/goldziher>]

Co-convenor (with George A. Kiraz), "Colophons in Middle Eastern Manuscripts Workshop", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 9–10 September 2021

2020

Co-convenor (with Aaron Butts, George A. Kiraz, Jack Tannous), "Syriac and Arabia Symposium (Hugoye Symposium VI)", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 24–25 April 2020 [cancelled due to COVID-19]

Convenor of "Why Yemen Matters: The Heritage of a Land in Crisis", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 19 February 2020 [<https://albert.ias.edu/handle/20.500.12111/7883>]

Convenor of "Iran at the Crossroads of Civilizations: Scholars and Lawyers Speaking about Iranian History and Cultural Heritage", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 27 January 2020 [<https://albert.ias.edu/handle/20.500.12111/7882> and <https://video.ias.edu/icc/2020/0127>]

2019

Co-convenor (with Robert Gleave and Hassan Ansari), "Shi'i Legal Theory Summer School", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 25–31 August 2020 (a collaboration between the Shii Studies Research Program (SSRP) at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Law, Authority and Learning in Imami Shiite Islam (LAWALISI) at the University of Exeter, funded by the European Research Council)

Co-convenor (with George A. Kiraz), "Scribal Habits in Middle Eastern Manuscripts Workshop", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 10–11 May 2019

2018

Co-convenor (with Hassan Ansari), "Yemeni Manuscript Collections and Zaydi Studies: An International Conference", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 6–7 December 2018

Co-convenor (with Hassan Ansari), "The Zaydi Manuscript Tradition: A Summer School," Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 6–9 June 2018

Co-convenor (with George A. Kiraz), "Dots, Marginalia and Peritexts in Middle Eastern Manuscripts", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 28–29 June 2018

Co-convenor (with Guy G. Stroumsa), "Literary Genres and Their Changing Functions Among Jews, Christians and Muslims in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages" Advanced School in the Humanities, co-sponsored by the Israel Institute for Advanced Study, Jerusalem, and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 14–15 May 2018

Co-convenor (with Camilla Adang, Sonja Brentjes, Maribel Fierro), "The Majlis revisited: Inter- and intra-religious and cross-cultural disputations in the Islamic world", Casa Arabe, Cordoba, Spain, 12–14 April, 2018

2017

Co-convenor (with Hassan Ansari), "Shii Studies: The State of the Art", Shii Studies Research Program, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 7–9 December 2017

Co-convenor (with Guy G. Stroumsa), "Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Religious Communities and Communities of Knowledge", Advanced School in the Humanities, co-sponsored by the Israel Institute for Advanced Study, Jerusalem, and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 12–14 June 2017

Co-convenor (with Geoffrey Khan and Sarah Stroumsa), "The Arabic Literary genizot Beyond Denominational Borders", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 20–21 April 2017

2016

Co-convenor (with Amy Singer), "The Digital Ottoman Platform Workshop II (Gazeteer)", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 20–25 June 2016

Co-convenor (with George Kiraz), "'Allographic Traditions' among Arabic-speaking Christians, Jews and Samaritans: Workshop on the Writing Systems of Garshuni, Judeo-Arabic and Samaritan-Arabic", An International Conference, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 9–10 June 2016

Co-convenor (with Maurice A. Pomerantz), "The *Maqāma* and its Readers: A Workshop on Arabic and Hebrew Literatures", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 27 May 2016

2015

Co-convenor (with Burton Visotzky and Yasin Meral), "Jewish-Muslim Polemics: One Day Colloquium", Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, 29 June 2015

Co-convenor (with Amy Singer, Chris Gratien, Nir Shafir and Michal Polczynski), "The Digital Ottoman Platform Workshop", Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 8–12 June 2015

Co-convenor (with Maribel Fierro and Sarah Stroumsa), "Histories of Books in the Islamic World", Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales—Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, 9–11 March 2015

Convenor, "One-Day-Colloquium in honour of Patricia Crone" (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, School of Historical Studies, February 25, 2015)

2014

Co-convenor (with Reuven Amitai) of the German-Israeli Summer School, funded by the Einstein-Stiftung, Berlin: "The transmission of ideas between religious communities in the medieval world of Islam", 15–19 September 2014

Co-convenor (with Christoph Rauch and Hassan Ansari), "Workshop: Persian Manuscript Studies. An Introduction", Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, 22–26 September 2014

Co-convenor (with Sonja Brentjes, Dagmar Schäfer, Miri Shefer) of an international workshop "The Study of Knowledge: Issues of methodology and future perspectives", Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, 30 June–1 July 2014

