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Profile

Highly experienced in think tank work with a vast think tank and researchers' network in Europe and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) - Sharp analyst and researcher of MENA related themes - Active participant in policy debates with decision-makers and other relevant stakeholders - Passionate about international cooperation and empowerment of agents of change - Dedicated to constructive, sustainable change - Strong track record in fundraising

Professional History

04/2020	POLITICAL ANALYST AND CONSULTANT ON THE MENA REGION, ASSOCIATE FELLOW GERMAN COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (DGAP E.V.), BERLIN
2011-2020	HEAD OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA PROGRAMME (FROM 2011-2014 TITLED EU-MIDDLE EAST FORUM) - GERMAN COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (DGAP E.V.), BERLIN
2018	FREELANCE PROJECT LEAD AND LEAD AUTHOR OF A BACKGROUND STUDY ON GERMAN AND EUROPEAN THINK TANK WORK ON TURKISH POLITICS, BERLIN
2009-2010	PROJECT MANAGER AND EDITOR - MEDIA IN COOPERATION AND TRANSITION GGMBH (MICT), BERLIN
2009	PROGRAMME MANAGER LEBANON - ASPEN INSTITUTE GERMANY E.V., BERLIN
2007-2009	PROGRAMME MANAGER HEINRICH BÖLL STIFTUNG MIDDLE EAST, BEIRUT
2005-2007	PROJECT AND EDITORIAL MANAGER - MEDIA IN COOPERATION AND TRANSITION GGMBH (MICT), AMMAN

Educational History

2002-2004	FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, GERMANY - POLITICAL SCIENCE - DIPLOM EQUIVALENT TO MASTER OF ARTS (GRADE 1,3)
1996-2000	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY CAIRO, EGYPT - POLITICAL SCIENCE - BACHELOR OF ARTS (GPA 3.7 HIGH HONORS)

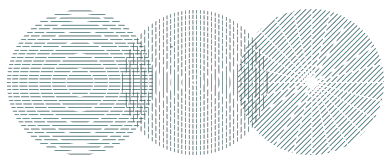
Language Skills

GERMAN (MOTHER TONGUE)

ARABIC (MOTHER TONGUE)

ENGLISH (PERFECT COMMAND OF WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH)

FRENCH (FAIR COMMAND OF SPOKEN FRENCH)



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Curriculum Vitae

Professional History

**03/2011-03/2020 HEAD OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA PROGRAMME
(FROM 2011-2014 TITLED EU-MIDDLE EAST FORUM) -
GERMAN COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (DGAP E.V.),
BERLIN**

Spearheaded the programme's institution building and strategic development of activities for the MENA region; initiated and conceptualized projects including publications, policy workshops, strategic foresight, and capacity building for think tank work; analyzed various political, socio-economic and security related subjects in interdisciplinary settings including decision-makers with a focus on Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, and the Gulf states; briefed policy-makers; networked and collaborated with European and MENA think tanks and research centers; moderated events and presented papers; authored and edited publications such as op-eds and policy briefs; developed fundraising strategies and raised funds for the programme's projects and activities

**2018 LEAD AUTHOR OF A BACKGROUND STUDY ABOUT THINK TANK
WORK ON TURKISH POLITICS**

Researched European and Turkish think tanks dealing with Turkish affairs and policies; carried out interviews with relevant stakeholders including German and EU decision-makers evaluating the quality of think tank products and services; conceptualized and participated in track 1.5 workshops to deepen findings for the study; co-authored the study including recommendations on how to enhance the impact of think tanks in this field

**12/2009-10/2010 PROJECT MANAGER AND EDITOR - MEDIA IN
COOPERATION AND TRANSITION GGMBH (MICT), BERLIN**

Created the structure and developed the content for an online economic and trade platform for Iraq and Germany; edited a publication on the 2010 Sudanese elections

**06-09/2009 PROGRAMME MANAGER LEBANON - ASPEN INSTITUTE
GERMANY E.V., BERLIN**

Initiated and organized conferences on Lebanese political and security affairs; promoted local NGOs' dialogue between Lebanese and Palestinians

**02/2007-01/2009 PROGRAMME MANAGER HEINRICH BÖLL STIFTUNG
MIDDLE EAST, BEIRUT**

Enhanced the office's strategic development in the field of statehood and participation, identity and power relations, and conflict resolution targeting Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq; conceptualized and organized conferences and workshops on *inter alia* natural resources conflicts, digital activism as an agent of change, and public space and citizenship; optimized funding by monitoring and evaluating partner projects in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq

