

Prof. Dr. Christine Nölle-Karimi – Curriulum Vitae

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Main Areas of Research

History of Mentalities
Regional and Urban History
State Building in Iran and Afghanistan
Persian Historiography
Literary Modernity

Positions Held

2018–present Deputy Director, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
2010–present Senior Scientist, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
2008–2010 Visiting Professor, Institute for the Near and Middle East, University of Munich
2006–2008 Lecturer, Dept. of Iranian Studies, University of Bamberg
2002–2003 Lecturer, Institute for the Near and Middle East, University of Munich
2001 Lecturer, Dept. of Iranian Studies, University of Bamberg
1997–1998 Lecturer, Dept. of Iranian Studies, University of Bamberg

Education

2009 Habilitation
Department of Iranian Studies, University of Bamberg: *Herat and the Mapping of Khurasan from the Fifteenth to the Nineteenth Century*.
1995 Ph. D., Near Eastern Studies at U. C. Berkeley: *State and Tribe in Nineteenth-Century Afghanistan*.
1985 M.A., Near Eastern Studies at U. C. Berkeley

Presentations

2019 “Shifting Peripheries: Iranian Envoys in Khiva,” On the Way into the Unknown? *Comparative Perspectives on the ‘Orient’ in (Early) Modern Travelogues*, Institute for Modern and Contemporary Historical Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences, November 28-30, 2019.
2019 “The chicken or the egg? Afghan models of the literary milieu,” *Ninth European Conference of Iranian Studies*, Berlin, September 9–13, 2019.

- 2019 “We Bought Some Watermelons and Ate Them”: A Matter-of-Fact Approach to Pilgrimage, “*There Was One, there Wasn’t One*”: Modalities and Challenges of the Narrative in the Persianate World, INALCO, Paris, June 27-28, 2019.
- 2019 “Īlchīyān-i Qājār dar Khīva,” Intellectual and Cultural Relations between Iran and Central Asia and the Caucasus, Tehran University, May 1-2, 2019.
- 2019 “Sargudhasht-i yak shahr: Herāt va naqsha-i Khurāsān dar qurūn-i 15 tā 19 mīlādī,” *College of Literature and Humanities, Firdausi University of Mashhad*, April 16, 2019.
- 2019 “Zwischen Wallfahrt und Grand Tour. Perser bereisen Asien,” *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, Vienna, March 7, 2019.
- 2018 “The Perfect Equilibrium: A Concept of Geographical Space and Its Career in Persian Literature,” *Barker Center, Harvard University*, September 7, 2018.
- 2018 “Endlich auf persischem Boden”: Grenzerfahrungen iranischer Gesandter,” *Reisende in und aus dem Orient und ihre Literatur*, Universität Bamberg, July 12-13, 2018.
- 2018 “Beholding the Lands of Khurasan: Three Snapshots from Medieval to Modern Times,” Teilprojekt SFB 1167: *Macht und Herrschaft in indo-persischen historiographischen Texten aus der Zeit des Delhisultanates (1206-1526)*, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Philosophische Fakultät, Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg, June 18, 2018.
- 2017 “Qajar Envoys in Khiva,” *Iranistik Forum 2017*, Berlin, June 30-July 2, 2017.
- 2016 “The Practice of History: Nader Shah and His Chroniclers,” *Nader Shah Revisited*, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, December 5-6, 2016
- 2016 “Where is Khurasan? Two Views from the 12th Century,” *Khurasan: Heartland of Islamic Art and Culture. From Early Islam to the Mongols and beyond*, Linden Museum Stuttgart, November 3-4, 2016.
- 2016 “On the edge: Eastern Khurasan in the Perception of Qajar Officials,” *Eleventh Biennial Iranian Studies Conference*, Vienna, August 2-5, 2016.
- 2015 “Eighteenth-Century Iran: Imperial Change and Historiographical Continuities,” *Empires to Be Remembered*, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, November 25, 2015.
- 2014 “Mahmud Tarzi, Muhay al-Din Anis and Mir Ghulam Ghubar: Selected Texts”, *Modernity and Modernism in Persophone Literary History*, University of Bamberg, February 28– March 1, 2014.
- 2013 “Wo beginnt die Heimat? Konstruktionen des politischen Raums in persischen Reiseberichten des 19. Jahrhunderts”, *32. Deutscher Orientalistentag*, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, September 23–27, 2013.
- 2013 “Gaps in the Terrain: Territorial Configurations and Literary Spaces in 19th-Century Travelogues,” *Cultural Change in Iran and Iranianate Societies*, Institute of Iranian Studies at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, September 9–11, 2013.
- 2013 “Iranische Befindlichkeiten: Kadscharische Gesandte an den Höfen von Bukhara und Khiva,” *Gesellschaft der Freunde islamischer Kunst und Kultur e.V.*, Munich, July 18, 2013.
- 2012 “Across the Hindu Kush: Notions of Space in Sanai’s Karnama-i Balkhi,” *ISIS 9th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference*, Istanbul, August 1–5, 2012.
- 2012 Mahmud Tarzi: Nationbuilding and Language,” *Modernity and Modernism in Persophone Literary History*, Humboldt Universität Berlin, May 18–19, 2012.
- 2012 “Projections of Power and Notions of Space: The Eastern Iranian Lands in Early Modern Times,” *Imperial Space. The Organisation of near Eastern Empires from the Second Millenium B.C. to the First Millenium A.D.*, TOPOI Excellence Cluster, Freie Universität Berlin, May 3–5, 2012.
- 2012 “Concepts of Statehood and Territoriality in Early Modern Afghanistan”, *Afghan Studies Lecture, UCLA Program on Central Asia*, International Institute, April 10, 2012.

