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Stefan Heidemann – Curriculum Vitae

1. Personal and Professional Data

Academic Affiliation

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Place/Date of Birth: Strang, Westphalia, Germany, 1961.

Academic Appointments

Oct. 2020-Sept. 2022, Speaker (director) of the Asien Afrika Institut, U Hamburg

Oct. 2011 to date, Professor (chair, W3) of Islamic Studies at Universität Hamburg.

Oct. 2010-Sept. 2011, Professor of Islamic History and Artistic and Material Culture at The Bard Graduate Center, New York.

Oct. 2010-Sept. 2011, Associate Curator of Islamic Art at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Aug. 2009-July 2010, visiting professor at The Bard Graduate Center, New York.

Dec. 2004-Sept. 2010, Hochschuldozent (associate professor, C2) at Jena U.

Oct. 2002-Dec. 2004, Oberassistent (senior assistant professor, C2) at Jena U.

Oct. 2001-Sept. 2002, April-Sept. 2003, visiting full professor (C4) at Leipzig U.

Oct. 2000-Sept. 2001, Wiss. Mitarbeiter (research associate) at Jena University.

Oct. 1994-Sept. 2000, Wissenschaftlicher Assistent (assistant professor) at Jena U.

Education and Academic Degrees

2001 Habilitation (university lecturer's degree) in Islamic Studies at Jena U.

1993 Dr. phil. (PhD), summa cum laude, Free University Berlin.

1991 Magister Artium, Islamic Studies, Free University Berlin.

1982-1991 Study of Economics, Islamic Studies, and Modern History in Regensburg, Berlin, Damascus, and Cairo.

Grants, Awards, and Honors

- 2020-2025 Principal Investigator and Director, German Research Foundation (DFG), Humanities center: 'Romanization and Islamization in Late Antiquity – Transcultural Processes on the Iberian Peninsula and in North Africa'.
- 2019-2025 Principal Investigator, German Research Foundation (DFG), Cluster of Excellence 'Understanding Written Arifacts'.
- 2019-2020 Research fellow at the Bard Graduate Center New York
- 2016 Short term fellow of the Council of the Humanities at Princeton University.
- 2015 Full member of the Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur Mainz, Germany.
- 2014-2019 ERC Advanced Grant: 'The Early Islamic Empire at Work - The View from the Regions Toward the Center'.
- 2013-2014 Research fellow at Annemarie Schimmel-Kolleg, Universität Bonn
- 2013-2016 German-Israeli Foundation, principle investigators, together with Reuven Amitai, Hebrew U., 'Coinage, Commerce and Taxation in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Late Middle Ages'.
- 2008 Robinson Visiting Fellowship at Fitzwilliam Museum in conjunction with Wolfson College, Cambridge UK.
- 2007-2008 Post-doc fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture, Cambridge MA.
- 2006-2007 Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, research group 'Charity and Piety in the Middle Ages'.
- 2005 Samir-Shamma-Prize for Islamic Numismatics awarded by the Royal Numismatic Society, London.
- 2004 Summer fellowship at the Center of Byzantine Studies, Dumbarton Oaks/Harvard University, Washington D.C.
- 2004-2008 German Research Foundation (DFG), research grant 'Economic Dynamics in the Zangīd and Ayyūbid Period'.
- 1995 Fellowship, German Academic Exchange Service 'Arabic Papyri as Documents of Legal History', joint project of the Institut de Recherche et d'Histoire des Textes, CNRS, Paris, and the Institute for Islamic Studies, Free University Berlin.
- 1993-1994 Post-doc fellowship, German Research Foundation (DFG) 'Monetary Economy as Social System in Medieval Syria'.

- 1993 Graduate Seminar at the American Numismatic Society, New York.
 1989 Internship, German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Cairo.
 1987 Internship, German-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Cairo.
 1983-1993 Scholarship by Evangelisches Studienwerk, Villigst (Protestant Church's Scholarship Program).

Archaeological Fieldwork

Cooperation as staff member with following missions:

- 2012, 2014 Balkh Art and Cultural Heritage (BACH), Afghanistan (Edmund Herzig, Oxford University, in Cooperation with the Délégation Archéologique en Afghanistan).
 2011 Urbanism in Roman and Islamic Times: Resafa, Syria (Dorothee Sack, German Archaeological Institute, Technical University Berlin).
 2005 Citadel of Maşyāf, Syria (Haytham Hasan, Direction Générale des Antiquités et des Musées, Damascus).
 2003 Citadel of Damascus (Sophie Berthier, Institut Français du Proche Orient, Damascus)
 2001 ‘Abbāsīd Industrial Area in al-Raqqa, Syria (Julian Henderson, Nottingham University).
 1999, 2003, 2009. Citadel of Aleppo, Syria (Kay Kohlmeyer, HTW Berlin).
 1991, 1993. Palace area of al-Raqqa (Michael Meinecke, German Archaeological Institute, Museum of Islamic Art, Berlin).

Worked with following missions, mostly in Syria: Assur/Iraq and Tall Bī‘a (both German Oriental Society); Isriyya, Jabal Says, and Bosra (all German Archaeological Institute); Madīnat al-Fār (Museum of Islamic Art, Berlin); Tall Knedij (Museum of the Ancient Near East, Berlin); Cerro da Vila, Portugal, Kharāb Sayyar (both Frankfurt U.); Ḥādir Qinnasrīn (Université de Paris IV/U. of Chicago); Karakorum, Mongolia (Bonn U.).