

## Curriculum Vitae (2023 January)

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### Personal data

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### Education

05/2009-09/2013 Utrecht University, The Netherlands, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, PhD Student in 'Comparative Studies of Contemporary Muslim Societies' (degree received on 14 January 2014)  
09/2001-06/2007 Eotvos University, Budapest, Hungary, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Semitic Philology and Arabic Language (Major in Arabic studies)  
09/2005-06/2006 University of Damascus, Syria, Department of History  
09/2003-06/2004 University of Sana'a, Yemen, Department of Arabic Language

### Language Skills

<b>Hungarian</b>	native
<b>Arabic</b>	advanced
<b>English</b>	advanced
<b>Malay (Indonesian)</b>	advanced
<b>German</b>	basic

### Academic Milestones and Relevant Positions

08/2022 Researcher at Avicenna Institute for Middle Eastern Studies  
03/2022 Researcher at the Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

02/2020-2022	Marie Curie Fellow at the Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
08/2014-01/2020	Postdoctoral Fellow, Middle East Institute (MEI), National University of Singapore
09/2018-12/2018	Guest Researcher, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
01/2016-07/2016	Visiting Assistant Professor, Gulf University for Science and Technology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kuwait
01/2014-07/2014	Lecturer, Institute for Postgraduate Studies, Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
14 January 2014	Obtaining PhD at Utrecht University
03/2011-09/2013	Researcher, Utrecht University, Department of Religious Studies and Theology
09/2012-09/2013	Guest PhD researcher, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang
05/2009-12/2010	Researcher, Utrecht University, Department of Religious Studies and Theology
09/2008-12/2008	Visiting Fellowship at International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM)

## **Publications**

### ***Books***

*Salafism in Lebanon: Local and Transnational Movements* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), ISBN: 9781108426886

*Lebanese Salafis between the Gulf and Europe* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2013), ISBN: 9789048517237

### ***Peer reviewed articles***

‘What divides Salafis: how local realities overwrite grand typologies in Cambodia’s Salafi movement’, *Contemporary Islam* 24 November 2022 (pre-published online), doi:10.1007/s11562-022-00507-4 with Alberto Pereiro Pérez, ‘The Salafī Movement in Cambodia: Institution Building, Transnational Networks and the Patterns of Competition in a Muslim Minority Context’, *Welt des Islams*, 60, no 2-3 (2020), doi:10.1163/15700607-06023P04

‘The Development and Fragmentation of Kuwait’s al-Jama‘a al-Salafiyya: Purity over Pragmatism’, *Middle East Journal* 74, no 1 (2020), doi:10.3751/74.1.11

with Martijn de Koning, ‘Being and Belonging in Transnational Salafism: Informality, Social Capital

and Authority in European and Middle Eastern Salafi Networks’, *Journal of Muslims in Europe*, 6, no. 1 (2017), doi:10.1163/22117954-12341338

with Alberto Pereiro Pérez, ‘Emerging Islamic Representations in the Cambodian Muslim Social Media Scene: Complex Divides and Muted Debates,’ *CyberOrient*, 15, no 1 (2021), DOI: 10.1002/cyo2.14

### ***Peer reviewed book chapters***

with Mohamed-Ali Adraoui, ‘Interviewing Salafis: Overcoming Fear and Mistrust in Middle Eastern and European Contexts’ in Janine A. Clark and Francesco Cavatorta (eds), *Political Science Research in the Middle East and North Africa: Methodological and Ethical Challenges* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), ISBN: 9780190882976

‘Salafi Parties: Contradiction in Terms?’ in Francesco Cavatorta and Lise Storm (eds), *Political Parties in the Arab World: Continuity and Change* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2018)

‘Kuwaiti Salafism after the Arab Awakening’, in Francesco Cavatorta and Fabio Merone (eds), *Salafism after the Arab Awakening: contending with people’s power* (London: Hurst, 2017), ISBN: 9781849044868

‘Can Umma Replace the Nation? Salafism and Deterritorialised Citizenship in Lebanon and Kuwait’ in Nils Butenshon and Roel Meijer (eds), *The Middle East in Transition: The Centrality of Citizenship* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2018), ISBN: 9781788111126

‘Between Ideology and International Politics: The Dynamics and Transformation of a Transnational Islamic Charity’ in Robin Bush, Philip Michael Fountain and Michael Feener (eds), *Religion and the Politics of Development: Priests, Potentates, and ‘Progress’* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015)

### ***Policy Papers***

‘The Emir’s Gift: Given a Greater Role, Kuwait’s Salafis Face the Costs’, *Carnegie Middle East Center*, 23 April 2018, <https://carnegie-mec.org/2018/04/23/emir-s-gift-given-greater-role-kuwait-s-salafis-face-costs-pub-76136>

‘Kuwaiti Salafism and its Growing Influence in the Levant’, *Carnegie Middle East Papers*, May 2014, [http://carnegieendowment.org/files/kuwaiti\\_salafists.pdf](http://carnegieendowment.org/files/kuwaiti_salafists.pdf)

with Omar Sayfo, ‘Why an anti-Islam campaign has taken root in Hungary, a country with few Muslims’ *Visegrad Revue*, 14 September 2016, <http://visegradrevue.eu/why-an-anti-islam-campaign-has-taken-root-in-hungary-a-country-with-few-muslims/>