Co-convenor (with Dimitri Gutas and Alexander Treiger) of "The Franz Rosenthal Centennial Conference: New Horizons in Graeco-Arabic Studies", Yale University, April 25–27, 2014

Co-convenor (with Patricia Crone and Hassan Ansari) of an international workshop "Rayy as an intellectual centre (4th/10th through 6th/12th centuries)", Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton, April 2014

2013

Co-convenor (with Reuven Amitai) of the German-Israeli Summer School, funded by the Einstein-Stiftung, Berlin: "Muslim Perceptions and Receptions of the Bible", September 9–12, 2013

Co-convenor (with Christoph Rauch and Ronny Vollandt), "Workshop: Hebrew Manuscript Studies. An Introduction", Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, 15–19 July 2013

Convenor of an international conference "Jewish and Christian reception(s) of Muslim *kalām*" (Istanbul, 23–25 May 2013, in cooperation with The Swedish Research Institute Istanbul. Funded by the European Research Council)

2012

Co-convenor (with Reuven Amitai) of the German-Israeli Summer School, funded by the Einstein-Stiftung, Berlin: "The Genizah: An unexploited source for the intellectual history of the medieval world of Islam", September 9–15, 2012

Co-convenor (with David Hollenberg) of an international workshop of the "Yemen Manuscript Digitization Initiative" (Berlin, 9–10 May 2012) (funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and the European Research Council)

Co-convenor (with Meira Polliack and Camilla Adang) of an international conference "The Bible in Arabic" (Tel Aviv, 22–24 May 2012) (funded by the Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University, the Center for International Cooperation, Freie Universität Berlin and the European Research Council)

Co-convenor (with Christoph Rauch), "Workshop: Arabic Manuscript Studies. An Introduction", Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, 19–23 March 2012

2011

Co-convenor (with Reuven Amitai) of the German-Israeli Summer School, funded by the Einstein-Stiftung, Berlin: “Political, Social and Intellectual History of the Mamluk and Mongol Empires: A Comparative Perspective”, September 18–23, 2011

Co-convenor (with Camilla Adang, Hassan Ansari, Maribel Fierro) of an international conference “*Takfir*: a diachronic perspective” (CSIC, Madrid) (funded by the European Research Council and the Spanish Ministry of Education)

2010

Convenor of an international conference (Orient Institut Istanbul): “Theological Rationalism in Medieval Islam - New Sources and Perspectives” (funded by the European Research Council)

2009

Co-convenor (with Wilferd Madelung) of an international conference (Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem) “Mu‘tazilism in Islam and Judaism. A Reunion Conference” (funded by the Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, and the European Research Council)

2008

Co-Convenor (with Andreas Görke and Konrad Hirschler) of an international Conference “Notes on Manuscripts in Islamic Studies: State of the Art and Future Research Perspectives. An International Conference,” (University of Kiel, Germany)

Co-convenor (with Camilla Adang and Maribel Fierro) of an international conference (Istanbul) “The religious and political thought of Ibn Hazm of Cordoba (d. 1064 CE)” (funded by Gerda Henkel Foundation)

2007

Co-convenor (with Camilla Adang): Exploratory Workshop (Istanbul): “The Position of Religious Minorities in the Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Iran, as Reflected in Muslim Polemical and Apologetical Literature”, funded by the European Science Foundation

2006

Co-convenor (with David Sklare): “Mu‘tazilism in Islam and Judaism. An International Conference.” Hosted by the German Orient Institute, Istanbul (funded by Yad Hanadiv)

2005

Co-convenor (with Y. Tzvi Langermann): “Post-Avicennan Philosophy and Science.” Bar-Ilan University (funded by German-Israeli Foundation)

Convenor: “Mu‘tazila Workshop”. Hosted by the German Orient Institute, Istanbul (funded by Gerda Henkel Foundation)

2002

Co-convenor (with Gudrun Krämer): “Religious Authorities in Middle Eastern Islam“. Hosted by Interdisziplinäres Zentrum “Bausteine für eine Gesellschaftsgeschichte des Vorderen Orients”, Berlin (funded by Anawati Foundation)

Participation in Scholarly Meetings, Invited Lectures, and Video Lectures (Selection)

5/2024 “Oriental’ (Arabic/Semitic/Islamic) Studies and the ‘Science of Judaism’ (*Wissenschaft des Judentums*)” (Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study, 2 May 2024)

