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- L2012a *Ästhetik der Freigebigkeit – freigebige Ästhetik: Zur kulturellen Kodierung einer arabischen “Nationaltugend”*. 09 January, Seminar für Arabistik und Semitistik, FU Berlin/Germany.
- L2012b *The Arab Spring and the Individual: Literary aspects from before and after the Revolution* [together with Teresa Pepe]. 04 May, Center for Islamic and Middle East Studies (SIMS), Oslo/Norway.
- L2012c *Avatar and ‘Azāzīl – Western and Middle Eastern patterns of individual revolt: An essay in the simultaneity of ruptures*. 09 May, 10th EURAMAL (La littérature à l'heure du “printemps arabe”), c/o INALCO, Paris/France.
- L2012d *‘Azāzīl und Avatar, oder: Die Reifung zum Ausstieg – Strukturen des Arabischen Vor-Frühlings in komparativer Perspektive* (considerably enlarged version of L2012c), guest lecture, 12 June, MLU Halle-Wittenberg / Germany.
- L2012e *Die Komponentenanalyse nach Walter Falk* (presentation & seminar). 13 June, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg / Germany.
- L2012f *Authenticity as counter-strategy: Gamāl al-Ghīṭānī and his recourse to Classical Arabic literature*. 24 August, workshop “Hebrew, Arabic, and wider Semitic: past and present”, IKOS, University of Oslo / Norway.
- L2011a *Arabic “riwāya”, “world literature”, and “the world”*. 14 Feb 2011, Colloquium “Cultures and Concepts”, University of Oslo/Norway.
- L2011b *“And then, at sunrise, I will set off, as a free man...” – Arabic literature predicting the revolution?* 17 March 2011, Leids Universitair Centrum voor de studie van Islam en Samenleving, SMES/LUCIS lecture series, University of Leiden/The Netherlands.
- L2011c *Concepts that changed the World: “watan” as one of Husayn al-Marsafī’s “Eight Words” (al-Kalim al-thamān, 1881)*. 30 June 2011, workshop “Visions and Representations of ‘Homeland’ in Modern Arabic Poetry and Prose Literature”, University of Göttingen & Lichtenberg-Kolleg / Germany.
- L2011d Presentation of own research projects. Workshop on Arabic Studies in Scandinavia (org. Shabo Talay), 01–02 Sept. 2011, University of Bergen/Norway.
- L2011e *The Arab World Becoming Part of “the” World: The Example of “riwāya” (Transmission of Narratives) Becoming “Novel”* [= extended version of L2011a]. International Conference “Conceptualizing the World” (org. Helge Jordheim), 13–16 Sept. 2011, University of Oslo/Norway.
- L2011f *“Thus Ruled the Court”: A Collection of True Criminal Cases Turned into Narratives (Syria)*. Workshop on “Crime Fiction in and around the Eastern Mediterranean” (org. M. Strohmeier / B. Sägaster), University of Cyprus, 11–12 Nov. 2011, Nicosia/Cyprus.
- L2010a *Historien til det arabiske språket og dens relevans mht. begrepshistorie drevet som kulturhistorie*. 06 March 2010, seminar on “Kulturhistorie i det østlige Middelhav”, University of Oslo/Norway.

- L2010b *How riwāyah came to mean “novel”: The history of an encounter of concepts.* 06-07 May, seminar “Borders and Beyond”, University of Copenhagen/Denmark.
- L2010c The Yacoubian Building, *History, and Components Analysis*. 31 May - 02 June, “Literature and History: Middle Eastern Perspectives”, 15th Annual International Workshop of the Department of Middle East Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev/Israel.
- L2010d *The Changing Role of Pleasure, or: Towards a Fundamentalist Humanism? Some Thoughts on the Place of Pleasure and Desire in the System of a New (?) Period.* 16-19 June, 9th EURAMAL, c/o Sapienza – Università di Roma/Italy.
- L2010e *Wie riwāya zum »Roman« wurde: eine kleine Begriffsgeschichte* [= concise German version of L2010b]. 20-24 Sept., 31. Deutscher Orientalistentag Marburg/Germany.
- L2010f *Die Aussteiger: Literarische Anzeichen für den Anbruch einer neuen Zeit.* 20-24 Sept., 31. Deutscher Orientalistentag Marburg/Germany.
- L2010g [Presentation in German:] *An Etymological Dictionary of Arabic Language and Culture (EDALC)*. 20-24 Sept., 31. Deutscher Orientalistentag Marburg/Germany.
- L2010h = L2010g [in English]. 25-26 Nov., 3rd International Conference on Oriental Languages and Cultures, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow/Russia.
- L2009a *Politeness, Höflichkeit, 'adab – an etymologico-cultural perspective.* 16 January, workshop “Verbal Festivity in Arabic and Other Semitic Languages”, UniClub Bonn/Germany.
- L2009b *Power relationships and historical periodization.* 03 February, PhD seminar, University of Oslo.
- L2009c “*A-yā qabru! Hādhā 'l-dayfu 'ämālu 'ummatin...*” *A marthiya on Muṣṭafā Kāmil by Ḥāfiẓ Ibrāhīm.* 20 March, Oriental Seminar, Oxford University/UK.
- L2009d *Three approaches I liked and which work for Arabic and Turkish – Advantages and disadvantages.* 11 July, “How to Write the History of Modern Persian Literature – State of the Art, Approaches, and Perspectives”, Mid-Term Conference of the Societas Iranologica Europaea, University of Bamberg/Germany.
