

Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctoral Degree

PhD dated 20 November 2003. My thesis was published in July 2004 (see list of publications).

Title of thesis: Muhammad Iqbal's Romanticism of Power

Post-graduate studies

October 1997 – November 2003 at Bamberg University on Muhammad Iqbal's Persian poetry. Change of minor from Adult Education to Indology at Würzburg University, requiring 1-hour train trips there.

Doctoral exam on 20 November 2003.

Diploma in Oriental Studies (≈ M.A.)

Summer 1990: Theology at Bamberg University

October 1990: to May 1997 Oriental Studies (Major Persian, minors Arabic and Adult Education) at Bamberg University. Graduation on 15 May 1997.

(The bachelor's degree has been introduced in Germany only after 2003.)

Compulsory Substitute Service (in place of compulsory army service)

4 July 1988 – 28 February 1990 at Lauf Hospital (near Nuremberg, Germany)

Schooling

September 1975 - July 1979: Schnaittach Elementary School

September 1979 - June 1988: Grammar School Lauf a. d. Pegnitz

Final exam qualifying for university entrance ("Abitur") on 29 June 1988 at Lauf Grammar School.

EMPLOYMENT

1 February 2012 – 21 January 2015: Employed as a research fellow at the Institute of Iranian Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, for conducting the 3-year project "The chronicles of Shah Jahan". This project treated the development of the Mughal empire under Shah Jahan (reigned 1627–58) and on the depiction of the state in the chronicles of his time.

- 1 October 2011 – 19 December 2011: self-employed for the Institute of Iranian Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, within the scope of the project on “Modernisation of Persophone literatures”, to collect the relevant articles on then current literary theory in Iran and Afghanistan in the first half of the 20th century.
- 1 May 2010 – 30 April 2011: employed as a research fellow at the Institute of Iranian Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, for doing research on Persian historiography in the South Indian Sultanate of Bijapur (1409 – 1686).
- 1 February – 30 April 2010: employed as a scientific assistant at Bamberg University, Chair of Iranian Studies, for preparing a biographical database of important Iranian writers since the Islamic Revolution of 1979.
- 1 November 2006 – 31 October 2008: employed as a research fellow at Bamberg University, Chair of Iranian Studies, for the project: “The Vijayanagara Empire as seen by their adversaries, the Bahmani sultans”.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Summer term 2016: lecture “Introduction into Early Modern Indian History” at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, Vienna University.
- Summer term 2013: seminar “Characteristics of Islam in India and of its cultural history” at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, Vienna University.
- Summer term 2007 – winter term 2008/09: Urdu course at Chair of Iranian Studies, Bamberg University.
- Winter term 2006/07: Seminars “Islam in India today” and “Urdu I” at Würzburg University, Germany. I continued to teach Urdu there up to winter term 2009/10.
- Summer term 2005: Seminary on reading and interpretation of the poems of Hāfez of Shirāz (1320-1389), at Chair of Iranian Studies, Bamberg University
- Winter term 2001/02: Muslims on the Indian Subcontinent in the 20th century, at Chair of Iranian Studies, Bamberg University (see <http://univis.uni-bamberg.de/form>)

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- 26–27 May 2014: *The Mughal Empire under Shah Jahan (1628-58), New trends of research*, an international workshop of the Austrian Institute for Iranian Studies, together with Prof Dr Ebba Koch and the director of the institute, Prof Dr Florian Schwarz.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

- I have worked as an appointed translator and interpreter for Persian at the courts of law in the state of Bavaria, until July 2007. Then I had to withdraw for lack of time.
- From 15 September 2015 to 15 September 2016, I am translating the book *Zabân-e Qor’ân va masâel-e ân* (“The Language of the Quran and its issues”, Qom, summer 2010) by the Shi’i theologian Mohammad-Bâqer Saeidi-Roshan, Qom/ Iran, from Persian into German. This involves dealing with linguistics, language philosophy, Shi’i theology, and biblical sciences.

LANGUAGES

German	Mother Tongue
English	Fluency in reading, writing and speaking
Urdu	Fluency in reading, writing and speaking
Persian	Fluency in reading, writing and speaking
French	Good skills in reading, writing and speaking
Spanish	Good skills in reading, writing and speaking
Portuguese	Good skills in reading, writing and speaking
Arabic	Good skills in reading, writing and speaking
Kannada	Basic skills in reading, writing and speaking
Turkish	Basic skills in reading, writing and speaking
Latin	Good skills in reading
Sanskrit	Good skills in reading
Old Greek	Basic skills in reading (course in Biblical Greek in summer 1990)

STUDIES ABROAD AND AWARDS

August 1992: Arabic Course at Goethe Institute Damascus

Summer term 1993: 1st stay in Iran as a guest student at Tehran University (attending among others an Urdu course). Awarded by University of Tehran.

Winter term 1996/97: 2nd stay in Iran as a guest student of Tehran University (attending a course in Middle Persian). Awarded by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

January – April 1999: Journey to Pakistan and India doing research for material for my thesis, sponsored by the “post graduate programme for research on the present-day Orient” of Bamberg University, in which I conducted my PhD studies.

March – July 2004: Studies in India (Delhi, Patna, Aligarh, Hyderabad) for preparing a project on Sufis in the 17th century. Awarded by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

May – September 2006: Studies in India (Delhi, Patna, Aligarh, Hyderabad, Hampi) for preparing my research project on the Bahmani sultanate (1347-1538) and their view of the Vijayanagara Empire. Awarded by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

March and August 2007: More research in Hyderabad and Karnataka for the same purpose, as part of my research project (see above).

5–9 May 2007: taking part in the UNESCO conference to the Rumi year 2007 in Kabul, Afghanistan, as the official representative of Germany. The German Ministry of Foreign Affairs sponsored the trip.

Sept. 2008: Preparatory research in south India for a new project on the foreign trade of the sultanate of Bījāpūr.

March 2009 and July 2011: More research on manuscripts from Bījāpūr.

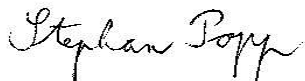
March 2012: Research in the libraries of India on manuscripts of Shah Jahan historians, especially Qazvīnī and Lāhaurī.

INTERESTS

Above all, I am interested in the cultures of the world, in classical and modern Urdu and Persian poetry and in all kinds of poetry demonstrating cultural sign systems that have an influence on ways of thinking and acting. In history, I am fascinated most by “longue durée” processes, on the organization of power and by power reacting to material circumstances, such as terrain in battle or trade in peace.

Beside my education in Iranian studies, I am also much interested in Hinduism and Indian culture, and in China and Japan. Additionally, I am interested in languages, no matter how “exotic” they may seem; in modern theories of literature, in cultural semiotics as it appears in arts, cinema, sports and religions of all kind, classical Persian and Indian music, Tàijí and traditional systems of medicine as well as theological and philosophical matters and their public discussion.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephan Popp".

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