3/2024 “Arabic Classical Text Editor (CTE) and TEI XML” (with Jan Thiele) (“Scholarly Digital Editions of Right-to-Left Script Texts: A Workshop,” Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 22 March 2024)

11/2023 “Arabic/Islamic/Judaic Studies and the *Wissenschaft des Judentums*” (Panel “Historical Interactions of Religious Cultures: a new project,” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meetings 2023, November 18–21, San Antonio, Texas)

- 11/2023** "Lost Treasures: Medieval Arabic Manuscripts of Iraqi Provenance in Private Hands" ("Under the Hammer: Trafficking, Trading, and Salvaging the Middle Eastern and North African Written Heritage," panel at The Middle East Studies Association's (MESA) 57th annual meeting, Montreal, 2 November 2023)
- 03/2023** "Rudolf Strothmann's travel report to Yemen (1930)" ("Yemen under the rule of Imam Yahya, 1904 through 1948: A critical assessment of the sources", Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 23–24 March 2023)
- 01/2023** "Scholarly Correspondences: The Case of 'Oriental Studies' During the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century" (Scholarly Correspondences Among Orientalists during the Early and Late Modern Period as a Historical Source: A Series of Lectures, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 20 January 2023)
- 09/2022** "Zaydi Manuscript Tradition Project & Correspondences Projects" (Into the Digital Islamic Future: An Experts Workshop, The University of Maryland, College Park, 29–30 September 2022)
- 09/2022** "Ibn Ṭāwūs's Copy of the Gospel" (Medieval [and Premodern] Muslim Scholars at Work: A Symposium in Honor of Etan Kohlberg, The Hebrew University & Institute for Advanced Study, 19 September 2022)
- 06/2022** "Scholarly Correspondences: The Case of 'Oriental Studies' During the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century" (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Historisch-Philosophische Klasse, 23 June 2022)
- 01/2022** "Reconstructing Libraries of the Medieval and Early Modern Period in the Islamic World: The Case of Yemen" (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, School of Historical Studies Lunchtime Colloquium, 24 January 2022)
- 12/2021** "Rudolf Strothmann in Yemen, 24 February through 28 April 1930" (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Social Anthropology, ISA Online Guest Lecture, 2 December 2021)
- 11/2021** "Martin Schreiner (1863–1926) between the Study of Islam and the Science of Judaism" (Gotha Manuscript Talks, Forschungsbibliothek Gotha, Universität Erfurt, 17 November 2021)
- 11/2021** "Rudolf Strothmann and His Correspondents: Carl Heinrich Becker, Ignaz Goldziher, and Eugenio Griffini" ("Islamic and Jewish Studies Around the Turn of the Twentieth Century: Ignaz Goldziher and His Correspondents", Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 12–13 November 2021)
- 11/2021** "Towards a History of Libraries in Yemen" (Humboldt Research Award Lecture, Göttinger Orient-Symposium, Seminar für Arabistik/Islamwissenschaft 1, Universität Göttingen, November 3, 2021)
- 06/2021** "Martin Schreiner and the Beginnings of the Modern Study of the Mu'tazila in Islam and Judaism" (*Historical Interactions of Religious Cultures*: Gründungstagung; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck Verlag, June 11, 2021)
- 05/2021** "Scholarly Correspondence: A Window into the DNA of Scholarship: Martin Schreiner, Friedrich Kern, and Rudolf Strothmann" (Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (Inalco), Paris, III^e Conférence en Sciences des Religions « Viviane Comerro de Prémare », May 10, 2021)
- 04/2021** "Transmitting texts through miscellanies: The case of al-Šarīf al-Murtaḍā (d. 436 [1044])" (Study Seminar, Center for Advanced Study (CAS), Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters [Research Group "Books Known Only by Title: Exploring the Gendered Structures of the First Millennium Imagined Libraries"])
- 04/2021** "Textiles in Islamic Manuscripts" (Video presentation, with Karin Scheper, recorded on April 16, 2021, for the "Textiles in Manuscripts workshop" (May 4–5, 2021), convened by "The Book and the Silk Roads", a project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation through the University of Toronto) [<https://albert.ias.edu/handle/20.500.12111/7946>]
- 03/2021** "Scholarly Correspondence: A Window into the DNA of Scholarship" (Virtual Events Series, Institute for Advanced Study, March 26, 2021)
- 02/2021** "Reconstructing Libraries of the Medieval and Early Modern Period in the Islamic World: The Case of Yemen" ("Book Lists", Panel convened by the project "Books Known Only by Title: Exploring the Gendered Structure of the First Millennium Imagined Library at the Centre for Advanced Study [CAS] at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, February 2, 2021)

