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Education

- 10/2018 – 10/2021 PhD, Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg,
Department of Islamic-Religious Studies

Dissertation title: “Das Konzept der Seele bei Mullā Hādī Sabziwārī“ (‘The human soul from the perspective of Mullā Hādī Sabziwārī’)
- 10/2011 – 09/2014 B.Sc. in Neuroscience, University of Cologne Thesis title:
“Episodische Zukunftsvorstellung bei Probanden mit
subjektiver kognitiver Störung” (‘Episodic future imagination
of subjects with subjective cognitive memory impairment’)
- 10/2005 – 05/2010 M.A. (‘Magister’) in Philosophy, University of Bonn (Minor
subject: German Literature). Thesis title: “Gottesbeweise in
der islamischen Philosophie” (‘Proofs of God in Islamic
philosophy’)

Work experiences

- Since Oktober 2024 Associated researcher, Arabic and Islamic Studies, Georg
August University of Göttingen
- Winter term 2024/25 Teaching Assignment, University of Innsbruck
- 09/2023 – 12/2023 Post-doc Fellowship at the Center for Mind & Cognition
(CMC) at the Ruhr-University Bochum, under the
supervision of Prof. Dr. Tobias Schlicht

05/2023 – 08/2023	Post-doc Fellowship: Mind, Brain Imaging and Neuroethics, University of Ottawa Institute of Mental Health Research, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Georg Northoff
6/2021 – 6/2022	Independent Research Associate, Postdoc-Project “ <i>Transzendenzerfahrung von Muslimen in verschiedenen kulturellen Lebensräumen</i> “ (‘The experience of Transcendence of Muslims in different cultural Environments’) at the Department for Quality of Life, Spirituality and Coping at Witten/Herdecke University.
Since 10/2020	Teaching Assignment, LMU Munich, Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Study of Religion
05/2020 – 05/2021	Team Leader, DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Financial Support, Foreign Scholarship Holders
04/2019 – 03/2020	Teaching Assignment, Cologne University, Department of Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian Studies
04/2017 – 03/2019	Research Assistant, University of Bonn, Bonn International Graduate School of Oriental and Asian Studies (BIGS-OAS)
05/2013 – 05/2014	Research Assistant, University Hospital Bonn, German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE)

Grants and Awards

DAAD Scholarship IPID4all (‘International doctorates in Germany for all’): Conference trip to Beijing, 29/09/2017–02/10/2017; research trip to Iran, 03/2019; conference trip to Canada: Tenth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, University of British Columbia, 30/04/2020–01/05/2020

Talks

- 07/07/2025 “Transcending Matter: A Philosophical Inquiry into Near-Death Experiences through the Framework of Islamic Philosophy”, The Science of Consciousness Conference 2025 Barcelona
- 27/06/2023 Poster Presentation “Neuroethics: Memory-dampening and the problem of personal identity”, Yale Oxford-Jagiellonian Workshop on Experimental Philosophical Bioethics, Kraków, Poland
- 24/02/2023 “Ein Lösungsvorschlag des Leib-Seele-Problems aus der Perspektive der islamischen Philosophie” (‘A proposed solution to the mind-body problem from the perspective of Islamic philosophy’). 16th Berlin Colloquium. Catholic Academy in Berlin
- 23/01/2023 „Islamic art (*shamseh*) as a bridge between east and west”, Department of Asian and Islamic Art History (AIK), University of Bonn
- 13/09/2022 “Bewusstsein, Panpsychismus, Emergentismus und Mullā Ṣadrā” (‘Consciousness, Panpsychism, Emergentism and Mullā Ṣadrā’), Deutscher Orientalistentag (DOT) Berlin
- 09/07/2022 “Mullā Hādī Sabziwārī und Rūmīs Maṣnawī – die Verzahnung der Philosophie mit der Mystik“ (‘Mullā Hādī Sabziwārī and the Maṣnawī of Rūmī – the combination of philosophy and mysticism’), Conference on Philosophy and Mysticism in the Islamic World, Department of Islamic-Religious Studies and Chair of Oriental Philology and Islamic Studies, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
- 04/06/2022 Poster presentation “The Thinking Soul in Islamic Philosophy and Mysticism”. 8th European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health (ECRSH 2022), Topic: Religious, Spiritual and Existential Aspects in Mental Health Care, VU Amsterdam
- 18/05/2022 “Die Entwicklung der Seele in der islamischen Philosophie“ (‘The development of the soul in Islamic philosophy’), InterChair Colloquium, International Centre of Philosophy NRW, University of Bonn
- 30/09/2017 “The Conception of Sabzewārī’s Tawhīd”. First International Eurasian Doctoral Colloquium, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China

- 17/05/2017 “The Intuitive Innate Ability of the Human Being (*feṭrat*) as Proof for the Existence of God in Islamic Philosophy”. Dies Academicus, University of Bonn
- 24/02/2017 “Die Theodizeefrage in der islamischen Philosophie” (“The question of theodicy in Islamic philosophy”). Young Philosophy of Religion. The Need to Believe. New Perspectives of Psychoanalysis and Religion, 10th Berlin Colloquium. Catholic Academy in Berlin

Publications

Monographs:

- “Das Konzept der Seele bei Mullā Hādī Sabziwārī“. 2022. Baden-Baden: Tectum.
- “Sabziwārī on the Rational Soul“. Bloomsbury Studies in World Philosophies: Bloomsbury Publishing [submitted 2024]. (English translation of dissertation)

Articles:

