

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal data

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Education

- 2009-2013** Utrecht University, The Netherlands, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, PhD Student in 'Comparative Studies of Contemporary Muslim Societies' (degree received on 14 January 2014)
- 2001-2007** Eotvos University, Budapest, Hungary, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Semitic Philology and Arabic Language (Major in Arabic studies)
- 2002-2007** Eotvos University, Budapest, Hungary, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science and International Studies (Minor in political science)
- 2005-2006** University of Damascus, Syria, Department of History
- 2003-2004** University of Sana'a, Yemen, Department of Arabic Language

Language Skills

Hungarian	native
Arabic	advanced
English	advanced

Malay (Indonesian) advanced

Employment and Work Experience

- August 2014-** Postdoctoral Fellow at the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore
- September 2018-
December 2018** Guest Researcher, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Institute of Middle East Studies (IMES)
- January 2016-
July 2016** Visiting Assistant Professor, Gulf University for Science and Technology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kuwait
- March 2011-
September 2013** PhD researcher, Utrecht University
- May 2009-
December 2010** Researcher, Utrecht University, Department of Religious studies and Theology
- February-
May 2008** Internship at the Hungarian Institute of Foreign Affairs
- 2007-2008** Columnist for the Hungarian foreign policy website Kitekinto (www.kitekinto.hu).
- 2005-2008** Foreign correspondent of the Hungarian daily *Nepszabadsag* in Lebanon and Syria

Grants and Fellowships

- February 2019** Marie Currie Fellowship (project to be carried out at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Social Anthropology in Vienna)
- August 2014-** Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore
- September 2012-
September 2013** Research affiliate, National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute
- September 2012-
September 2013** Guest PhD researcher, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang

March 2011-	Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies (NISIS), PhD grant
September-December 2008	Four-month Visiting Fellowship at International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM)
October 2005-July 2006	Scholarship from the Syrian Arab Republic for 10 months of education at the University of Damascus
October 2003-July 2004	Scholarship from the Republic of Yemen for 10 months of language training at University of Sana'a

Ten Most Important Publications

Peer reviewed Articles (including accepted for publication)

with Martijn de Koning, 'Being and Belonging in Transnational Salafism: Informality, Social Capital and Authority in European and Middle Eastern Salafi Networks', *Journal of Muslims in Europe*, 6, no. 1 (2017).

with Alberto Pereiro Pérez, 'The Salafi Movement in Cambodia: Institution Building, Transnational Networks and the Patterns of Competition in a Muslim Minority Context', *Welt des Islams*, 2020 forthcoming

'The Development and Fragmentation of Kuwait's al-Jama'a al-Salafiyya: Purity over Pragmatism', *Middle East Journal*, 2020 forthcoming

Books

Salafism in Lebanon: Local and Transnational Movements (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018)

Lebanese Salafis between the Gulf and Europe (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2013)

Peer reviewed Book Chapters

with Mohamed-Ali Adraoui, 'Interviewing Salafis: Overcoming Fear and Mistrust in Middle Eastern and European Contexts' in Janine A. Clark and Francesco Cavatorta (eds), *Political Science Research in the Middle East and North Africa: Methodological and Ethical Challenges* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)

'Kuwaiti Salafism after the Arab Awakening', in Francesco Cavatorta and Fabio Merone

(eds), *Salafism after the Arab Awakening: contending with people's power* (London: Hurst, 2017)

'Can Umma Replace the Nation? Salafism and Deterritorialised Citizenship in Lebanon and Kuwait' in Nils Butenschon and Roel Meijer (eds), *The Middle East in Transition The Centrality of Citizenship* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2018)

Policy Papers

'The Emir's Gift: Given a Greater Role, Kuwait's Salafis Face the Costs', *Carnegie Middle East Center*, 23 April 2018, <https://carnegie-mec.org/2018/04/23/emir-s-gift-given-greater-role-kuwait-s-salafis-face-costs-pub-76136>

'Kuwaiti Salafism and its Growing Influence in the Levant', *Carnegie Middle East Papers*, May 2014, http://carnegieendowment.org/files/kuwaiti_salafists.pdf

Teaching Experience

Taught a graduate course on "Islam and Transnationalism", with Welmoet Boender, University of Utrecht, Department of Religious Studies and Theology, second semester of the academic year 2011-2012