04/2020 "The Zaydi Manuscript Tradition Project: A Collaborative Endeavor of the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) in Collaboration with Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML)" (IAS Webinar: Digitization at IAS, April 29, 2020, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ) [<https://youtu.be/CzdtSgE6eus>]

06/2019 "Reconstructing Libraries of the Medieval and Early Modern Period in the Islamic World: The Case of Yemen" (Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, June 25, 2019)

06/2019 "The Zaydi Manuscript Tradition (ZMT) project: digitizing the collections of Yemeni manuscripts in Italian libraries" (joint paper with Valentina Sagaria Rossi) (41th annual meeting, MELCom International: European Association of Middle East Librarians, Naples, June 18–20, 2019)

05/2019 "Islamic Manuscript Traditions" (talk on the occasion of the spring meeting of the IAS Board of Trustees in May 2019) [<https://www.ias.edu/ideas/islamic-manuscript-traditions> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYArzjZQDsA>]

05/2019 "Scholarly Practices in 12th-Century Kashan: Fadl Allah al-Rawandi and his Role in the Transmission of al-Sharif al-Murtada's Ghurar al-fawa'id" ("Scribal Habits in Middle Eastern Manuscripts Workshop, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, May 10–11, 2019)

03/2019 "Reconstructing Libraries of the Medieval and Early Modern Period in the Islamic World: The Case of Yemen" (University of Calgary; Faculty of Arts, School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures; Arabic Language and Muslim Cultures, March 25, 2019)

01/2019 "Some Features of the History of Southern Arabia during the Islamic Period" ("Making Sense of Yemen, A Panel Discussion", sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Middle East Center, the Political Science Department, and the Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, January 30, 2019)

12/2018 "Towards a History of the Libraries of Yemen" ("Yemeni Manuscript Collections and Zaydi Studies," An International Conference funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, December 6–7, 2018)

12/2018 "Book Conversation: Salvaging the Zaydi Manuscript Tradition: The Fate of Private and Family Libraries in 20th-century Yemen" ("The Historical Studies-Social Science Book Conversation" Series, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, December 4, 2018)

11/2018 "Travelling Knowledge: Towards a Historical Bibliography of the Islamic World. The Case of Yemen" (Haifa Center for Mediterranean History (HCMH). The Mediterranean Forum, University of Haifa, November 20, 2018)

11/2018 "Islam's Rationalist Heritage and the Preservation of Yemeni Religious Manuscripts" ("Challenges facing Yemen's Millennia-Long Cultural Heritage", Roundtable, MESA 2018 Annual Meeting, November 17, 2018)

10/2018 "Unity and Diversity: Intellectual Contacts between Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Medieval World of Islam" (University of Miami, College of Arts and Sciences & Department of Religious Studies, UM Forum on Religion and Public Life, October 22, 2018)

10/2018 "Travelling Knowledge: Historical Libraries of the Islamic World" (University of Miami, College of Arts and Sciences & Department of Religious Studies, Richter Library, October 22, 2018)

10/2018 "Uncovering 80 Years of Research into the Near and Middle East at IAS" (Institute for Advanced Study Friends Talk, October 12, 2018)

09/2018 "Reconstructing Libraries of the Medieval and Early Modern Period in the Islamic World (The Case of Yemen)" (41. Mediaevistentagung "Die Bibliothek / The Library / La Bibliothèque": Denkräume und Wissensordnungen, Cologne, September 10–14, 2018)

06/2018 "Near and Middle Eastern Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study: From Ernst Herzfeld to Patricia Crone (and beyond)" (Workshop "Near Eastern Studies after Patricia Crone", Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, June 4, 2018)

05/2018 "Quotations from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament in the works of medieval and pre-modern Muslim authors" (The Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Humanities and Social Sciences Fund; Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Tel Aviv University, May 23, 2018)

