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**ACADEMIC CAREER AND DEGREES**

2015 –	Visiting Professor at College of Europe, Natolin Campus
2015 –	Professor and Chairholder for Middle East Politics and Society at FAU, Institute of Political Science
2015	Interim evaluation (equivalent to “Habilitation”)
2012 – 2015	Assistant Professor for Political Science at Hildesheim University
2011	Visiting Professor at Cairo University
2008	Dr. phil. at FAU
2008 – 2012	Research Associate at FAU
2005 – 2008	PhD student at FAU
2005	Diploma/Master in Political Science/Middle East Studies at FAU
2000 – 2005	University Studies at FAU and University of California, Berkeley

**MAIN RESEARCH AREAS**

Comparative Politics in the Middle East

Authoritarianism: modes of regime survival/durability

Legitimacy/legitimation in authoritarian regimes

Digitalization in the Middle East: bottom-up and top-down perspectives

International Actors in the Middle East East (US, EU, China et al.)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ACADEMIA AND FOR THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY**

2022 –	Member of Scientific Advisory Board of German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, SWP)
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)
2018 –	Board member and Hon. Secretary of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)
2015 –	External Reviewer in Tenure-Track Promotions at various universities in the MENA region
2012 –	Member in numerous selection committees (e.g. DAAD)
2009 –	Consultant for federal ministries (e.g. Economic Cooperation and Development)
2009 –	Reviewer for international journals (e.g. Comparative Politics, Democratization) & funding bodies (e.g. DFG, SNF, AvH, DAAD, Leibniz)

2009 – 2018 Cash auditor for German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)

### AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016 Visiting Fellow at German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) in Hamburg

2011 DAAD grant for visiting professorship at Cairo University

2009 Visiting Fellow at Gulf Research Center (GRC) in Dubai (UAE)

2009 Dissertation Prize awarded by German Middle East Studies Association

2006 – 2008 PhD scholarship awarded by Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

2005 – 2008 Junior Fellow at Centre for European Integration Studies in Bonn

### THIRD-PARTY RESEARCH FUNDING

Duration	Funding agency	Type of funding	Project title	Position within the project
2022	DFG	Research Grant ≈ 4,5 Mio.	Research Training Group 2726 "The Sentimental in Literature, Culture and Politics"	Principal Investigator (among 7 PIs; speaker: Heike Paul, FAU)
2021 - 2023	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)
2017 - 2021	DFG	Research grant ≈ EUR 450.000	Decentralization in the Arab World	Principal Investigator (together with Prof. Dr. Roland Sturm, FAU)
2015 - 2018	DFG	Research grant ≈ EUR 350.000	Gravity Centres of Authoritarian Rule	Principal Investigator (together with Prof. Dr. Marianne Kneuer, University of Hildesheim)
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)
2009 - 2012	Gerda Henkel	Research grant ≈ EUR 55.000	State, religion and political normativity	Principal Investigator (together with Prof. Dr. Christoph Schumann)

### PUBLICATIONS

[https://www.pol.phil.fau.de/files/2022/07/Publications\\_Demmelhuber.pdf](https://www.pol.phil.fau.de/files/2022/07/Publications_Demmelhuber.pdf)