



# UNIVERSITETET I OSLO

DET HUMANISTISKE FAKULTET

## CURRICULUM VITAE ALBRECHT HOFHEINZ

### Current position

Associate Professor, University of Oslo, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages

### Education

*dr.philos.*, University of Bergen (Norway), Department of History / Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, 1996.

Dissertation: "Internalising Islam: Shaykh Muḥammad Majdhūb, scriptural Islam, and local context in the early nineteenth-century Sudan". Analyses work & impact of a Muslim 'inner missionary' who promoted the understanding and internalization of norms stemming from the Islamic learned tradition among 'uneducated' semi-urban people and thereby helped to expand Islam's internal boundaries. Assessment committee: R.S. O'Fahey, Joseph van Ess, John O. Voll.

*Diplôme 3<sup>e</sup> année* in Arabic, Institut Bourguiba des Langues Vivantes, University of Tunis, 1981.

Free University of Berlin (Germany), 1983-86.

Islamic Studies with particular emphasis on "The Modern Middle East" (major); Arabic Language and Literature; German Literature and Linguistics.

American University in Cairo (Egypt), 1981-83.

Arabic Literature (major).

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität (Bonn, Germany), 1978-81.

Islamic Studies Arabic/Persian (major); Arabic Language and Literature; German Literature; Comparative Religion; Islamic Art History.

DNT Vinterturlederkurs (Norwegian Trekking Association mountain guide winter), Feb. 2020.

DNT Sommerturlederkurs (Norwegian Trekking Association mountain guide summer), Aug. 2018.

Masterveiledning – V2018 (course in Master student supervision), University of Oslo, Jan.-June 2018.

Digital Methods Summer School, University of Amsterdam, June-July 2012.

Arabic Manuscript Studies: An Introduction, Workshop held by Adam Gacek, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, March 2012.

*al-Dawra al-Tamhīdiyya ḥawla kōdikōlōgiyā al-makḥṭūʾ al-islāmī* (Introduction to Islamic codicology), workshop held by Ayman Fu'ād Sayyid for the Islamic Manuscript Association, al-Azhar University, Cairo, Feb. 2012.

DNT Vinterkurs «Sikkert ut—sikkert hjem» (Norwegian Trekking Association winter tour course), March 2010.

Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Sudan training, Khartoum, Sudan, May 1999.

African Tracing workshop, International Committee of the Red Cross, Machakos, Kenya, Dec. 1998.

## Honours

Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin: Fellow, 2001-2004.

Research project: Digital Jihad - Virtual Democracy - Allah.com: Cyber-Dynamics in the Arab-Islamic World

*Nahost-Gesprächskreis (Middle East Discussion Group)*, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik / German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, 2000-2004.

Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden: Fellowship, 2000-2002 (declined).

Institute for Advanced Study Berlin: Fellow, 1999-2000.

German-American Academic Council Summer Institute "*The Islamic World and Modernity*", 1997-98.

Institute for Advanced Study Berlin & Social Science Research Council (elected).

Institute for Advanced Study Berlin: Fellow elect, 1997-98.

Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in the Humanities, Middle East Studies Association of North America: Honorable Mention, 1997.

Research Council of Norway: postgraduate research fellowship, 1994-95.

Council of Europe Higher Education Scholarship for stay at the University of Bergen, 1993-94.

Lutheran Foundation for Advanced Studies: Ph.D. scholarship, 1989-92.

*Third Dissertation Workshop of the Committee on the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies*, 1988.  
held in Istanbul by the Social Science Research Council, New York,

German Academic Exchange Service: scholarship for field research in the Sudan, 1986-88.

Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education: scholarship to study Arabic in Cairo, 1981-83.

German Academic Exchange Service: scholarship to study Arabic in Tunis, 1981.

Scheffelpreis (award in German Literature) and award for best overall achievement in class, 1977.

## Professional Experience

### Teaching

Associate Professor, University of Oslo, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, 2004-.