- 05/2018** "Bible Codices in the Library of the Twelver Shī'ī scholar Raḡī al-Dīn 'Alī b. Sa'd Ibn Ṭāwūs (d. 664/1266)" (The Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Humanities and Social Sciences Fund; Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Tel Aviv University, May 23, 2018)
- 05/2018** "Reconstructing the Libraries of the Pre-Modern Period: The Case of Yemen" (The Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Humanities and Social Sciences Fund; Department of Arabic Language and Literature, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 21, 2018)
- 05/2018** "Reconstructing Libraries of the Medieval and Early Modern Period: The Libraries of the Madrasa al-Ḍiyā'iyya and al-Madrasa al-'Umāriyya in Damascus" (The Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Humanities and Social Sciences Fund; Department of Arabic Language and Literature, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 21, 2018)
- 04/2018** "Reconstructing Libraries of the Medieval and Early Modern Period (The Islamic World)" (Edward King Memorial Lecture, Forty-Fourth Annual Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, April 13–14, 2018)
- 04/2018** "Muslim Exegesis of the Bible: The Case of *Daqā'iq al-naẓar fī ḥaqā'iq al-bashar* of 'Umar b. Khidr b. 'Umar al-Iṣfahānī" ("The Majlis revisited: Inter- and intra-religious and cross-cultural disputations in the Islamic world", Casa Arabe, Cordoba, Spain, April 12–14, 2018)
- 03/2018** "Towards a Historical Bibliography of Zaydi Yemen: The Private Library of Muḥammad b. Muḥammad al-Manṣūr" ("Textuality, Materiality and Reading Practices (TMRP): An Explorative Workshop in the Humanities", Princeton University, March 29, 2018)
- 11/2017** "The intricacies of capturing the holdings of a private library in Yemen" (Classis Orientalis, VIII Dies Academicus, 6–8 November 2017, Biblioteca Ambrosiana, Milan)
- 11/2017** "Intellectual History of the Islamic World beyond Denominational Border: Challenges and Perspectives for a Comprehensive Approach" (Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, November 2, 2017)
- 11/2017** "Zaydi Manuscript Tradition: A Joint Project of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, Minnesota" (Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, November 2, 2017)
- 10/2017** "Salvaging the Rational Heritage of Islam: The Zaydi Manuscript Tradition Project" (Institute for Advanced Study Friends Talk, October 13, 2017)
- 08/2017** "Alleged Pentateuchal References to the Prophet Muḥammad in the *K. al-Kharā'ij wa-l-jarā'ih* of Quṭb al-Dīn al-Rāwandī (d. 573/1177–8)" (The Challenge of the Mosaic Torah in Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Seeking context for the Mosaic Torah – Accepting, Modifying, Ignoring, Criticizing and Vilifying the Mosaic Torah, Conference in Karkku/Finland, August 17–18, 2017)
- 06/2017** "Preserving, Democratizing, and Studying the World Heritage of Islamic Manuscripts: The Zaydi Tradition" (University of Texas, Austin, June 29, 2017)
- 03/2017** "Preserving, Democratizing, and Studying the World Heritage of Islamic Manuscripts: The Zaydi Manuscript Tradition" ("Islamic Studies Lectures Series", Georgetown University, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, March 1, 2017)
- 02/2017** "Preserving, Studying and Democratizing Access to the World Heritage of Islamic Manuscripts" (The Middle East and North Africa Chief Economist's Office and The World Bank Group Library & Archives of Development, Washington DC, February 28, 2017)
- 02/2017** "Preserving, Democratizing, and Studying the World Heritage of Islamic Manuscripts" ("Muslim Worlds Manuscript Workshop", Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University (February 16–18, 2017)
- 01/2017** "The Yemeni Zaydi Manuscript Tradition, 13th – 20th Century" (University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Sciences, Middle East Center, January 26, 2017)
- 09/2016** "The Zaydi Manuscript Tradition: A Digital Portal" (Activism, Advocacy, and Scholarship on Islam in the Digital Realm: Prospects, Progress, and Challenges. Boston University, Pardee School of Global Studies, Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies & Civilizations. September 16–17, 2016)

