

# Curriculum Vitae

**Lisa Lenz MA**

## 1. Recent Coordinates

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Dissertation title	“Perceptions of the Border: The Yemeni-Saudi Boundary and Its Impact on the Borderland Residents throughout History” (preliminary title)
Current project	“Tribalism, religious radicalization, fossil energy, and the state: Deciphering local power politics in Yemen’s frontier provinces Şa’dah and al-Jawf”
Project leader	Dr. Marieke Brandt

## 2. Personal Information

Date of Birth	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1989
Place of Birth	Vienna, Austria
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### 3. Education and Training

03/11-04/14	Master's program of Cultural and Social Anthropology at the University of Vienna, Curriculum A 066 810  Master of Arts; Title of Master's thesis: "Grenzenlose Liebe zu Imam Hussein? Eine Untersuchung schiitischer Trauerriuale zu Aschura im Libanon, unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Geißelungsprozessionen in Nabatieh." Advisor: Dr. Johann Heiss  Research interests: Islam, ritual, identity; Regional focus: Middle East
09/12-06/13	Study year abroad at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon
2009	Additional curricula "Arabic Culture and Language" at the Institute for Oriental Studies, University of Vienna
10/07-10/10	Bachelor's degree of Cultural and Social Anthropology at the University of Vienna, Curriculum A 033 610
06/2007	A levels qualification in GRG Wenzgasse in Vienna XIII
1999-2007	Secondary school GRG Wenzgasse in Vienna XIII 1995-1999
1995-1999	Primary school Atzgersdorf in Vienna XXIII

### 4. Experience Abroad

02/2015	German instructor at the University of Nizwa, Oman in the course of the establishment of a student exchange agreement
07-09/2014	German teacher at the Austrian Cultural Forum in Teheran, Iran
09/12-06/13	Fieldwork in Lebanon  Research on the Shiite mourning rituals in the month of Muharram
Since 2011	Other visits and travels to Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, Israel and Palestine

### 5. Publications

Report	2013. Zwischen Mac Donald's und Kardamom. Reportage: Ein Jahr im Libanon, in <i>Die Stadt Gottes</i> , 07/2013, pp. 41-44.
Report	2012. Trauer, Blut und Volksfeststimmung: Aschura in Nabatäa, <i>ORF online</i> , URL: <a href="http://religion.orf.at/stories/2560793/">http://religion.orf.at/stories/2560793/</a>

Scholarly article 2012. Zwischen Facebook und Islam: Indonesische MuslimInnen in Österreich, in Slama, Martin (Ed.): *Islam und Macht in Südostasien. Austrian Studies in Social Anthropology*, Sondernummer 1/2012 (Artikel 5), p. 58-74. URL: <http://www.univie.ac.at/alumni.ksa/index.php/islam-undmacht-in-sudostasien/zwischen-facebook-und-islam.html>

## 6. Other Activities

Since 2014 Establishing and managing the Center for European-Arab and Islamic-Christian Studies and Exchange Projects (CEURABICS), [www.ceurabics.com](http://www.ceurabics.com)

Since 12/2015 Conception and conduction of workshops and lectures about Islam, the Middle East and intercultural communication for CEURABICS and its cooperation partners

Since 04/2015 Teaching a regular German course and private lessons for refugees

10/2014-09/2016 Assistant at the Faculty of Protestant Theology, Institute for Systematic Theology and Religious Science at the University of Vienna, Schenkenstraße 8-1 in Vienna I

03-06/2014 Research Assistant at the Faculty of Protestant Theology, Institute for Systematic Theology and Religious Science at the University of Vienna, Schenkenstraße 8-1 in Vienna I

11/2011-07/2015 Freelance as German teacher at the language school DeutschAkademie, Opernring 1 in Vienna I

08-10/2011 Internship at ti communication Dr. Fischhof GmbH – Intercultural Management, Leopold-Rister-Gasse 5/67 in Vienna V

03-09/2011 Assistance in preparation and implementation of the conference „Wa(h)re „Kultur“? Kulturelles Erbe, Revitalisierung und die Renaissance der Idee von Kultur“ of the German Society for Ethnology in Vienna

03-05/2011 Accomplishment of interviews via phone for the project “The Integration of Young People with Migration Background in the Upper-Austrian Working Market”, Österreichisches Institut für Kinderrechte und Elternbildung, Ballgasse 2, 6. Stock in Vienna I

07-08/2010 Internship at Volkshochschule Meidling (adult education centre), Längenfeldgasse 13-15 in Vienna XII; co-operation and evaluation of

the project „Deutsch im Park“ (German in the park), publication of the final report in Zeitschrift der Wiener Volkshochschulen Nr. 12/2010

## **7. Languages**

German (mother tongue)

English (proficiency)

French (good)

Arabic, Syrian/ Lebanese dialect (good)

Spanish (basic)