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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**

2024 -	Fellow of Bavarian Scientific Alliance for Peace, Conflict, and Security Research
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 – 2026	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)