Taught a graduate course on "Research Methodology in Social Sciences" at Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Faculty of Postgraduate Studies, second semester of the academic year 2013-2014

Taught an undergraduate course on "Academic Writing in the Social Sciences" at Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies, second semester of the academic year 2013-2014

Taught an undergraduate course on "Modern Middle Eastern History" at the Gulf University for Science and Technology in Kuwait, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, second semester of the academic year 2015-2016

Numerous guest lectures on Secularism, Islam in Europe and Salafism, University of Utrecht, Department of Religious Studies and Theology, 2011-2012

Numerous guest lectures on Salafism and transnational Islamic movements at Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga, Department of Sharia, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Other Professional Experiences

Reviewer of *Middle East Journal*

Reviewer of *Asian Journal of Social Sciences*

Reviewer of *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*

Reviewer of *Mediterranean Politics*

Conference Presentations and Seminars

‘Muslim Brotherhood and Salafist Networks between the Gulf and Southeast Asia’, presentation at the workshop ‘Who speaks for Political Islam? Islamist and Salafist Political Actors and the Relevance of Transnational Networks’ at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Berlin, 13 November 2017.

Convener (with Dr. Fanar Haddad) of the MEI Political Economy Cluster Conference: Philanthropy or Empire-Building: Charity Networks between Middle East and Southeast Asia, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore, 08 February 2018.

Convener (with Dr. Fanar Haddad) of ‘Invention or Rediscovery? The Emergence of Sunni Identity in the 21st Century’, workshop organized at the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore, 09 February 2017.

‘Salafism in Lebanon: Local and Transnational Movements’, public lecture at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 15 September 2016.

‘The Construction of the Authority of Lebanese Salafis’ in panel p1-03 Re-imagining Religion’s Boundaries, IUAES 2015 Inter-Congress, ‘Re-imagining Anthropological Boundaries’, Thammasat University, Bangkok, 15-17 July, 2015.

‘Salafi Networks between the Arabian Gulf and Southeast Asia’, Seminar at Asia Center, Seoul National University, 19 May 2015.

‘Globalization and the Ties that Bind: Korea and the Gulf’, Seoul, 14-15 May. Workshop organized by the ASAN Institute for Policy Studies and the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore – “The Local and the Global in Kuwaiti Salafism”

The Second Annual Conference of the British Association of Islamic Studies, London, 14-15 April 2015 – “The Construction of Salafi Religious Authority in Lebanon”

‘Islamism and its Alternatives in the GCC’, Seminar organized by Chatham House and the Gulf Studies Center at Qatar University, Doha, 14-15 December 2014

‘Salafism In The Muslim World: Contemporary Case Studies in the Middle East and Southeast Asia’, Seminar at the National University of Singapore, Middle East Institute, 28 August 2014

‘Religion and the Politics of Development: Priests, Potentates and “Progress”’,
Singapore, 28 – 29 August 2013. Conference organized by the Asia Research Institute,
National University of Singapore – “Between Ideology and International Politics: The
Dynamics and Transformation of a Transnational Islamic Charity”

‘The Rising Wave of Salafism in the Middle East’, Seminar at the National University of
Singapore, Middle East Institute, 4 July 2013 – “The Rearrangement of Power Relations
in Salafism”

Netherlands InterUniversity School of Islamic Studies (NISIS) Spring School, Istanbul,
Turkey, 26-30 March 2012 – ‘Salafi Discourse on the Shi'a in Kuwait: Excommunication
or Acceptance’

Netherlands Interuniversity School of Islamic Studies (NISIS) Autumn School,
Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 25-28 October 2011 – ‘Salafism and the Redefinition of
Orthodoxy’

Netherlands Interuniversity School of Islamic Studies (NISIS) Spring School, Rabat,
Morocco, 21-25 March 2011

Netherlands Interuniversity School of Islamic Studies (NISIS) Autumn School,
Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 27-30 October 2010

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, USA, 18-21
November 2010 – ‘The Transformation of Religious Authority in Kuwait’

Dutch Association for the Academic Study of Religion International Conference, 22-23
October 2010, Soesterberg, The Netherlands – ‘The religious Authority of Salafism’