Ph.D. supervision:

- 1) Jacob Høigilt, "Writing Islamism: Rhetoric and ideology in contemporary Egypt" (2004-08)
- 2) Tonje Raddum, "Voices of war: A discourse analysis of voice projection of war and violence in 3 Iraqi newspapers, 2003" (2004-05)
- 3) Sarah Jurkiewicz, "Being a blogger in Beirut: practices and modes of publicness" (2009-12)
- 4) Jon Nordenson, "Participation in (a) public: Online activism in Egypt and Kuwait" (2012-2015)
- 5) Mohab Attia Mahmoud Mohamed, "The parallel media - political and social life representation on YouTube channels and Facebook" (2015-2018)

M.A. supervision:

- 1) Hanna Rogan, "From 'Abû Reuter to 'Irhâbî 007: Al-Qaeda's online media strategies" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-18271>>, 2007
- 2) Anne Stenersen, "Al-Qaeda's quest for non-conventional weapons, 1996-2006: the history behind the hype" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-18410>>, 2007
- 3) Loubna El-Masroury, "Islams budskap gjennom fiqh og reformer" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-19928>>, 2008
- 4) Elin Hauge, "Egypt and the new orthodoxy of development: the effects of the transition to a liberal market economy on an Egyptian periphery" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-20702>>, 2008
- 5) Ane Bele, "Living in limbo: A case study of Iraqi refugees in Cairo" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-21522>>, 2008
- 6) Mirza Ajdinović, "Somaliske flyktninger i Jemen: en tikkende sosial bombe?" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-21246>>, 2008

- 7) Nasr Altai, "Reformer i Saudi-Arabia : Hvor går grensene for reformprosessen som startet i 2002?" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-27696>>, 2010
- 8) Jon Nordenson, "We want five! Kuwait, the internet, and the public sphere" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-24930>>, 2010
- 9) Tor Håkon Tordhol, "Dialectics of protest: Political mobilisation in the Egyptian countryside" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-45629>>, 2014
- 10) Erik Skare, "Hacktivism: Palestinian resistance in the digital era" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-49964>>, 2015
- 11) Ingvild Tomren, "Mahragānāt i den humørløse staten" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-49857>>, 2015
- 12) Miriam Chakroun, "Den sekulære kvinnebevegelsen i Tunisia – 'pros & cons'" <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-49861>>, 2015
- 13) Sara Nes, "Ikkevoldelig motstand mot marokkansk okkupasjon i Vest-Sahara", 2014-15.
- 14) Mihaila Yordanova, "Discontented, disillusioned, divided: The Egyptians dreaming of a better yesterday", 2016-17 <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-60728>>.
- 15) Stine Elisabeth Hole, "Fortellinger om 'bad girls' i Sudan: Unge, ugifte kvinner og menn i Sudan snakker om kjønn, seksualitet og kjønnslemlestelse", 2018-19 <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-76994>>.
- 16) Meichen Chu: "The Third Way between Islamic and secular feminism: an evaluation of Moroccan feminist strategies", 2018-19 <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-76993>>.
- 17) Madelaine Olsen: "Facilitation for Solar Energy Projects in a Rentier State: Opportunities and Challenges in Oman", 2018 <<http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-76987>>.
- 18) Mona Benmalek: "Young and deaf in Morocco", 2021-22.
- 19) Tommy Lyndon Sommerseth: "Artificial intelligence in Saudi Arabia", 2021-22.

