

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Fahmy Abd-Elsalam

Ahmed M. F. Abd-Elsalam joined the OIB in October 2021 as a research associate. He received his PhD in Islamic Studies from the Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg with the dissertation „Das Verhältnis des beduinischen zum islamischen Recht in sozialem und historischem Kontext“ (The relationship between Bedouin and Islamic law in a social and historical context). At the OIB, he studies social and theological issues of Abrahamic interdependence concerning marriage and divorce as human production of theological and religious knowledge. His research focuses on social and legal transformations in Muslim societies, past and present.

Abd-Elsalam works at the OIB on social and theological issues of Abrahamic interdependence concerning marriage and divorce as human production of theological and religious knowledge. His project "Abrahamic Interdependence: The Relations of Jewish to Islamic concerning Marriage and Divorce" deals with legal issues of marriage and divorce in Theory and Praxis in the Example of the Jewish communities in Egypt and Iraq in the first half of the last century and its relation to other trans-regional and trans-religious communities.

The project is well-networked with other research institutions in Egypt, Morocco, and Germany.

Previously, Abd-Elsalam worked as a docent and researcher of Islamic Theology at the Centre for Islamic Theology at the University of Münster (2012 – 2021) and as a visiting professor for Religious Comparative Studies at the Humboldt University Berlin (2019 – 2020). He also taught at Al-Azhar University (2011 – 2012) and the University of Innsbruck (2018 – 2022).

Research

- Legal realities and transformations in Muslim societies: legal and religious norms between theory, practice, and history.
- Islamic Norms and Islamic History (Pre- and Early Islamic History, Middle Ages and Present)
- Currently transformation processes in Islamic thought: secularization, Islamization and globalization of norms and values.

Academic Education

10/2005 – 06/2010	PhD. Islamic Studies
10/1998 – 11/2003	M. A. Arab Studies / Islamic Studies
10/1987 – 05/1991	B. A. German Studies

Career

Since 10/2021	Research Associate at the German Orient-Institut in Beirut (OIB) Redactor of <i>Bibliotheca Islamica</i>
10/2019 – 03/2020	Visiting Professor of Comparative Theology in Islamic Perspective at the Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology at Humboldt University in Berlin
10/2018 – 03/2022	Guest lecturer at the Institute of Islamic Theology and Religious Education at the University of Innsbruck , Innsbruck - Austria
05/2016 – 09/2017	Coordinator and moderator of the event series "Theology -Humanities – Social Sciences" (THSS), a project of the Orient-Institute Beirut (OIB) of the Max-Weber Foundation and the Al-Azhar-Directorate in Cairo, funded by the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany
03/2013 – 10/2019	Coordinator of the international colloquium series "Current Transformation Processes in Islamic Thinking: Religion, Politics and environment" (previously seven international colloquia, supported by third-party funding from DAAD and GIZ)
11/2012 – 09/2021	Researcher associate at the Center for Islamic Theology of the University of Münster
10/2011 – 10/2012	OIB Coordinator of the German Center in Al-Azhar , Cairo, OIB Coordinator of the teaching program "Islam Studies in the West and Germany" for post-graduate students of Islam-theological faculties of Al-Azhar, and OIB coordinator of the academic Exchange programs of the Islam-theological faculties of al-Azhar with the University of Tübingen - Islamic Studies
10/2011 – 05/2012	Guest lecturer at the Department of Islamic Studies in the German Language of the Faculty of Languages of Al-Azhar University
05/2011 – 10/2012	Project coordinator of the project "Episteme der Theologie interreligiös" at the OIB of the Max-Weber Foundation
09/2010 – 10/2012	Research Associate at the OIB , Cairo Office
02/2009 – 09/2010	Educational assistant in the field of intercultural and political education at the German Academy DAA-Halle
10/2008 – 02/2009	Lecturer for Arabic Language and Literature at the Oriental Institute

of the University of Halle

2004 – 2005	Lecturer for Arabic Language and Dialects at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the University of Halle
2004 – 2005	A Staff of the SFB 586 Difference and Integration Subproject "Contested Autochthony: Land and water rights and the relation of nomadic and sedentary people in South Kordofan, Sudan" (Project of Prof. Dr. R. Rottenburg, Institute of Ethnology of the University Halle)
2001 – 2004	Employees of the project "MENALIB" at the special collection area "Vorderer Orient / North Africa" of the University and State Library of Saxony-Anhalt (DFG project)
1998 – 2001	Employees of the project "Pfarrerbuch der KPS" at the Interdisciplinary Center for Pietism Research of the University Halle

Memberships and activities in committees

Since 2022	Consultant at the Global Institute for Arabic Renewal
Since 2022	Consultant at the Association of Heritage Experts in the Arab World
Since 2022	Advisor Board of the Nile Valley Journal for Human, Social and Educational Studies and Research - Faculty of Arts - Cairo University, Khartoum Branch
Since 2021	Evaluator at the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Since 2020	Advisor Board of Journal of Architecture, Arts and Humanistic Science
Since 2017	German Society of Islamic Theology
2010 – 2014	Board member of Ver.di Sachsen-Anhalt Süd
2006 – 2017	The International Society for Islamic Legal Studies (ISILS)
Since 2006	German Association for Law and Society (VfR)
Since 2005	The German Working Group Vorderer Orient for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO)

Awards

10/2001	DAAD-Prize for international students at the German universities 2001 Martin Luther University Halle
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Projects

10/2021 -	Abrahamitic Interdependence: The Relations of Jewish to Islamic concerning Marriage and Divorce
05/2022 – 10/2023	Discussing the Interdependence between Humans, Religion and Environment (DIHRE)
11/2019 – 09/2021 07/2016 – 10/2019	Abrahamitic Interdependence – Religious and Theological Knowledge as Trans-Cultural Product of Multi-Confessional Relations
03/2013 – 10/2019	Islamic Environment Theology Current Transformation Processes in Islamic Thinking – Colloquium Series
01/2013 – 10/2017	Al-Azhar and the Upheaval in Egypt (2011–2013): Documents and Controversy (Al-Azhar Documents)
11/2012 – 10/2013	Maqasid as a norm between theory and application – hierarchy of legal norms

Publications

Books:

Das beduinische Rechtssystem und seine theoretische Grundlage, (BTS 136). Würzburg: Ergon-Verlag (2015).