- 2012 “Nineteenth-Century Persian Travelogues and the Construction of Political Space”, *Central Asia Workshop (CAW)*, *International Institute*, UCLA, April 9, 2012.
- 2012 “History Told from the Periphery: Two Accounts of the Qajar Campaign to Marv in 1860,” *Events, Facticity, Representations*, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, March 6, 2012.
- 2012 Commentary on Benjamin Buchholz, “Die Loya Jirga: Ratsorgan, Verfassungsorgan, Mythos,” *Eigene und Fremde Welten, SFB 640: Repräsentationen sozialer Ordnungen im Wandel*, Humboldt Universität Berlin, February 9, 2012.
- 2012 “Khiva und Bukhara im 19. Jahrhundert: Die zentralasiatischen Khanate aus der Sicht iranischer Reisender,” Zentralasien-Seminar, Humboldt-Universität Berlin, February 8, 2012.
- 2012 “Die historische Provinz Khurasan,” *Die vielen Regionen des Iran*, *Österreichische Orient-Gesellschaft Hammer Purgstall*, Vienna, January 16, 2012.
- 2012 “Machträume und Machtträume: Die ostiranischen Grenzgebiete im Wandel der Geschichte,” *Abteilung für Geschichte und Kultur des Vorderen Orients*, Universität Hamburg, January 12, 2012.
- 2012 “Der ‘wilde Osten’: Entwürfe der Provinz Khurasan im Wandel der Geschichte,” *Crossroads Lecture*, Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung, Universität Bonn, 10 January 2012.
- 2011 “Mobility and Limits of Mobility: Khurasan and Transoxiana in Early Modern Times,” *From Nomadic Empires to Neoliberal Conquest, SFB 586 “Differenz und Integration”*, Völkerkunde Museum Hamburg, November 17–20, 2011.
- 2011 “Protagonists of Literary Modernity in Early Twentieth Century Afghanistan,” *Modernity and Modernism in Persophone Literary History*, Lehrstuhl für Iranistik, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, October 1–2, 2011.
- 2011 “More than a Fruit: Melons as a Motif in Timurid Historiographies and Manuals,” *7th European Conference of Iranian Studies (ECIS)*, Cracow, September 7, 2011.
- 2011 “In jeder Hinsicht anders: Wie kadscharische Gesandte die Khanate von Bukhara und Khiva sahen”, *Wie Iraner die Welt sahen: Persische Reisende im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert*, Österreichische Orient-Gesellschaft Hammer Purgstall, Vienna, May 12, 2011.
- 2010 “ ‘Different in All Respects’: Bukhara and Khiva as Viewed by Qajar Envoys”, *World Congress on Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES)*, Barcelona, July 19–24, 2010.
- 2010 with Andreas Wilde, “Divine Will and Royal Patronage beyond and on this Side of the Oxus: The Construction of Legitimacy in 18th-Century Bukharan and Afghan Chronicles,” *World Congress on Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES)*, Barcelona, July 19–24, 2010.
- 2010 “The Abdali Pashtuns between Multan, Qandahar and Herat,” *Rethinking the Swat Pathan*, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, June 11–12, 2010.
- 2009 “Machträume und Machtträume: Die ostiranischen Grenzgebiete im Wandel der Geschichte,” *Habilitation Lecture*, Lehrstuhl für Iranistik, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, October 30, 2009.
- 2009 “Projections of Power. The Eastern Iranian Borderlands in Historical Perspective,” *Dept. of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies*, New York University, March 3, 2009.
- 2008 “Die Situation in Afghanistan und die neue Afghanistanstrategie der Bundesregierung,” *Akademie für politische Bildung Tutzing*, October 22, 2008.
- 2007 “Khorasan and Its Limits: Concepts of Territory in Pre-Modern and Modern Times,” *6th European Conference of Iranian Studies (ECIS)*, Vienna, September 18–22, 2007.