ARA1010 Arabisk A (team-taught) <<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/ARA1010/>>  
 ARA1030 Arabisk C (team-taught) <<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/ARA1030/>>  
 ARA1110 Arabic 1 (team-taught) <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/east/ARA1110/>>  
 ARA1120 Arabic 2 (team-taught) <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/east/ARA1120/>>  
 ARA2010 Arabisk D (team-taught) <<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/ARA2010/>>  
 ARA2110 Arabic 3+4 (team-taught) <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/east/ARA2110/>>  
 ARA3110 Arabic 2 <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/ARA3110/>>  
 ARA3120 Arabic 6 <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/ARA3120/>>  
 ARA4118 Arabic Manuscripts <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/ARA4118/>>  
 ARA4505 Arabic Cyberspace <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/east/ARA4505/>>  
 EXFAC03-MESA - Exfac for Midtøsten- og Sørasia-studier <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/EXFAC03-MESA/index.html>>  
 MES4010 - Readings in Middle East Studies <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/MES4010/index.html>>  
 MES4110 Readings of Middle Eastern Texts <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/MES4110/index.html>>  
 MES4210 - Topics in Arabic Studies I <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/MES4210/index.html>>  
 MES4220 - Topics in Arabic Studies II <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/MES4220/index.html>>  
 MES4500 - Topics in Middle East Politics and Society I  
 <<https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/MES4500/index.html>>  
 MES4560 - Topics in Islamic Studies II  
 MES4590 - Master Thesis in Middle East Studies  
 <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/MES4590/index.html>>  
 MØNA1505 - Midtøstens moderne historie <<http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/hf/ikos/MØNA1505/index.html>>

Co-supervisor, University of Bergen, Department of Foreign Languages

Janne Marie Heitun Kvale, "Blogs of an occupied nation: Sahrawi bloggers in a pan Arab public sphere", 2010.

External examiner, University of Tromsø, Master of Philosophy in Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies, 2009.

External examiner, University of Bergen, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion (AHKR), 2009-.

Consultant, askahistorian.com, 2000-2002.

Adjunct Professor, Free University of Berlin, Institute of Islamic Studies, 2000.

"Muslims in cyberspace — the Internet in the Muslim world". Lecture and discussion with graded papers. See the course web site <<http://folk.universitetetioslo.no/albrech/CybIslamSS2000.html>> and an article about it at <<http://www.fu-berlin.de/fun/2000/6-00/digital/digital1.html>>.

Teaching Assistant, University of Bergen, Dept. of History & Section for Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, 1993-96.

Taught Arabic at second year level (1995). Taught an introductory course on the use of computers in Arabic and Islamic studies (1994). Lectured on history and anthropology as well as on Iran in a team-taught course on "Religion and Society in the Middle East" (1993). Assisted in supervising B.A. and M.A. theses (1993-96).

Visiting instructor. Expert seminars on Islam and Muslims in several Berlin high schools in the aftermath of the Second Gulf War and the Sep. 2001 terrorist attacks in the USA, 1991 & 2001.

### *Human Rights, Humanitarian Assistance and Development: Practical & Analytical Experience*

Academic Researcher, Special Research Project "Entwicklungsdimensionen Nordafrika/Nah- und Mittelost" / Development Prospects Middle East/North Africa, Teilprojekt 1 "Antiamerikanismus in Nordafrika/Nah- und Mittelost: Formen, Dimensionen und Folgen für Europa/Deutschland"; and Teilprojekt 4 "Veränderung der Wertehorizonte nahöstlicher Gesellschaften", German Institute for Middle East Studies, Hamburg, with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation, 2003. Researched and wrote reports on (1) the roots, current manifestations, and future prospects of Anti-American sentiments and policies in the Sudan; (2) the role of Internet and cassette tapes as forums for social debate and as instruments of mass mobilization in the Middle East and North Africa.

External expert, Norwegian Directorate of Immigration, 2002.  
Expert consultancy on Yemen and the Sudan.

Academic Researcher, Special Research Project "Islamic and other private foundations in the Arab region". German Institute for Middle East Studies, Hamburg, with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation, 2002.  
Researched and wrote the report on foundations in the Sudan: overview; institutional and social basis; social and political orientation; organization, financing, aims and activities; evaluation of possibilities for German development cooperation.