- 04/2016** "Shii Studies in the West. Past, Present, and Perspectives for the Future" (Columbia University Seminar on Iranian Studies | Center for Iranian Studies | Columbia University, April 6, 2016)
- 03/2016** "Notes on an Arabic translation of the Pentateuch in the library of the Twelver Shī'i scholar Raḍī al-Dīn 'Alī b. Sa'd Ibn Tāwūs (d. 664/1266)" (Christianity and Judaism in the Language of Islam. A Conference on the Bible in Arabic and Cognate Fields. 29 March – 1 April, 2016, Gustavianum, Uppsala)
- 11/2015** "Intellectual History of the Islamicate World beyond Denominational Borders: Challenges and Perspectives for a Comprehensive Approach" (Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Lecture in Islamic Studies, University of Michigan, Department of Near Eastern Studies)
- 09/2015** "An Anonymous Jewish Refutation of Samaw'al al-Maghribī's (d. 1175) *Iḥām al-yahūd*" ("Manuscript Cultures", Humanities Center, College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville)
- 06/2015** "An Anonymous Jewish Refutation of Samaw'al al-Maghribī's (d. 1175) *Iḥām al-yahūd*" ("Jewish-Muslim Polemics: One Day Colloquium", Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, 29 June 2015)
- 10/2014** "Muslim Perceptions and Receptions of the Bible" (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, October 24, 2014) [<https://video.ias.edu/schmidtke-lecture>]
- 03/2014** "Intellectual History of the Islamicate World beyond Denominational Borders: Challenges and Perspectives for a Comprehensive Approach" ("Goitein in Perspective", Brandeis University, 30 March–1 April 2014)
- 01/2014** "Rationalism as a means to allow for intellectual exchanges among Jews, Christians and Muslims: The case of Abu l-Husayn al-Basri" (Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles)
- 01/2014** "Intellectual History of the Islamicate World beyond Denominational Borders: Challenges and Perspectives for a Comprehensive Approach" (Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Princeton University, 16 January 2014)
- 12/2013** "Rationalism as a means to allow for intellectual exchanges among Jews, Christians and Muslims: The case of Abū l-Husayn al-Basri" ("Rationalisierungen von Religion", Berlin-Brandenburg Akademie der Wissenschaften with the Israel Academy of Sciences)
- 11/2013** "The Muslim Reception of the Bible: Al-Māwardī and his *Kitāb A'lām al-nubuwwa* | La ricezione musulmana della Bibbia: al-Māwardī e il *Kitāb A'lām al-nubuwwa*" (Accademia Ambrosiana. IV Dies Academicus. November 11–13 2013. Near Eastern Section: "Le Sacre Scrittura e le loro interpretazioni" = Holy Scriptures and their Interpretations)
- 10/2013** "Intellectual History of the Islamicate World beyond Denominational Borders. Challenges and Perspectives" (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, School of Historical Studies Lunchtime Colloquium, 14 October 2013)
- 06/2013** "Mawādd al-muslimīn al-makḥṭūta fī majmū'at Abraham Firkovitch, al-Maktaba al-waṭaniyya al-rūsiyya, St. Petersburg | Muslim materials in the Abraham Firkovitch Collection, Russian National Library, St. Petersburg]" (Makhtutat and nosakh-e khatti: Research trends and current developments in dealing with manuscripts. A comparative approach (Iran, Iraq and Germany). 15–16 July 2013. Philipps Universität Marburg)
- 05/2013** "Die Bibel in den Augen muslimischer Gelehrter" (Meeting Einstein Lecture, Einstein Stiftung Berlin, May 14, 2013) [<http://www.einsteinfoundation.de/de/aktuelles/details/article/an-den-grenzen-der-religionen.html>]
- 10/2012** "The Cultural Transfer of Zaydī and non-Zaydī Religious Literature from Northern Iran to Yemen, 6th/12th through 8th/14th Century" (Globalization of Knowledge in the Mediterranean World of Post-Antiquity. Mechanisms of Transfer and Transformation, October 26–27, 2012, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
- 05/2012** "Yemeni manuscripts in European libraries" (The Yemeni Manuscript Digitization Initiative (YMDI), International Workshop, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Haus Potsdamer Straße, 9–10 May 2012)
- 05/2012** "The doctrinal thought of 'Abd Allāh b. Zayd al-'Ansī (d. 667/1268)" (The Yemeni Manuscript Digitization Initiative (YMDI), International Workshop, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Haus Potsdamer Straße, 9–10 May 2012)
- 04/2012** "Doctrinal developments among Yemeni Zaydis during the 6th/12th and 7th/13th centuries" (Thursday 5 April 2012, SMES/LUCIS Lecture Series Spring 2012, Leiden University, Faculty of Humanities)