‘Kuwaiti Salafism after the Arab Uprisings: The Reconfiguration of the Power Balance’, *Middle East Insights*, no. 124, 15 April 2015

‘Modalities of Salafi Transnationalism in Southeast Asia’, *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*, no3, 2018,  
<https://kyotoreview.org/issue-23/modalities-of-salafi-transnationalism-in-southeast-asia/>

### **Fellowships and Awards**

- 2019 Marie Curie Fellowship granted by the European Commission (started in February 2020)
- 2018 Grant for a Visiting Fellowship by the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, Germany
- 2011 PhD grant of the Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies (NISIS), Netherlands
- 2009 Grant by the Dutch NGO FORUM to carry out a project on Islamic Transnationalism
- 2008 Grant for a Visiting Fellowship by the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, Netherlands (ISIM)
- 2005 Scholarship of the Hungarian Scholarship Committee and the Syrian Arab Republic for education for 2 semesters at the University of Damascus, Department of History, Syria
- 2003 Scholarship of the Scholarship of the Hungarian Scholarship Committee and the Republic of Yemen for 10 months of language training at University of Sana’a, Yemen

### **Organization of Scientific Meetings**

- 2018 Convener MEI Political Economy Cluster Conference: “Philanthropy or Empire-Building: Charity Networks between Middle East and Southeast Asia”, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore/Singapore
- 2017 Convener of “Invention or Rediscovery? The Emergence of Sunni Identity in the 21st Century”, workshop organized at the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore/Singapore
- 2015 Convener of the Research Roundtable: Asia and the Middle East – Ideas, Translation and Ulama at the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore/Singapore

### **Reviewing Activities**

- 2021 Reviewer, Israel Science Fund, Israel
- 2014-2020 Reviewer for Asian Journal of Social Sciences, Southeast Asian Studies, Middle East Journal, Mediterranean Policy

### **Invited International Presentations**

- 2022 “Post-Salafism and Deradicalization,” workshop participation at the European University Institute, Florence
- 2022 “Post-Salafism in Cambodia,” invited lecture, European University Institute, Firenze
- 2018 “Approaches to the Strategic Competition in Asia”, Conference of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Bangkok, Thailand – “Salafism and Transnational Islamic Philanthropy: A Case Study from Kuwait”.
- 2017 “Who speaks for Political Islam? Islamist and Salafist Political Actors and the Relevance of Transnational Networks”, GIGA Research Platform Workshop, Berlin, Germany – “The Contradictions of a Salafi Transnational Political Project”.
- 2016 “Salafism in Lebanon: Local and Transnational Movements”, public lecture at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna.
- 2015 “Globalization and the Ties that Bind: Korea and the Gulf”, Seoul, South Korea. Workshop organized by the ASAN Institute for Policy Studies and the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore – “The Local and the Global in Kuwaiti Salafism”
- 2015 “Salafi Networks between the Arabian Gulf and Southeast Asia”, Seoul, South Korea, Invited talk at the Asia Center, Seoul National University.
- 2014 “Islamism and its Alternatives in the GCC”, Seminar organized by Chatham House and the Gulf Studies Center at Qatar University, Doha,
- 2013 “The Rising Wave of Salafism in the Middle East”, Invited talk at the National University of Singapore, Middle East Institute, 4 July 2013 – “The Rearrangement of Power Relations in Salafism”.

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2022 The 12th Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, Reykjavik, “The Limitations of Imagining the Land of the Two Holy Mosques in Cambodia”
- 2022 European Association for Southeast Asian Studies biannual meeting, Paris, “Regenerating Ambiguity: Inserting Salafism in a Cambodian sociocultural environment”
- 2020 Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), Split, Croatia (online), “Arab encounters in a Malay dominated religious scene”

- 2015 The Second Annual Conference of the British Association of Islamic Studies, London, “The Construction of Salafi Religious Authority in Lebanon”
- 2015 IUAES 2015 Inter-Congress, ‘Re-imagining Anthropological Boundaries’, Thammasat University, Bangkok, “The Construction of the Authority of Lebanese Salafis”
- 2013 “Religion and the Politics of Development: Priests, Potentates and “Progress””, Singapore, conference, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore – “Between Ideology and International Politics: The Dynamics and Transformation of a Transnational Islamic Charity”.
- 2012 Netherlands InterUniversity School of Islamic Studies (NISIS) Spring School, Istanbul, “Salafi Discourse on the Shi’a in Kuwait: Excommunication or Acceptance”
- 2011 Netherlands Interuniversity School of Islamic Studies (NISIS) Autumn School, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, “Salafism and the Redefinition of Orthodoxy”
- 2011 Netherlands Interuniversity School of Islamic Studies (NISIS) Spring School, Rabat, Morocco
- 2010 Netherlands Interuniversity School of Islamic Studies (NISIS) Autumn School, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2010 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, “The Transformation of Religious Authority in Kuwait”
- 2010 Dutch Association for the Academic Study of Religion International Conference, Soesterberg, The Netherlands, “The religious Authority of Salafism”