Consultant, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ / German Technical Cooperation Agency), Yemen, 2002.  
In cooperation with Responding To Conflict (RTC), Birmingham. Analysis of peace and conflict potential in Mareb and al-Dhāle' provinces, portfolio analysis of German development cooperation, recommendations for possible expansion of German development cooperation.

Head, Social Monitoring Unit (SMU), South Darfur Resettlement Scheme, Sudan, 2001.  
On assignment from the German Development Service (DED), in coordination with Oxfam-GB and Save the Children (UK). Developed terms of reference and set up the institutional, organizational, and physical structures for monitoring the largest resettlement project for internally displaced people (IDP) ever undertaken in the Sudan. Contributed to a general IDP strategy.

Consultant, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), 2001.  
Occupied Palestinian Territories. Final evaluation to assess OHCHR' Project with the Palestinian National Authority "Support for the Rule of Law in Palestine" (1996-2001) and to make recommendations for drafting a new Project Document.

Delegate, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), 1997-99.  
Palestinian Autonomous Territories, Uganda, Sudan. Visited detainees and prisoners of war. Headed ICRC Tracing Agency in the Sudan. Analyzed policy and prepared ICRC interventions. Hired & trained staff and volunteers. Coordinated activities for the protection of the civilian population with UN organizations, national and international NGOs. Managed computerized Sudan Tracing database.

External expert, The Carter Center, 1994.  
Member of a group of academic experts briefing the Carter Center on the situation in the Sudan, Boston, 20 Apr. 1994.

*Editorial and Software Consultancies / Desktop Publishing (DTP)*

Editorial Consultant & DTP, *Arabic Literature of Africa*, vol. I – . Leiden: Brill, 1994-present.

Consultant, database-design, *Handlist of manuscripts in the Nigerian National Archives of Kaduna*, London: Al-Furqān, 1995, 1994.

DTP, Bernd Radtke, *Weltgeschichte und Weltbeschreibung im mittelalterlichen Islam*, Beirut/Stuttgart: Steiner, 1992.

DTP, Olaf Köndgen, *Das islamisierte Strafrecht des Sudan*, Hamburg: Deutsches Orient-Institut, 1992.

Chief Editor of Arabic Minutes and Proceedings, XIII. International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions, Berlin (Germany), 1989.

Founder and owner of the international electronic mailing list SUDANLIST, 1993-94.

*Field experience*

Tunisia: field work, 2016.

Sudan: field work on social media use, 2015.

Tunisia: Tunis Exchange, 2013.

Egypt: field work on Internet use, 2002, 2011, 2012, 2016.

Mali: Timbuktu Manuscripts Project, 2000, 2008.

Morocco: field work on Internet use, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005.

Yemen: GTZ, 2002.

Sudan: field work on Internet use and on Islamic foundations, 2002.

Sudan: DED, 2001.

Palestine (Gaza / West Bank): OHCHR, 2001.

Sudan: ICRC, 1997-99.

Palestine (Gaza / West Bank): ICRC, 1997.

Sudan: oral history of a Sudanese 'religious clan', 1986-88.

Egypt: Arabic language and literature; popular culture; Sufi brotherhoods, 1981-83.

Extended travels in Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Zanzibar, and the Comoros, 1976-99.

*Professional Affiliations*

Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation) (1999-)

Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies (2013-)

Middle East Studies Association of North America (1996-2015)

Advisory Board, *Asiatische Studien / Études Asiatiques* (2014-)

Editorial Board, *Journal of Sufi Studies*, Leiden: Brill (2012-2014)

Editorial Board, *The Encyclopaedia of Islamic Mysticism*, Leiden: Brill (2000-2015)

Consultative Committee, Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa (ISITA), Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Commission Scientifique & Commission d'Archivage Électronique, Timbuktu Libraries Project, 2000-2009

Comité Scientifique, Journal de la Fundación Mahmud Kati

Forskning på religion og modernitet (FROM), University of Oslo, 2008

*Services*

Member of the Department Board, Dept. of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo, 2017-2020.