Theologie und Normen im Wandel – Islamisierung altarabischer Rechtsnormen, Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag (2021).

Edited Books

Umiyyat an-nabiy / أمية النبي (Herausgeber und Vorwort), Sebastian Günther und Khaled Muhammad Abduh, Kairo: Sijal Publications (2014).

Waṭā'iq al-Azhar: al-marğa'īyya ad-dīniyya mā ba'd at-ṭawra al-miṣriyya / وثائق الأزهر: المرجعية الدينية ما بعد الثورة المصرية (Herausgeber) Kairo: Sijal Publications, (2016).

Articles:

"إكو-إسلام: مسار جديد للفكر الإسلامي في الغرب" / „Eco-Islam: A new path of Islamic thought in the West", in *MJAF*, 7, 6, Cairo 2022.

“الأعراف العشائرية القضائية – تراث لامادي مهم للمنطقة العربية” / Tribal judicial norms – A neglected intangible heritage of the Arab World“, in *MJAF*, 6, 3, Cairo 2021, 610 – 624.

<https://dx.doi.org/10.21608/mjaf.2021.67637.2267>

„Ehe als Ansatz früh-islamischer theologischer (Re)Formation: Ehe, Eheschließung, Ehe in Nahbeziehungen – besonders rechtliche Regelungen der Eheschließung in Nahverhältnissen in frühislamischen Rechtsquellen“, in Ronen Reichman and Britta Müller-Schauenburg (ed.): *Ancilla Iuris. Constellations of Law*, Spezial Issue *Marriage Law* [forthcoming]

„Von der Tribalität in die Islamität – Wanderung der Rechtsnormen: Ein Beitrag zur Entstehungsgeschichte des Islamischen Normensystems“, in Mouhanad Khorchide und Milad Karimi (Hg.) *Jahrbuch für Islamische Theologie und Religionspädagogik* – Band 6/2017, Freiburg im Breisgau: Kalam Verlag (2020), 13 – 45.

„Umwelt-Dschihad & Öko-Islam - Eine aufstrebende muslimische Bewegung“, in Mouhanad Khorchide und Sara Binay (Hg.): *Islamische Umwelttheologie: Ethik, Norm und Praxis*, Freiburg im Breisgau: Herder Verlag (2019), 187 – 205.

„Al-Mu’assasa ad-dīniya wa-idārat ad-dawla/al-muğtama’ - qirā’a fī waṭā’iq al-Azhar / المؤسسة الدينية وإدارة الدولة/المجتمع – قراءة في وثائق الأزهر“, in Ahmed Abd-Elsalam und Mohammed Helmy (Eds.) *Waṭā’iq al-Azhar: al-marğa’iyya ad-dīniyya mā ba’d at-ṭawra al-miṣriyya*, Kairo: Sijal Publications (2016) 85 – 111.

„Solidarität und kulturelle Sensibilität als eine prophetische Lehre“, in Una Sancta – Zeitschrift für ökumenische Begegnung, Heft 2 2016, 71. Jahrgang (2016), 113 – 117.

„Erwiderung auf Christoph Wulf „Bildung – Eine transkulturelle Aufgabe“, in Sarhan Dhouib (Ed.) *Demokratie, Pluralismus und Menschenrechte – Transkulturelle Perspektiven*, Weilerswist: Velbrück Wissenschaft (2014), 260 – 262.

„Forum Westen und Islam: Klare Grenzen ziehen“, in *Kulturaustausch*, Heft 4, Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (2014), 72.

„Stammesrecht in traditionellen intratribalen Beziehungs- und Machtverhältnissen am Beispiel arabischer Stämme in Nordkurdufan, Sudan – Beobachtungen aus dem Feld“, in Josef Estermann (Hg.) *Interdisziplinäre Rechtsforschung zwischen Rechtswirklichkeit, Rechtsanalyse und Rechtsgestaltung. Beiträge zum Kongress „Wie wirkt Recht?“*, Beckenriell: Orlux-Verlag (2009), 20 – 34.

„Die Bibel des Ibn Kathir: Textkritik zu Gen 22 als Argument des Verfälschungsvorwurfs“, in Johannes Thon (Hg.) *The Claim of Truth in Religious Contexts*, in *Orientwissenschaftliche Hefte*, Heft 27, Halle: MLU Halle (2009), 29 – 36.

„Al-Ḥisba fī al-‘aṣr al-mamlūkī baina at-tawẓīf ad-dīnī as-sīyāsī wa-l-idāra al-madanīya / الحسبة في العصر المملوكي بين التوظيف الديني السياسي والإدارة المدنية“, in Mahmoud Haddad and Arnim Heinemann (Eds.) *Towards a Cultural History of the Mamluk Era*, Würzburg: Ergon-Verlag (2009), 127 – 143.

“The Practice of Violence in the *ḥisba*-Theories”, in *Iranian Studies*, vol. 8 nr. 4. (2005), 547 – 554.