- 11/2011** “Muslimische Ideengeschichte jenseits der Religionsgrenzen: Chancen und Perspektiven“ (Ernst-Reuter-Gesellschaft, Berlin, 16 November 2011)
- 10/2011** (with Hassan Ansari) “Le traitement des Muṭarrifites comme des *kuffār*” (*Takfīr*: A Diachronic Perspective. International Conference, Madrid 24–26 October 2011)
- 09/2011** “Patronage and Networks as Seen through *Ijāzāt* and Other Marginalia” (German-Israeli Summer School, Funded by the Einstein-Stiftung, Berlin: “The Political, Social and Intellectual History of the Mamluk and Mongol Empires: A Comparative Perspective”, 18–23 September 2011)
- 05/2011** “Biblical predictions of the Prophet Muḥammad among the Zaydīs of Iran” (Le vie del sapere nell’area siro-mesopotamica dal III al IX secolo: Convegno internazionale di studi (Roma, 12–13 Maggio 2011). Pontifical Oriental Institute, University of Rome Tre, American Academy at Rome)
- 04/2011** “The Yemeni Manuscripts Digitization Initiative” (Robert Bosch Cultural Management Program in cooperation with Goethe Institut Gulf-Region at Sharjah Museums Department; SMD Museum of Islamic Civilization)
- 04/2011** “Rediscovering Theological Rationalism in the Medieval World of Islam” (Juma al-Majid Center for Culture and Heritage, Dubai, UAE)
- 04/2011** “The Research Unit Intellectual History of the Islamicate World and Its Activities” (Department of Islamic Studies, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- 04/2011** “The Significance of the Geniza for Islamic Studies” (Tel Aviv University, Mortimer and Raymond Sackler Institute of Advanced Studies)
- 03/2011** “The Study of Interreligious Polemics and the Significance of Moshe Perlmann’s Works” (Book launch Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam, vol. 36: Memorial volume for Moshe Perlmann. 30 March 2011, The Hebrew University, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Max Schloessinger Foundation)
- 12/2010** “Anti-Jewish Polemics Relating to Conversion in the Ottoman Empire” (Truth and Authenticity in Conversion Narratives. Workshop at the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, PA)
- 12/2010** “Biblical testimonies to the Prophethood of Muḥammad in Zaydī sources” (The Departments of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Religious Studies and the Middle East Center at the University of Pennsylvania, PA)
- 11/2010** “Jewish Contributions to Islamic Learning in the Medieval and Late Medieval Muslim World” (Vanderbilt University, Department of Jewish Studies, Nashville, TN)
- 11/2010** “Breaking the wall of religious public opinion: How the study of interfaith crosspollination in the Islamicate World can uncover common ground” (Falling Walls: Berlin Conference on Future Breakthroughs in Science and Society, 7–8 November 2010)
- 10/2010** “Jewish (and Christian) Converts in the Medieval World of Islam: Some Methodological Questions” (Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, PA)
- 02/2010** “The Islamic rational heritage - Mu‘tazilism and Ash‘arism to be rediscovered” (Shaykh Ibrahim Center, Manama, Bahrain)
- 01/2010** “The Zaydī Reception of Abu l-Ḥusayn al-Baṣrī and Ibn al-Malāḥimī” (Le Kalam: Etat actuel de la recherche. Laboratoire de Philosophie et d’Histoire des Sciences. CNRS, Paris)
- 01/2010** “Zaydī Mu‘tazilism in Yemen: Ḥusām al-Dīn al-‘Anṣī (d. 667/1268) and his al-Maḥajja al-bayḍā” (Religions Movements and Transformations in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jerusalem)
- 07/2009** “Biblical materials in Zaydī sources” (Reunion Conference “Mu‘tazilism in Islam and Judaism”, Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
- 06/2009** “Commonalities Among Muslims, Jews and Christians. Illustrated by Two Commentaries on Najm al-Dīn al-Kātibī’s *al-Risāla al-Shamsiyya*.” (Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures & Middle East Studies Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio)