Coordinator (fagansvarlig / studierettningsansvarlig) for Arabic, Dept. of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo, 2005-2008, 2011-2015.

Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions, Nasjonalt fagråd for afrikanske og asiatiske fag, Karakterpanel arabisk 2010.

Research committee (forskningsutvalg), Dept. of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo, 2009-2012.

Idea group on research (idégruppe forskning), Dept. of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo, 2005-2006.

Advisory Committee, 7th International Sudan Studies Conference, Bergen, 6-8 April 2006.

Convenor, Seminar on "Women in Islamic Movements", Dept. of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo, 4 April 2006.

Robert S. Kramer (St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI): "Women and War in an Islamic Movement"

Hoda Salah (University of Frankfurt): "The Political Participation of Female Islamic Activists in Egyptian Civil Society"

Peer reviewer, *New Media & Society*, 2008-; *Die Welt des Islams*, 2020-; *Orientalia Suecana*, 2022-.

Expert reviewer, Institute for Advanced Study Berlin, 2004 & 2011.

Expert reviewer, The Norway-America Association, 2005 & 2006.

Expert reviewer, MacArthur Foundation, 2003.

## Languages

*Native* German

*Fluent* Arabic (modern standard, classical, Egyptian, Sudanese, and Palestinian colloquial), English, French, Norwegian: read, write, speak and understand fluently

*Read* Danish, Swedish, Italian, Persian, Portuguese, Spanish; Latin, Classical Greek

## Presentations and seminars by invitation

"Myth or Reality? The Green Shift in Arab Media Discourse Around COP26". Panel "Climate Change and the Green Shift in the Middle East", The 12th Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies "The Middle East in Myth and Reality", University of Iceland, Reykjavík, 23 September 2022.

"In 2016: Life in the Arab World after the 'Arab Spring'". Centre for Islamic and Middle East Studies & Scene HumSam, University of Oslo, 26 Oct. 2018.

"Social Media Buzz in 2016". Panel "In 2016 - Arrays and codes of post-revolutionary lifeworlds (Egypt and Tunisia)", Fifth World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Sevilla, 16 July 2018.

"Social Media". In 2016 Workshop, Oslo: University of Oslo, 16 Apr. 2018.

"Baby Milk". In 2016 Workshop, Oslo: University of Oslo, 11 Nov. 2017.

"Who Speaks for Islam? And What Is Islam? Anti-authoritarianism, Humanism, and Autonomy of Choice as Important Dimensions in Current Self-Reflection". Presented to the round table "Islam at the Turn of the 21st Century: Continuity and Change". Rethinking Islam at the Turn of the 21st Century: Liberal Trends, Agents of Change and Reassessment of Islamic Traditions, Beersheba: University of the Negev, 7 June 2017.

"Daring to Transgress: The Growing Visibility of Blasphemy and Atheism in the Current Arab Public". Blasphemy—An Explorative Workshop, Oslo: University of Oslo, 14 Dec. 2016.

"Social Media Five Years after the 'Arab Spring'—Some General Remarks". The Tenth Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, Odense: Nordic Society of Middle Eastern Studies, 22 Sep. 2016.

