# Nader Hotait

Sociology, Research,
and Data Science.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**DeZIM**                                      Berlin, Germany
Postdoc                                       2025 – Present

- DeZIM: German Center for Integration and Migration Research
- National Monitoring of Discrimination and Racism (NaDiRa)
- Media Monitoring

**Humboldt University of Berlin**              Berlin, Germany
Postdoc                                       2021 – Present

- Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research (BIM).
- Founder and Director: Digital Muslim Studies Lab
- Project (Lead): "Media Diets and Democratic Values (MEDIVA)".
- Project (Lead): "Radicalization Potentials on TikTok (RaPoTik)".
- Project: "German Islam as an alternative to Islamism? (D:ISLAM)".

**Transformakers GmbH**                        Berlin, Germany
Lead Data Scientist                                    2024

- Collecting and Analyzing Online Data on Online Communities.
- Developing evidence-based policy recommendations.

**London School of Economics (LSE)**            London, UK
Visiting Research Student                               2023

- Data Science Institute
- Social Research Methods

**University of Potsdam**                     Potsdam, Germany
Research Associate                               2019 – 2021

- Chair of Inequality Research and Social Stratification Analysis.

**DeZIM**                                      Berlin, Germany
Freelance Researcher                            2020 – 2021

## SKILLS

</> R · Python · Stata · LaTeX
Git · NVivo · MAXQDA
SQL · TensorFlow

🔤 German · native
English · fluent
Arabic · native
French · proficient

## ACADEMIC INTERESTS

| SUBJECTS | Sociology of the Internet |
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| | Extremism and Radicalization |
| | Digital Religion |
| | Culture and Politics |
| | Racism and Discrimination |
| METHODS | Computational Methods |
| | Natural Language Processing |
| | Surveys and Experiments |
| | Non-probability Designs |
| | Mixed-Methods |

## FREELANCE

| 2025 | **BBF e.V.** |
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| | Study report; partnership violence |
| 2025 | **Forum Islam** |
| | Muslim community Study |

- DeZIM: German Center for Integration and Migration Research.
- Project: "Spaces and possibilities of action against racism".

**Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)** Berlin, Germany
Research Assistant 2018 – 2019

- Center for Civil Society Research.

**University of Potsdam** Potsdam, Germany
Research Assistant 2018 – 2019

- Chair of General Sociology.

2024 **CLAIM Allianz**
AMR TikTok Analysis

2022 **UFA GmbH**
Employee Survey on DEI issues

2021 **#AFROZENSUS**
Drafting an online data explorer

## EDUCATION

**University of Mannheim & London School of Economics** Mannheim, Germany
Dr. rer. soc., Sociology and Data Science 2021 – 2025

- **Oral defense:** May 6th, 2025. **Grade:** 0.4 (German grading)
- Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (Mannheim)
- Data Science Institute (LSE)

**University of Potsdam** Potsdam, Germany
M.A., Sociology 2018 – 2020

**Humboldt University of Berlin** Berlin, Germany
B.A., Social Sciences 2014 – 2018

## ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

2022 – 2024 **Council for European Studies (CES)**
Research Coordinator of the Radicalism and Violence research network.

2022 – 2023 **The Atlantic Study of Islam and Muslims (ASIM)**
Coordinator of the research cluster CVE and "Radicalization"

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023    **Humboldt and Princeton University Strategic Partnership**
Research grant for the project "Media Diets and Democratic Values" (MEDIVA)
Funding amount: 35,488€ EUR

2023    **Berlin State Commission against Violence**
Research grant for the project "Radicalization Potentials on TikTok" (RaPoTik)
Funding amount: 160,000 EUR

2022    **Young Scholar Award**
Award by the University of Mannheim for the project "Deconstructing Radical Content on TikTok"
Funding amount: 2,000 EUR

## PUBLICATIONS

2025    **Beyond the hijab: Performing religious identity on TikTok**
Social Compass

2025    **Possibilities for action in cases of racial discrimination**
**How social constellations affect reaction behavior**
Book Chapter in "Consensus and conflict in the post-migrant society"

2024    **Exploring the Role of TikTok for Intersectionality Marginalized Groups**
**The Case of Muslim Female Content Creators in Germany**
Frontiers in Political Science 2024, 6, 1496833

2024    **Exploring (Anti-)Radicalism on TikTok**
**German Islamic Content Creators between Advocacy and Activism**
Religions 2024, 15(10)

2024    **Culture, Migration, And Theology**
**Types of Actors, Networks and Discourses of Anti-Muslim Racism on TikTok**
Report for the Civil Society Situation Report on Anti-Muslim Racism
CLAIM – Allianz gegen Islam- und Muslimfeindlichkeit

2021    **Potentials of Natural Language Processing in the Study of Radicalism.**
**A Methodological Exploration on the example of Hizb ut-Tahrir affiliated Twitter accounts.**
Conference Proceedings of the Science Conference 2021
Center for Analysis and Research (German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution)

2021    **Response strategies to racism. The Importance of Contextual Factors**
**for Strategies of Action in the Case of Racial Discrimination.**
DeZIM Project Report

# Media

2025 **Fact check: How fake news target Europe's Christmas markets**
Interview with Deutsche Welle (DW)
English, available here.