- 05/2009** “David b. Joshua Maimonides’ (fl. ca. 1335 - 1410) Commentary on Najm al-Din al-Katibi’s (d. 657/1276) al-Risala al-Shamsiyya” (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Max-Planck-Gesellschaft: “Convivencia: representations, knowledge and identities, 500 - 1600 A.D.” Madrid)
- 04/2009** “Biblical predictions of the Prophet Muḥammad from the 9th century.” (Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
- 03/2009** “An Anonymous Jewish Refutation of Samaw’al al-Maghribī’s *Ifḥām al-yahūd*.” (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton)
- 11/2008** “Recent Trends in the Study of Mu‘tazilism.” (The Institute of Islamic Studies at McGill University, Montreal)
- 08/2008** “Ibn Ḥazm on Ash‘arism and Mu‘tazilism.” (The religious and political thought of Ibn Ḥazm of Cordoba (d. 1064 CE). An International Conference, German Orient Institute, Istanbul, Turkey)
- 04/2008** “MSS Marwī 855 and 974. Ijāzas and other new sources for the life and work of Ibn Abī Jumhūr.” (Notes on Manuscripts in Islamic Studies: State of the Art and Future Research Perspectives. An International Conference, University of Kiel, Germany)
- 03/2008** “Mu‘tazilism: Common Rational Theology Between Islam and Judaism” (CUA Institute for Interreligious Study and Dialogue, Washington DC)
- 03/2008** “Theological rationalism (Islam, Judaism, and Christianity) in the medieval world of Islam” (Rumi Forum, Washington DC)
- 11/2007** (with Camilla Adang) “Steinschneider and the Study of Interfaith Polemics and Apologetics” (Moritz Steinschneider Centennial Conference, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin)
- 06/2007** “Abū l-Ḥusayn al-Baṣrī on the Jewish Torah and its abrogation” (Les doctrines de la loi dans la philosophie de langue arabe, CNRS, Paris)
- 06/2007** “Maḥmūd b. ‘Alī b. Maḥmūd al-Ḥimmaṣī al-Rāzī and his commentary on Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī’s Qawā‘id al-‘aqā‘id” (Sunni-Shi‘i Schism in Historical Perspective. Tel Aviv University)
- 04/2007** “An Anonymous Jewish Response to Samaw’al al-Maghribī’s *Ifḥām al-yahūd*” (Religion on the Borders, Stockholm)
- 11/2006** “An Anonymous Refutation of Samaw’al al-Maghribī’s *Ifḥām al-yahūd*” (Rationalism and Sacred Text, 10th–12th centuries c.e., CSIC, Madrid)
- 10/2006** “Ottoman Polemical Writers on the Hebrew Bible” (Obbedienza Religiosa e Resistenza Politica. Università degli studi di Milano)
- 06/2006** “The theological thought of the Banū l-Awd” (From Jahiliyya to Islam; Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem)
- 05/2006** (with Reza Pourjavady) “The Quṭb al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī Codex” (Quṭb al-Dīn al-Shirazi International Conference, Tehran/Shiraz)
- 03/2006** “Les ouvrages islamiques de polémique contre le judaïsme” (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)
- 11/2005** “The Significance of Ibn Kammūna for Post-Avicennan Philosophy” (Post-Avicennan Science and Philosophy, Bar-Ilan University)
- 02/2005** “Tashköprüzade’s Refutation of Judaism” (Shlomo Pines Memorial Conference, Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem)
- 06/2004** “Neues zur Spätphase der mu‘tazilitischen Theologie: Handschriftenfunde in St. Petersburg” (Bayerisches Orient-Kolloquium, Kolloquium der Universitäten Bamberg und Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- 03/2004** “Mu‘tazilite Manuscripts in the Firkovitch Collection” (Trinity College, Cambridge University)
- 10/2003** “Yūsuf al-Baṣrī’s Refutation of Abū l-Ḥusayn al-Baṣrī” (Textuality, Intertextuality: Interactive Cultural Practices in Judaism and Islam, ISIM, Leiden; WIKO, Berlin)

08/2003 "Abū l-Ḥusayn al-Baṣrī in the Firkovitch Collection" (Annual Meeting of the Judeo-Arabic Society; St. Petersburg)

05/2003 "The main parameters of Islamic theology" (Thinking God in Europe Today, University Vienna)

04/2002 "Ibn Abī Jumhūr and his Commentary on the Bāb al-ḥādī 'ashar" (From Cordoba to Isfahan, Isfahan University)

Media coverage (Selection)

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"Alte arabische Texte aus entlegenen Bergdörfern: Die Welt der jemenitischen Handschriften wird digital" (Christoph Rauch) *Bibliotheksmagazin: Mitteilungen aus den Staatsbibliotheken in Berlin und München* 2/20 = 15. Jahrgang, 44. Ausgabe, Berlin und München (May 2020), pp. 42–47 [https://staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Bibliotheksmagazin_2020_2.pdf]

"Un progetto online per salvare I preziosi manoscritti dello Yemen" (Riccardo Michelucci) *Dall'Avvenire* (February 1, 2020), p. 22.

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"Handschriften aus dem Jemen digitalisiert" (Christoph Rauch) *Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin-Preußischer Kulturbesitz: Blog-Netzwerk für Forschung und Kultur* (November 25, 2019) [<https://blog.sbb.berlin/handschriften-aus-dem-jemen-digitalisiert/>]

"I manoscritti dello Yemen salvati online" (Francesca Caferri) *Il Venerdì di Repubblica* (November 22, 2019), p. 30.

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