- “A Look Back on Generation Stuck: of Dreams Repressed, of Seeking a Way Out”. Five Years after the Arab Spring: Political and Ideological Trends, Oslo: University of Oslo, 10 June 2016.
- “Blasphemy among Muslims”. Blasphemy! Oslo-Austin Cooperation Workshop, Oslo: University of Oslo, 5 June 2016.
- “Of Broken Walls and Broken Illusions, or: Where do Sudanese Social Media Actors Perceive Liberating Change?” Liberation? BRISMES/EURAMES Annual Conference, London: London School of Economics & Political Science, 25 June 2015.
- “Withdrawal from Taḥrīr? Voices from the Social Media on the Fate of the Revolution, the Wall of Fear, and the Role of Individual Actors in Post-Coup Egypt”. Fourth World Congress for Middle East Studies (WOCMES), Ankara: Middle East Technical University, 21 Aug. 2014.
- “*Rāqī bi-akhilāqī*, or: The Moral Turn, from Sufi Shaykhs to Facebook groups”. Adab et modernité : un « processus de civilisation » ? (XVIIe-XXIe siècle), Paris: Colloque IUF-IISMM-CETOBAC, 24 May 2014.
- “Allah.com – a Trajectory”. The Third Kazan International Scientific Forum: “Islam in a Multicultural World”, Kazan Federal University, Kazan, Tatarstan, 15 Nov. 2013.
- “#WhyIHateIkhwan. Islamist-secular polarization in Egyptian social media”. Presented at the Ninth Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, Lund, Sweden, 21 Sep. 2013; the Middle East Studies Association 47th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 12 Oct. 2013; and the Center for Islamic and Middle East Studies, University of Oslo, 31 Jan. 2014.
- “Islamic studies in Germany: an overview”. Iranian Parliament House, Tehran, 16 Apr. 2013.
- “Social Media in the ‘Arab Spring’ — field observations from Egypt”. Middle East Studies Association 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 17 Nov. 2012.
- “Social Media in the ‘Arab Spring’ — the example of Egypt”. *The New Middle East Forum* for researchers and diplomats, Cairo, 9 Oct. 2012.
- “Sosiale mediers rolle i den egyptiske revolusjonen”. Presentation and public debate on *The Revolution Will Not Be Televised! Mobilisering i konfliktsoner via sosiale medier*. House of Literatures (Litteraturhuset), Oslo, organized by Amnesty International, 14 June 2012.
- “New media, religion and gender”. Comment on a presentation by Mia Lövheim. *Religion Across Media: Theoretical Perspectives and Case Studies*, University of Oslo, 13 Feb. 2012.
- “Egypt one year after: Military rule in guise of democracy?” Public debate with Bjørn Olav Utvik. Centre for Islamic and Middle East Studies in cooperation with The New Middle East and The Gulf Research Unit, University of Oslo, 27 Jan. 2012.
- “Born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January”. Introduction to the European premiere of Aḥmed Rashwān’s film *Mawlūd fi 25 yanāyir*. Babel filmklubb in cooperation with Human Rights/Human Wrongs documentary film festival, Ullevål kino, Oslo, 26 Jan. 2012.
- “Fatwas on Twitter”. *Iftā’ on Screens: Satellite Television, the Internet and Religious Authority in the Arab World*. Workshop organised by the Center for the Study of Contemporary Muslim Societies of the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, in collaboration with the New Islamic Public Sphere Programme of the University of Copenhagen, Doha, Qatar, 27-28 June 2011.
- “Nextopia? Beyond Revolution 2.0”. Keynote address given to the International Workshop *Between Everyday Life and Political Revolution: The Social Web in the Middle East*, Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, Naples, Italy, 21 Mar. 2011.
- “Lifting the veil on al-Jazeera’s *niqāb* debate”. Middle East Studies Association 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 20 Nov. 2010.
- “Dynamics of internet use in the Arab-Islamic world”. Nettverk for religion og livssyn: *Fagutviklingskonferanse 2010*, Oslo, 11 Nov. 2010.

