

CURRICULUM VITAE

Prof. Dr. Mouez Khalfaoui

◆ Research Interests

- Islamic law and history; legal history
- Comparative law
- Minority law and Muslim minorities in Western societies
- Social ethics, business ethics, medical ethics, and work ethics
- Arabic and Islamic literature
- Religious education and the didactics of religion

◆ Professional Experience

2022	Appointed Professor of Islam in Contemporary Societies (appointment declined) University of Vienna, Austria
2021-2023	Deputy Director Center for Islamic Theology, University of Tübingen, Germany
2014-present	Professor of Islamic Law Center for Islamic Theology, University of Tübingen, Germany
2014	Appointed Professor of Islamic Theology (appointment declined) KU Leuven, Belgium
2012-2014	Junior Professor of Islamic Law Center for Islamic Theology, University of Tübingen, Germany
2012-2017	Dean of Studies Center for Islamic Theology, University of Tübingen, Germany
2010-2012	Diplomatic Service Berlin, Germany
2009-2012	Lecturer in Islamic Studies and Arabic Studies Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
2007-2009	Research Associate Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research, Braunschweig, Germany
Oct.-Dec. 2007	Intern, Arabic Department Deutsche Welle, Berlin, Germany

2003-2005	Lecturer in Arabic, Chair of West Asian History University of Erfurt, Germany
1996-2001	Producer and Presenter Radio El Kef and TV7, Tunis and El Kef, Tunisia
1992-2001	University and Secondary-School Teacher Islamic civilization, Arabic language, and literature; Tunis and El Kef, Tunisia

◆ Education

2008	PhD in Islamic Studies University of Erfurt, Germany
1998	Diploma in Information Technology Informatics & Business Data, Ministry of Labour, Tunis, Tunisia
1998	Second State Examination (Agrégation) in Islamic Studies and Arabic Studies University of Manouba, Tunis, Tunisia
1994	MA in Arabic and Islamic Studies Minor subjects: Philosophy, Sociology, and History; University of Tunis I, Tunisia
1989-1995	Training in Qur’anic Exegesis and Hadith Studies Ez-Zitouna Mosque, Tunis, Tunisia
1989	Baccalaureate Kalaat Khasba Secondary School, Tunisia

◆ Visiting and Research Appointments

Jan.-Mar. 2026	Visiting Professor Pennsylvania State University, USA
Oct. 2023-Mar. 2024	Research Fellowship / Academic Residency Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, Germany
Apr. 2019-Oct. 2020	Research Stay Luxembourg School of Religion and Society (LSRS), Luxembourg
Aug.-Oct. 2017	Research Stay University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
Aug.-Oct. 2013	Research Stay University of Exeter and University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Jul.-Aug. 2006	Research Stay Princeton University, USA
Jul. 2005	Research Stay Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany
Oct.-Dec. 2005	Research Stay British Library and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, United Kingdom
Jan.-May 2004	Research Stay Nadwat al-‘Ulamā’ (Lucknow), Jamia Millia Islamia (New Delhi), and Khuda Bakhsh Library (Patna), India
Oct.-Dec. 2004	Research Stay École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France

◆ Awards and Funding

2019	Herrenhausen Symposium Award, Volkswagen Foundation Topic: Islamic Family Law in Europe and the Islamic World (with Prof. Dr. Justin Jones, University of Oxford)
2018	Academy for Islam in Research and Society (AIWG) Funding for the research project “The Normativity of the Qur’an between Traditional Approaches to Interpretation and Contemporary Reception”; total funding: €1,347,500 (2018-2022)
2016	Funding Initiative of the State of Baden-Württemberg for Small Disciplines MA programme in Islamic Spiritual Care and Social Work (designed and submitted in his capacity as Dean of Studies at ZITh)
2015	DAAD Funding Programme for Transformation Countries Project: Work Ethics in Islam; funding: €15,000
2014	Funding Initiative of the State of Baden-Württemberg for Small Disciplines MA programme in Islamic Theology in the European Context (designed and submitted in his capacity as Dean of Studies at ZITh)

◆ Research Projects

- 2022-2025: Islamic legal history in North Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia
- 2012-2015: Islamic work ethics in a global context (completed)
- 2014-2022: Islamic law: A European perspective (completed)
- 2015-2019: Islamic family law in Europe (completed)

- 2018-2022: The normativity of the Qur'an (completed)
- 2020: Secular law and religious law
- 2021: Gender issues in religious thought
- 2025-2028: The didactics of Islamic law: Past and present

◆ Languages

- German, Arabic, French, and English
- Urdu (good command)
- Additional research languages: Ottoman Turkish and Persian

◆ Expertise and Memberships

- Co-founder of the German International Society for Theological Studies (DEGITS)
- Founding member of the Berlin Institute for Public Theology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Founder of the publication series "Theology, Education, Ethics and Law of Islam," Nomos
- Advisor and reviewer for European and international foundations, including the Avicenna-Studienwerk, DAAD, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and Porticus Foundation, as well as political institutions including the German Bundestag, the European Union, and the IG BCE trade union
- Member of the Forum for the Comparative Study of Religious Legal Discourses (RdR), Heidelberg University of Jewish Studies
- Member of the Society for Arab and Islamic Law (GAIR)
- Founding member of the Tübingen School of Education
- Member of the governing board of the Luxembourg School of Religion & Society (LSRS)
- Member of the Berlin Working Group on Legal Reality (BAR)
- Founding member and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the journal "Campus der Theologien"