- 2007 “Die historische Provinz Khorasan: Herrschaft und Raum im Wandel zwischen dem 15. und 19. Jahrhundert,” *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Afghanistan*, Zentralasien-Seminar, Humboldt Universität, Berlin, January 11–13, 2007.
- 2006 “Village Institutions in Afghanistan,” *Local Governance and Cross Border Relations*, *Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung*, Kunduz, September 19, 2006.
- 2006 “Von Melonen und Mausoleen. Herat aus der Sicht timuridischer Autoren,” *Münchener Zentrum für Islamstudien*, Munich, January 10, 2006; *Bayerisches Orient Kolloquium*, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, May 18, 2006.
- 2005 “Zwischen Tradition und Moderne—Dörfliche Institutionen und ihre Wahrnehmung in Entwicklungspolitik und Staatsaufbau,” *Fachgespräch Heinrich Böll Stiftung: Einbindung traditioneller Strukturen in den Demokratisierungsprozess in Afghanistan: Innovative Wege der Demokratieförderung oder Festigung von Parallelstrukturen zu staatlichen Institutionen?* Berlin, June 8, 2005.
- 2004 “Politische Entscheidungsprozesse im Spannungsfeld von Kriegsfürstentum, Gewohnheitsrecht und Demokratisierung,” *29. Deutscher Orientalistentag*, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, September 20–24, 2004.
- 2003 “Local Perceptions of State and Law,” *State Reconstruction and International Engagement in Afghanistan*, Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung & London School of Economics, Bonn, May 30–June 1, 2003.
- 2003 “The Regional Leadership and Its Strategies towards the State,” *Liechtenstein Colloquium on European and International Affairs: Promoting Security in Afghanistan and the Region*, Bonn, May 23–26, 2003.
- 2003 “Lokale Rechts- und Staatskonzepte in Afghanistan,” *Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung*, Berlin, May 7, 2003.
- 2003 “Delayed Modernity: The Creation of External Boundaries and the Freezing of Internal Power Structures,” *Boundaries, States, and Nations on the Frontiers of Empire: Afghanistan and Its Neighbors*, Duke University, Durham, N.C., January 30–February 1, 2003.
- 2002 “Lessons from the Emergency Loya Jirga,” *The Asia Foundation Afghanistan Roundtable*, Washington D.C., December 2–3, 2002.
- 2002 “Political Dynamics, Security and State Building,” *The Asia Foundation Afghanistan Roundtable*, Washington D.C., December 2–3, 2002.
- 2002 “Die Loya Jirga—die gegenwärtigen politischen Entwicklungen in Afghanistan,” *Interdisziplinäres Kolloquium*, Nah-Ost Institut, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, November 5, 2002.
- 2002 “The Loya Jirga—a Political Tradition Revisited,” *Laws and Their Environments*, Department of Ethnography and Social Anthropology, University of Aarhus, Denmark, June 20–22, 2002.
- 2002 “Frauen als Objekt der Moderne,” *Afghanistan am Wendepunkt? Lehrstuhl für Iranistik*, Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg, February 20, 2002.
- 2002 “Afghanistan: Frauenrechte und –rollen unter wechselnden Regimes,” *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung*, Berlin, February 7, 2002.
- 2001 “Möglichkeiten der Frauen- und Mädchenbildung in Afghanistan vor dem Hintergrund der historisch-politischen Entwicklung,” *Feministisches Institut der Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung*, Berlin, January 15, 2001.
- 2000 “Die Loya Jirga—ein effektives politisches Instrument? Ein geschichtlicher Überblick,” *Afghanistan—Land ohne Staat?*, Staatliches Museum für Völkerkunde, Munich, June 2000.
- 1999 “Es ist ein weiter Weg nach Bukhara. Raum-Zeit Koordinaten in der Sichtweise afghanischer Chroniken,” *Ortsansichten – Raumbilder. Funktion und Repräsentanz von Räumen und Orten in Literaturen der Islamischen Welt*, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, July 15–17, 1999.

- 1999 “Die Taliban—islamischer ‚Fundamentalismus‘ und seine Auswirkungen auf die Lebensbedingungen afghanischer Frauen,” *Frauenbüro der Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg*, July 15, 1999.
- 1998 “Die Reformpolitik Amir Scher 'Ali Khans,” 27. *Deutscher Orientalistentag*, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn, September 28–October 2, 1998.
- 1998 “Afghanistan under the Muhammadzais: The Beginnings of the Modern Afghan State,” *Second Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies*, Bethesda, Maryland.
- 1998 “Stamm oder Staat? Die Anfänge des modernen afghanischen Staatswesens,” *Aktuelle Afghanistanforschung*, Tagung der Mediothek für Afghanistan e.V., Bonn.
- 1996 “The Administrative System of the Early Muhammadzai Era,” *30th Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association*, Rhode Island, December 1996.

Affiliations

Association for Iranian Studies (AIS)
Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (DAVO)
Refugee Outreach & Research Network (ROR-n)

Languages

Farsi/Dari/Tajiki fluent in reading, writing and speaking
Urdu/Hindi fluent in reading and speaking
Arabic philological proficiency
Pashtu philological proficiency
Uzbek philological proficiency
Chaghatay philological proficiency
English fluent in reading, writing and speaking
French good reading skills
Russian basic reading skills.