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ACADEMIC EDUCATION AND DEGREES

2005 – 2005 University Studies at FAU and University of California, Berkeley
2005 Diploma/Master in Political Science/Middle East Studies
2008 Dr. phil.

ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC CAREER

2005 – 2008 PhD student
2008 – 2012 Research Associate at FAU (“wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”)
2011 Visiting Professor at Cairo University
2012 – 2015 Assistant Professor at Hildesheim University (“Juniorprofessur”)
2015 Interim evaluation (equivalent to “Habilitation”)
2015 – Visiting Professor at College of Europe, Natolin Campus
2015 – Professor (W3) for Middle East Politics and Society at FAU

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Comparative Politics in the Middle East
Authoritarianism: modes of regime survival/durability
International dimension of authoritarianism: promotion and diffusion of authoritarianism
Legitimacy/legitimation in authoritarian regimes
Tradition and modernity in the Middle East
ICT in the Middle East: bottom-up and top-down perspectives
European Neighbourhood Policy/EU foreign policy

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ACADEMIA AND FOR THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

2009 – 2018 Cash auditor for German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)
2015 Elected member of Faculty Council, University of Hildesheim
2009 – Reviewer for international journals (e.g. Comparative Politics, Democratization) & funding bodies (e.g. DFG, SNF, AvH, DAAD, Leibniz)
2009 – Consultant for federal ministries (e.g. Economic Cooperation and Development)
2012 – Member in numerous selection committees (e.g. DAAD)
2017 – Director of the Institute of Political Science at FAU
2018 – Head of the PhD board for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (“Philosophische Fakultät”)
2018 – Board member and Hon. Secretary of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)
2020 – Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Orient Institute Beirut (OIB)
2020 – Member of Scientific Advisory Board of the Yemen Policy Center (YPC)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2006 – 2008	PhD scholarship Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation
2009	Dissertation Prize awarded by German Middle East Studies Association
2011	DAAD grant for visiting professorship at Cairo University

THIRD-PARTY RESEARCH FUNDING

Duration	Funding agency	Type of funding	Project title	Position within the project
2009 –	Various foundations affiliated to FAU University of Hildesheim	Grants for conference trips, book publishing, workshop/event funding ≈ in total EUR 10.000		Principal Investigator
2009 – 2012	Gerda Henkel	Research grant ≈ EUR 55.000	State, religion and political normativity	Principal Investigator (together with Prof. Dr. Christoph Schumann)
2012 – 2014	Fritz Thyssen	Conference grant ≈ EUR 10.000	Rethinking the Republic-Monarchy Gap in the Middle East	Principal Investigator (together with Prof. Dr. Claudia Derichs and Prof. Dr. Russell Lucas, Berlin/Michigan)
2015 – 2018	DFG	Research grant ≈ EUR 350.000	Gravity Centres of Authoritarian Rule	Principal Investigator (together with Prof. Dr. Marianne Kneuer, University of Hildesheim)
2017 – 2021	DFG	Research grant ≈ EUR 450.000	Decentralization in the Arab World	Principal Investigator (together with Prof. Dr. Roland Sturm, FAU)
2021 – 2022	Volkswagen Foundation	Research Grant ≈ EUR 119.000	Global autocratic collaboration in times of COVID19: Game changer or business as usual for Sino-Gulf relations?	Principal Investigator (together with Tobias Zumbrägel, CARPO Bonn and Julia Gurol, University of Freiburg)

SELECTION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS¹

- (2020): Authoritarian Gravity Centres. A Cross-Regional Study of Authoritarian Promotion and Diffusion, Routledge: New York/London (with Marianne Kneuer)
- (2020): „Decentralisation as Authoritarian Upgrading? Evidence from Jordan and Morocco“, in: The Journal of North African Studies, online first: DOI 0.1080/13629387.2020.1787837 (with Erik Vollmann, Miriam Bohn and Roland Sturm)
- (2019): „Playing the Diversity Card. Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Policy under the Salmans“, in: The International Spectator, 4/2019: pp. 109-214
- (2019): „Playing the regional card: why and how authoritarian gravity centres exploit regional organizations“, in: Third World Quarterly, 3/2019: pp. 451-470 (with Marianne Kneuer, Raphael Peresson, Tobias Zumbrägel)
- (2018): The Routledge Handbook on the European Neighborhood Policy, London (with Tobias Schumacher/Andreas Marchetti)

¹ Full list of publications: <https://www.pol.phil.fau.de/person/thomas-demmelhuber/>

6. (2017): Arbellion: vom Aufbruch zum Zerfall einer Region? Leviathan Sonderheft, Baden-Baden (with Axel Paul/Maurus Reinkowski)
7. (2016): „Gravity centres of authoritarian rule: a conceptual approach“, in: Democratization, 5/2006: pp. 775-796 (with Marianne Kneuer)
8. (2014): „Monarchies and republics, state and regime, durability and fragility in view of the Arab spring“, in: Journal of Arabian Studies, 2/2014: pp. 180-194 (with Claudia Derichs)
9. (2014): „Kann ein Putsch demokratisch sein? Normativer Etikettenschwindel in Ägypten“, in: Zeitschrift für Politik, 1/2014: pp. 42-60
10. (2013): „Autoritäre Regime, Neue Medien und das Regimedilemma: eine Fallstudie zu Ägypten“, in: Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen, 1/2014: pp. 143-160 (with Hanan Badr)