- "The elusive quest for revolution: What about the 'next generation'?" *diffusion 2.0: computing, mobility, and the next generations*. Seventh international conference on cultural attitudes towards culture and communication (CATaC), Vancouver: University of British Columbia, 15-18 June 2010.
- "Contested authority? Reflections on the *niqāb* debate". *Fault Lines of Islamism: Negotiating Progress, Participation, and Patriarchy*. Oslo: University of Oslo, 9-10 Nov. 2009.
- "Identity · Authority · History: Facets of Muslims' Internet use". *Muslims and the New Information and Communication Technologies: Theoretical, Methodological and Empirical Perspectives*. International Symposium organized by LearnIT/LinCS, University of Gothenburg; The Centre of European Islamic Thought, University of Copenhagen; and The New Islamic Public Sphere Programme, University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen: Vilvorde Conference Centre, 28-29 Oct. 2009.
- Media, Islam and Modernity: Challenges to the Nordic Context*. Workshop held by the The Nordic Network for the Mediatization of Religion and Culture, Sigtuna, 26-28 Oct. 2009.
- "Jāmi'at Ōslō wa'l-dirāsa fihā". Jeddah: Effat University, 5 May 2009.
- "Reconstituting bodies of knowledge: Disciplining the body – simplifying the corpus – reconstructing the community". *Constituting Bodies of Islamic Knowledge*. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University, Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, 17-18 Nov. 2008.
- "Virtual Jihad: transmission belt of a global movement?" Introduction and moderation of Panel 3 at the Bundesnachrichtendienst-Symposium: „Globaler Jihad: Europa im Fokus?“ Berlin: Bundesnachrichtendienst, 23 Oct. 2008.
- "A History of Allah.com". *Web site Histories - Theories, Methods, Analysis*. Aarhus: University of Aarhus, Centre for Internet Research, 14 Oct. 2008.
- "The Internet, the quest for democracy, and the role of the individual in the Arab world". *The Challenges of Transformation: Visions and Revisions of the Middle East and North Africa*. Berlin: Freie Universität Berlin, Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaften, Arbeitsstelle für Politik des Vorderen Orients & Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, 13 Dec. 2007, and Bergen: University of Bergen, Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, 12 June 2008.
- "Internet usage in the Middle East and North Africa". Oslo: University of Oslo, Department of Informatics, 7 Dec. 2007.
- "The Internet and democratization in the Middle East: a plea for greater historical and social contextualization". *Internet Research 8.0: Let's Play*. Association of Internet Researchers annual conference, Vancouver, 17-20 Oct. 2007, and *Middle East Studies Association 2007 Annual Meeting*, Montréal, 17-20 Nov. 2007.
- "New media and democratization in the Arab world". Panel Session "Between Market & State Control: New Media and Democratization". *From Samizdat to Tamizdat: Dissident Media Crossing Borders Before and After 1989*. Vienna: Institute for Human Sciences / Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, 12-15 Sep. 2006.
- "Hyperlink to reality: a history of Allah.com". *Gobal Networking and Locality: Sufis in Western Societies*, University of Bremen, 30 Sep. – 2 Oct. 2005.
- "New media — new ideas: internalizing Islam and the rise of the individual, from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the age of the Internet". *The World History Association 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Ifrane: Al Akhawayn University, 27-29 June 2005. Also served as chair on the panel "Imperial Connections".
- "Listes d'accès et catalogues — buts et strategies d'établissement". *Chemins du Savoir: Journées d'Études sur les Manuscrits de Tombouctou*, Rabat: Institut des Études Africaines, Université Mohammed V – Souissi, 14-17 June 2005.
- Organised jointly with the Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo, the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, The National Library of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Ahmed Baba Institute in Timbuktu. The event included an exhibit at the National Library of photographs of manuscripts from Timbuktu taken partly by me (see below).



- “Das Internet als Jugendmedium in der arabischen Welt”. Deutsch-Arabischer Mediendialog: *Jugend, Medien und Politische Partizipation*, Berlin: Auswärtiges Amt / Foreign Office (organized by Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen / Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations), 29-30 Nov. 2004. Also served as moderator on the introductory panel “Jugend und Medien: Sozialisation durch die Medien und die Folgen”.
- “The Timbuktu Manuscripts Project: Partners and processes”. Roundtable on *US-African Library Partnerships in Digitizing Scholarly Resources* organized by the Africana Librarians Council at the African Studies Association 47th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 12 Nov. 2004.
- “Islam und Internet”. Al-Azhar University, Cairo, 11 Oct. 2004.
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