

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

Researcher at the Institute for Minority Rights, Eurac Research (Italy).

Areas of research: Rights of religious minorities and the governance of religious diversity, religion, gender and human rights, Islamic pluralism.

Academic qualifications

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| Since 10/16 | PhD candidate in the field of law, politics and religion at the Law Faculty of University of Graz/Austria.
PhD project: "The legal integration of Islamic Pluralism in Austria."
Supervision: Univ. Prof. Dr. Joseph Marko and Univ. Prof. Dr. Ulrike Bechmann. |
| 2017 | MA in religious studies from University of Graz.
Master thesis: "Female Readings of the Qur'an".
Supervision: Univ. Prof. Dr. Karl Prenner. |
| 2015 | Mag. iuris from University of Graz.
Master thesis: "Religious Minorities in Islamic Law".
Supervision: Univ. Prof. Dr. Joseph Marko |

Research Stays & Summer Programs

- 09/2018 **Research stay** at the University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran.
- 08/2018 **Intensive Course on Shi'a Studies**
University of Religions and Denominations, Qom, Iran.
- 06/2015 **Critical Muslim Studies. Decolonial Struggles and Liberation Theologies**
Universidad de Granada/Centro de Estudios Diálogo Global.
- 07/2011 **International Community-Oriented Summer Work Camp**
Birzeit University/Palestine.
- 07/2010 **International Christian-Islamic Summer University**
University of Vienna/Austria.

Publications

Chapters/Articles

Wonisch, K. "Innerislamischer Rechtspluralismus und die Flexibilität der Scharia" in Hinghofer-Szalkay, Kolb (Hrsg.) „Islam, Recht und Diversität“, Verlag Österreich, Wien 2018.

Wonisch, K., Medda-Windischer, R. „Old and New Minorities in the Middle East. Squaring the Circle Through Common Solutions?“ in Maghreb-Machrek special issue «La Question des Minorités au Moyen Orient», 2018.

Blog Entries

Das Burka-Verbot – eine geeignete Voraussetzung für Integration?

<http://ceai.univie.ac.at/2017/08/25/das-burka-verbot-eine-geeignete-voraussetzung-fur-integration/>

Islamischer Feminismus – ein Paradoxon?

<http://ceai.univie.ac.at/2017/09/15/islamischer-feminismus-ein-paradoxon/>

Podcasts

#ischgleich – Südtiroler Wissenschaftspodcast.

Gastbeitrag zum Thema „Religiöse Minderheiten, Islamismus, Islamischer Feminismus und Islam auf Steirisch“. <https://ischgleich.podigee.io/5-religiose-minderheiten>.

Academic Conferences: Scientific Paper Presentations

- 03/2019 Paper presentations: *“Islamic Feminism and the Transformation of Iranian Society”* and *“Islamic and Alevi religious education in Austrian schools”* (with Kramer, M.), at the annual conference of the European Academy of Religion, Bologna (Italy).
- 12/2018 Paper presentation: *“Spezifika von religiösen Gruppen und Institutionen entwickelten Unterstützungsangeboten für Geflüchtete und Asylsuchende in Leoben und Bozen/Bolzano”* (with Wlasak, P.), at the 5. Jahrestagung der Migrations- und Integrationsforschung in Österreich, Vienna (Austria).
- 06/2018 Paper presentation: *“Alevi Religious Instruction in Austrian Schools. Challenges of Institutionalizing an Oral Tradition”*, at the 16th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions, Bern (Switzerland).
- 03/2018 Paper presentation: *“Old and New Minorities in the Middle East. Squaring the Circle through Common Solutions”*, at the annual conference of the European Academy of Religion, Bologna (Italy).
- 08/2017 *“Women’s Rights in Islam”* lecture and discussion at a CASA picnic at the European Forum Alpbach, Alpbach (Austria).
- 05/2017 Paper presentation: *„Islamischer Pluralismus als (religions-)rechtliche Herausforderung“*, at the conference *„Islam, Recht und Diversität“*, Graz (Austria).
- 11/2016 Paper presentation: *“Islamic Pluralism and Rights of Religious Minorities; the Impact of a State Recognition Policy on Minority Communities within a Religious Minority”*, at an international PhD colloquia at the Andrassy University in Budapest (Hungary).

Teaching

- 04/2019 Teaching Fellow/Contract Lecturer at the Law Faculty of University of Graz for a seminar on Islamic Law.
- 02/2019 Lecture on *“Diversity Governance: Religion and Autonomy”* (with Constantin, S.) in the winter school on federalism and the rule of law, Eurac Research, Bolzano, Bozen (Italy).

- 01/2019 Lecture on “State and Religion in Austria” at the Faculty of Theology at University of Graz (Austria).
- 12/2018 Lectures on “Women in Islam” at the Social Science Grammar School in Brixen/Bressanone (Italy).
- 07/2018 Lecture and moot trial on “Freedom of Religion, Islamic Veiling, Feminist Perspectives and the Law” in the postgraduate summer school on “Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management. Special Focus: Power Sharing in Divided Societies”, Eurac Research, Bolzano/Bozen (Italy).
- 12/2017 Lecture on “Religion and Law in Austria” at the Faculty of Theology at University of Graz (Austria).

Professional Memberships

Member of the Austrian Society for the Study of Religions
Member of the Council for European Studies
Member of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion

Language Skills

German	first language
English	fluent
French, Italian, Arabic	basic knowledge

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