- Together with M., Faruque, M.U. “Toward a Neuro-ethics in Islamic Philosophy: Trauma, Memory, and Personal Identity.“ *Sophia* (2024).
- “The Self and it’s Time: Islamic and Neuroscientific Perspectives in Conversation.” *Journal of World Philosophies*, 9, 1 (2024).
- “Instantaneous Transport (*Ṭayy al-Arḍ*) and Quantum Mechanics: Reconciling Islamic Mysticism with Modern Scientific Paradigms“, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* (Co-authored with Motahare Sadat Hoseinian and Mohammad Jamali) [submitted 2025].
- “Exploring the Potential and Boundaries of Scientific Theories in the Realm of Record Keeping of the Deeds in the hereafter.” *Journal for Islamic Philosophy* (Co-authored with Motahare Sadat Hoseinian and Mohammad Jamali) [submitted 2024].
- “The Expansion of Consciousness during Mystical Experiences: The Example of Moses“, *Religions* 2022, 13(10), 1003.
- “Sabziwārī on Intellectual Witnessing.“ *Journal of Sufi Studies, Brill* [submitted 2025].

- “Islamic philosophy and Artificial Intelligence”, in *Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. Special Issue: *Transhumanism & Islam*, ed.: Hureyre Kam [submitted 2024].
- “Is memory a continuation of imagination — an empirical study”, (Co-authored with David Colaco), [in work].
- “The Mind-Body Problem in Islamic Philosophy.“ *Shii Studies Review, Brill* [submitted 2024].
- “The Question of Theodicy in Islamic Philosophy—Suggesting a Solution: Badā’“ *Religions* 2023, 14(8), 1047.
- “Examining the Intersection of Mullā Ṣadrā's Philosophy and the 4E theories of Cognition” (Co-authored with Masoud Toosi Saeidi), *Advances in Cognitive Sciences*, in Persian, [in work].
- “Quantum Mechanics and the Scientific Interpretation of the Qur'an: Exploring Conditions and Possibilities” (Co-authored with Motahare Sadat Hoseinian), [in work].
- “Near Death Experiences from an Islamic Philosophical perspective and Quantum Physics” (Co-authored with Mohammad Jamali and Hamid Faghanpour Azizi), [in work].
- “Die besonderen Aspekte der persisch-mystischen Dichtung“ *ORIENTierungen: Zeitschrift zur Kultur Asiens*, eds.: Berthold Damshäuser, Ralph Kauz, Li Xuetao, Harald Meyer and Dorothee Schaab-Hanke, Ostasien Verlag, [submitted 2024].
- “Neuroethik und Islam – Eine interdisziplinäre Untersuchung über die Frage nach der Willensfreiheit, *The Turn. Zeitschrift für islamische Philosophie, Theologie und Mystik*, Nr. 6, Dialektik der Vernunft, 1–2023, pp. 99–132.
- “Was ist Feṭrat? Eine Untersuchung über die natürliche Anlage in der islamischen Philosophie verglichen mit Descartes’ Ideentheorie“, *DIALOG, Zeitschrift für interreligiöse und interkulturelle Begegnung*, vol. 17, no. 33, 2018, pp. 15–46.
- „Ein Vergleich von Al-Fārābīs und Avicennas Philosophie“ *ORIENTierungen: Zeitschrift zur Kultur Asiens*, eds.: Berthold Damshäuser, Ralph Kauz, Li Xuetao, Harald Meyer and Dorothee Schaab-Hanke, Ostasien Verlag, vol. 30 (2018), pp. 73–91.
- “The Conception of Sabzewārī’s tawḥīd“, *Asia and the World*, eds.: Li Xuetao and Shin Kokui, Social Sciences Academic press China, November 2018, pp. 56–64.
- “Borhān-e Ṣeddīqīn: als der Beweis des Unbeweisbaren? Ein kurzer Vergleich zwischen Anselms ontologischem Gottesbeweis und dem Ṣeddīqīn-Beweis in der islamischen Philosophie“, *Spektrum Iran*, vol. 31 (2018), no. 3, pp. 25–42.

Blog post

- “The question of free will in Islamic philosophy”, 28/03/2023: <https://philosophie-indebate.de/indebate-the-question-of-free-will-in-islamic-philosophy/>

Review

- Review of the book “Sculpting the self: Islam, selfhood, and human flourishing”, by M. U. Faruque. *Forum – Islamic Theological Studies* [submitted 2024].

List of lectures

- Winter term, 2024/25, ‘Islamic Philosophy of Religion’, Department of Islamic Theology and Religious Education, University of Innsbruck
- Summer term 2024, ‘Consciousness and the self’, Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Religious Studies, LMU Munich
- Winter term 2022/23, ‘Consciousness and near-death experiences’, Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Religious Studies, LMU Munich
- Winter term 2021/22, ‘Consciousness and Religion’, Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Religious Studies, LMU Munich
- Winter term 2021/22, ‘Islamic Philosophy’, Islamic-Religious Studies Department of FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg
- Winter term 2020/21, ‘Neuroscience and Religion’, block seminar, Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Religious Studies, LMU Munich
- Winter term 2020/21, ‘Islamic Philosophy’, Institute for the Study of Islamic Culture and Religion, Center for Islamic Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt
- Summer term 2020, ‘Neuroscience and Islamic Studies’, Studium Universale, University of Bonn
- Winter term 2019/20, seminar in-depth module ‘Persian II’, together with Dr. Anna Kollatz, University of Bonn
- Summer term 2019, ‘Islamic Mysticism’, Oriental Seminary, University of Cologne
- Summer term 2018, ‘Introduction to the Field of Neurophilosophy’, Studium Universale, University of Bonn