2025 **'Islamist' propaganda on social media – How does it work? And what can be done about it?**
Interview with ARD (world's largest public broadcaster)
German, Radio here; Instagram here.

2025 **'Islamist' tendencies in German-speaking countries**
Interview with ARD (world's largest public broadcaster)
German, i.a. available here.

2024 **TikTok: "Considered en vogue among extremists"**
Interview with WDR 5 Morgenecho (West German Broadcasting)
German, available here.

2021 **"Controversy is a selling point"**
**Insights into research on the dissemination of extremist content on TikTok**
Interview with Ufuq.de
German, available here.


# Hosted and Organized Events

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| **AI and Migration Studies** | Berlin, Germany |
| *Workshop* | 2025 |
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| **Radicalization Potentials on TikTok** | Berlin, Germany |
| *Symposium* | 2024 |
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| **Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims** | Berlin, Germany |
| *Conference* | 2024 |
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| **"Anti-Muslim Realities"** | Berlin, Germany |
| *Symposium* | 2023 |
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| **"Media as a Fuel for Radicalization?"** | Berlin, Germany |
| *Expert Talk* | 2023 |
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| **D:Islam Webinar Series: "National Islams in 'The West'"** | Online |
| *Webinars* | 2021-2022 |

# PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

**BAG RelEx**                                                   Berlin, Germany
*Symposium*                                                              2025
Presentation: From the mat to radicalization: martial arts as a gateway and intersecting factor in extremism

**Violence Prevention Network**                                Leipzig, Germany
*Conference*                                                             2025
Keynote: Current evidence on online radicalization and its practical challenges

**Universitas Diponegoro**                                  Semarang, Indonesia
*Lecture Series*                                                         2025
Lecture: AI and Digital Religion: Practices and Implications

**XIII. Future Forum Islam**                                Frankfurt, Germany
*Conference*                                                             2024
Workshop: Social networks and social polarization - the new media makers?

**NAFS**                                                       Berlin, Germany
*Conference: Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims*   2024
Presentation: Investigating TikTok's Role in Radicalizing Muslim Users in Germany

**Council for European Studies**                                 Lyon, France
*Conference: 30th International Conference of Europeanists*               2024
*Panel Chairs:*
Islamism and Xenophobia in Europe: Dynamics of Extremism and Feedback Effects
Navigating the Radical Web: How the Internet Facilitates Extremism and What to Do about It
*Presentations:*
How Muslim TikTok Content Creators React To Islamophobia
Radicalization Potentials on TikTok - Presenting New Findings
Constructing Gendered Religious Identities - TikTok's Muslim Female Content Creators

**Ufuq.de**                                                    Berlin, Germany
*Webtalk: Anwendung von KI-Tools in der zivilgesellschaftlichen Projektarbeit*   2024
Presentation: Application of AI tools in Civil Society Project Work

**Federal Agency for Civic Education**                           Bonn, Germany
*MasterClass: The Field of Islamism Prevention*                          2024
Panel Discussion: Civic education and Prevention, a Field of Tension?! - Reflecting on one's own Role in the Field of Islamism Prevention

**NAFS**                                                     Erlangen, Germany
*Conference: Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims*   2023
Presentation: Constructing Religious Identities TikTok's Muslim Female Content Creators

**Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sport**  Hanover, Germany
*Conference: Lower Saxony Competence Forum for the Prevention of Islamism*  2023
Panel Discussion: Digital Threats - Opportunities and Challenges for the Prevention of Islamism

**MZES-DeZIM**  Mannheim, Germany
*Workshop: Social Science Meets Digital Data: Methods of Computational Social Science*  2023
Presentation: Investigating radical content on TikTok - A computational approach.

**Ufuq.de**  Berlin, Germany
*Webtalk: Kollektive Emotionen in Radikalisierungsprozessen und die Rolle von TikTok*  2022
Presentation: Collective emotions in radicalization processes and the role of TikTok.

**MOTRA**  Wiesbaden, Germany
*Conference: MOTRA-K*  2022
Presentation: Potentials of radicalization on TikTok.

**Council for European Studies**  Lisbon, Portugal
*Conference: 28th International Conference of Europeanists*  2022
Panel Chair: Islamism and Xenophobia in Europe: Dynamics of Extremism and Feedback Effects.
Presentation: Narratives of Xeno- and Islamophobia in Islamist Communication

**Zentrum für Analyse und Forschung**  Berlin, Germany
*Conference: Wissenschaftskonferenz*  2021
Panel Chair: Ways into the Rabbit Hole
Presentation: Islamist strategies of radicalization