**08/2005-01/2007 PROJECT AND EDITORIAL MANAGER - MEDIA IN
COOPERATION AND TRANSITION GGMBH (MICT), AMMAN**

Managed the content and editorial teams of two books, *Shahadat* (testimonies) <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/05156-english.pdf> and *Iraq 360 Degrees* <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/05694-en.pdf>, dealing with the effects of Iraq's political transformation on art and culture; co-developed the books' concept, selected authors, and edited texts; coordinated online exchanges between Iraqi intellectuals and their counterparts in the Arab region and Europe on identity politics and exile; managed a media project empowering Iraqi activists and journalists

Educational History

2002-2004 Freie Universität Berlin (FU), Germany - Political Science - Diplom (1,3)

1996-2000 American University Cairo (AUC), Egypt - Political Science - Bachelor of Arts 2000 (GPA 3.7 high honors)

Language Skills

German (mother tongue)

Arabic (mother tongue)

English (perfect command of written and spoken English)

French (fair command of spoken French)

Selected Publications

D. Fakoussa, „A Turning point in German-Gulf ties?“, Syndication Bureau, 24 October 2022, <https://www.syndicationbureau.com/en/a-turning-point-in-german-gulf-ties/>

D. Fakoussa, „The EU Green Deal - A new Momentum for Democratic Governance in the MENA Region?“ Euromesco Paper No. 47, January 2022, European Institute of the

Mediterranean, <https://www.euromesco.net/publication/the-eu-green-deal-a-new-momentum-for-democratic-governance-in-the-mena-region/>

D. Fakoussa, „The MENA Context of Greek-Turkish Tensions - Far more than Gas“, in G.N. Tzogopoulos (ed.), The EU and the Eastern Mediterranean: The Multilateral Dialogue Option (pp. 47-53), CIFE European Institute, 2020 https://www.cife.eu/Ressources/FCK/files/publications/livres/CIFE_EBook_EU-Eastern_Mediterranean_2021.pdf

D. Fakoussa, „The Arab Gulf should reach out to Iran“, DGAP Online Commentary, 15 January 2020, <https://dgap.org/en/research/publications/arab-gulf-should-reach-out-iran>

D. Fakoussa und L. Kabis-Kechrid (ed.), Socio-Economic Challenges and the Impact of Regional Dynamics on Jordan - Employment, Social Cohesion, and International Cooperation - Policy Briefs from the Region and Europe, Edited Volume No. 6, DGAP, January 2020, https://dgap.org/sites/default/files/article_pdfs/dgap-report-2020-06-en-jordan_0.pdf

D. Fakoussa und L. Kabis-Kechrid (ed.), Tunisia's Fragile Democracy: Decentralization, Institution-Building and the Development of Marginalized Regions - Policy Briefs from the Region and Europe, Edited Volume No. 2, DGAP, January 2020 - first published in December 2018, https://dgap.org/sites/default/files/article_pdfs/tunesia_fracil_democracy.pdf

D. Fakoussa und L. Kabis-Kechrid (ed.), Morocco's Socio-Economic Challenges: Employment, Education, and Migration - Policy Briefs from the Region and Europe, Edited Volume No. 3, DGAP, January 2020 - first published in June 2018, https://dgap.org/sites/default/files/article_pdfs/dgap-report-2020-03-en.pdf

D. Fakoussa, „Diplomatie Ja, Militär Nein: Deutschland sollte einer Mission am Golf fernbleiben“, DGAP Standpunkt Nr. 22, August 2019, https://dgap.org/sites/default/files/article_pdfs/2019-22-dgapstandpunkt.pdf

D. Fakoussa, "Saudisch-ägyptische Beziehungen: Große Koalition", Zenith, 15 November 2018, <https://magazin.zenith.me/de/politik/saudisch-%C3%A4gyptische-beziehungen>

D. Fakoussa, „Germany in the Mediterranean - Between Sincere Engagement, Impotence, and a Normative Paradox“, Mediterranean Yearbook 2018, pp. 137-140, IEMed, 2018 https://dgap.org/system/files/article_pdfs/germany_mediterranean_dina_fakoussa_medyearbook2018.pdf

D. Fakoussa, „How to Ensure Youth Inclusion in Political Transitions? No Inclusion without Intrusion in the Mindset“, Report of the Rome MED Mediterranean Dialogues

Building Trust: the Challenge of Peace and Stability in the Mediterranean, pp. 88-90, ISPI, 2018, <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/building-trust-challenge-peace-and-stability-mediterranean-21624>

D. Fakoussa, „Women’s Achievements from Morocco to Saudi Arabia“, Report of the ROME 2016 MED Mediterranean Dialogues Leaving the Storm Behind: Ideas for a New Mediterranean, pp. 19-22, ISPI, 2016, <https://2016.med.ispionline.it/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/report-MED-2016.pdf>