

Curriculum vitae

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Research interests:

- Christian Arabic Studies and Graeco-Arabica
- Melkite liturgy and canon law
- Christian-Muslim encounters in medieval Syro-Palestine and Anatolia
- Syriac Studies

Education:

October 2023 – September 2027 | **Doctor of Philosophy**, University of Vienna, Vienna.
Dissertation title: “Pre-Modern Melkite Euchological Manuscripts: A Liturgiological and Philological Study.” Supervisor: Prof. Claudia Rapp

October 2022 – June 2023 | **Master of Studies** candidate in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford. Dissertation title: “Kyr Chariton’s Arabic version of Theodore the Stoudite’s *Little Catechesis*”. Grade: Distinction. Supervisor: Prof. Philip Booth

October 2021 – June 2022 | **Master 1** “Civilisations, cultures et sociétés”, École pratique des hautes études / Paris. Mark: 16.77/20 (mention *très bien*). Supervisor: Prof. Muriel Debié

August 2018 – June 2021 | **Bachelor of Arts** in History, American University of Beirut, Beirut. GPA: 4.00 (High Distinction). Supervisor: Prof. Lyall Armstrong

Further education:

July 2024 | Dumbarton Oaks Greek Summer School, Washington, D.C. Advanced-level programme in Byzantine Greek literature and palaeography

July 2021 – August 2021 | International Byzantine Greek Summer School. Successful completion of the higher intermediate course in the Byzantine Greek organized by Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

January 2020 – May 2020 | University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. International Guest Student Program (IGSP) funded by MEPI- DC and coordinated by FHI360

July 2019 – August 2019 | Charles University, Prague. Semester abroad funded by The Fund for American Studies (TFAS). Courses: Good Society, Political Philosophy, Political

Economy, Conflict Management, OSCE simulation on the Russo-Ukrainian conflict at the Czech Parliament

Work experience:

October 2023 – September 2027 | **Prae-Doctoral Assistant**, University of Vienna, Vienna
University assistant to Prof. Claudia Rapp and member of the Vienna Euchologia Project (VEP)

September 2019 – December 2019 | **Assistant**, Orient-Institut, Beirut

I assisted the publication team of *Bibliotheca Islamica* (BI). I compiled a bibliography of the Classical Arabic poetry verses, maxims, and hadiths used in Kınalızâde Ali Efendi's (d. 1572) treatise on ethics, *Ahlâk-ı Âlâi*.

June 2019 – July 2019 | **Assistant curator**, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg

Intern assistant of the head of the Islamic Art collection. Tasks and activities: research for exhibition concept "Time alla Turca", introduction to Ottoman palaeography through an 18th-century enfeoffment ferman, introduction to curatorial work, value approximation of objects, attending seminars in Islamic art at TU Berlin

January 2019 – May 2019 | **Research analyst intern**, Mercy Corps Lebanon, Beirut

As an intern within the Humanitarian Access Team, I collected data to produce holistic, city- and sub-district-level analyses of the Syrian Civil War in the framework of the UrbAn-S project to facilitate humanitarian intervention, contributed to city-level reports for Aleppo, Latakia, and Ar-Rastan and sub-district reports for Dar'a and Jasim and produced city fact sheets for Latakia and Kobane.

October 2015 – May 2016 | **Intern**, Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C

As part of the Youth Civic Engagement Program, I researched the themes of ethno-racial profiling and the Japanese American internment during World War II. I co-organized venues on civil rights advocacy and youth civic engagement.

Scholarships and awards:

July 2023 | **Archibald Jackson Prize, Somerville College Oxford**: Awarded to taught graduates, including BMBCCH students, who achieve a Distinction overall

October 2022 | **Qatar Thatcher Graduate Scholarship**: Full scholarship at Somerville College funded by the Margaret Thatcher Scholarship Trust and the Qatar Fund for Development

June 2021 | **Majida Sanioura Memorial Prize in the Humanities**: Award granted to the top graduating senior in the arts or humanities

June 2021 | **Abdallah Lahoud Foundation Award**: Award granted to the graduating student with the highest average in either history or archaeology

June 2021 | **MEPI Capstone Project Winner**: One of three students to win the “Best Capstone Project Award”. Project entitled “Atelier Apulée” aiming to propagate the field of Classics in higher education in the Arab world

August 2018 | **Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) – Tomorrow’s Leaders**: U.S. State Department- funded, full scholarship for up to four academic years with a two- internship requirement (field-related and community-based) and significant emphasis on community service and leadership workshops

July 2016 | **Yale Young Global Scholars**: Full scholarship to attend a summer academic program in International Affairs and Security at Yale University

Languages:

Arabic (mother tongue), **French** (fluent), **English** (fluent), **Turkish** (fluent), **German** (advanced), **Italian** (advanced), **Modern Greek** (intermediate), **Modern Hebrew** (intermediate), **Spanish** (intermediate), **Serbo-Croatian** (elementary)

Reading knowledge: **Classical/Middle Arabic** (advanced), **Ancient/Byzantine Greek** (advanced), **Syriac** (advanced), **Biblical Hebrew** (intermediate), **Ottoman Turkish** (intermediate), **Latin** (elementary), **Classical Armenian** (elementary)

Memberships:

2024: Österreichische Byzantinische Gesellschaft

2023: Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies.

2022: Oxford University Byzantine Society