- L2008a *Die Vielsprachigkeit der Moderne – Ein arabistisches Plädoyer gegen eurozentristische (Literatur-) Geschichtsdeutungen.* 22 January, University of Bamberg/Germany.
- L2008b *Türkische Prosa seit 1980. Versuch einer Gesamtschau.* 28 April, “Der Bosporus zu Besuch am Rhein” lectures, University of Bonn/Germany.
- L2008c *Between Zuqāq al-midaqq and Imārat Ya'qūbiyān. What has changed in community narratives?* 11-14 June, 8th EURAMAL, c/o University of Uppsala/Sweden.
- L2008d *The Sentiments of the ‘Engineers’. An ‘emotiogram’ of early Turkish nationalism, based on Halide Edib’s Memoirs and her pre-WWI novels.* 13-15 November, conference “Turkey 1908-1914: Biographical approaches”, University of Zürich/Switzerland.
- L2007a *Suizidattentat als literarisches Ereignis. Zur Fiktionalisierung einer “Märtyreroperation”.* 01 February, CNMS (Centrum für Nah- und Mittelost-Studien), University of Marburg/Germany.
- L2007b *Satiren über religiöse Autoritäten in der modernen arabischen Literatur.* Conference »Islam und Satire«, 02 February, AAI, Dept. of Middle Eastern History and Civilisation, University of Hamburg.
- L2007c/d *Beating Tradition at Its Own Games. Fāris al-Shidyāq and the ‘most Arabic’ of all genres.* 26 April, SOAS, London & 07 May, Instituut TCMO, Leiden/The Netherlands.
- L2007e *Even in a maqāmah! The Shift of Focus from “Trickster” to “Narrating Subject” in al-Shidyāq’s “Sāq” (1855).* [≈ L2007c/d] 28 June, conference »Custom and Innovation in Middle Eastern “Ego-Documents” (15th-19th century)«, University of Munich/Germany.
- L2007f *Zwei Bemerkungen [on 'Alā' al-Aswāni's 'Imārat Ya'qūbiyān and Rajā' Abdallāh al-Ṣāni's Banāt al-Riyāḍ].* 28 Sept., 30. Deutscher Orientalistentag Freiburg i.Br./Germany.
- L2007g *Zur Problematik der Periodisierung nahöstlicher Literaturen.* 18 November 2007, workshop “Literatur, Kultur und Migration”, University of Tübingen/Germany.

- L2006a *Busen, Bars und Bomben. Ägypten auf der Suche nach sich selbst in 'Alā' al-Aswānī's Kairo-Roman "Das Ya'qūbiyān-Gebäude" (Imārat Ya'qūbiyān, 2002).* 24 January, MZIS (Münchner Zentrum für Islamstudien), University of Munich.
- L2006b *Dichtung und Wahrheit. Zum Verhältnis von Realität und Bild in den orientalischen Literaturen.* 17 May, MZIS (Münchner Zentrum für Islamstudien), University of Munich.
- L2006c *Teilhabe an der "Moderne"? Epochen als Übersetzungsproblem.* 14 June, University of Bonn/ Germany.
- L2006d *Buhārī und Fladenbrot – Islam und Nation-building in Usbekistan (= Enlarged and updated version of L2002a).* 29 June, Bayerisches Orientkolloquium, Bamberg/Germany.
- L2006e *Vergleich des Romans Arilar Ülkesi von Ali Nar mit deutschen Texten aus der Epoche der Aufklärung (= Enlarged and updated version of L1995a).* II. Internationaler Kongress für Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft (Theorie, Rezeptionsästhetik & Neue Aspekte), 7-8 September, Sakarya Üniversitesi, Adapazarı/Turkey.
- L2005 *al-Madrasah al-Hadithah and Global Modernity. The Example of an Egyptian Ghost Story of the 1920s.* 9 March, Dept. of Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh. Also 18 May, Dept. of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo.
- L2004a *Ewiger Krieg im Nahen Osten?* 28 January, colloquium »Kollektive Gewalt«, Bern.
- L2004b *الرواية المصرية ما بين السنتين والثمانينات al-Riwāya al-miṣriyya mā bayn al-sittināt wa'l-thamānināt [The Egyptian Novel between the 1960s and 1980s].* 2 avril, table-ronde »Typologie et problématique de la production littéraire arabe entre 1970 et 2000«, Paris.
- L2004c = modified & enlarged version of L2002c. 7 May, colloquium »Der Nahe Osten im Umbruch: Vergangenheit, Gegenwart, Zukunft«, Münchenwil.
- L2004d *"Das Höchste an Nutz und Plausch" zum Thema "Araber über sich selbst und ihrer Sprache Rausch" (Zum Verhältnis vom Selbstkritik und Sprachkritik).* Inaugural Lecture (Antrittsvorlesung). 16 June, Bern.
- L2004e *Fāris aš-Šidyāq und die Maqāmen in »as-Sāq 'alā 's-sāq«.* 22 Sept., 29. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Halle a.d.S./Germany (in the framework of the panel on *The Genesis of the Intellectual in Asian and African Context since the 19th Century*, organized by A. Pistor-Hatam, S. Reichmuth & R. Findeisen).
- L2003a = L2002c. 5 February, VHS Biel/Switzerland.
- L2003b *Far echoes of »Mawsim al-bijra« in Leila Aboulela's »The Translator«.* 8 May, European Meeting of Teachers of Arabic Literature (EMTAR), Kraków/Poland.
- L2003c *Writing the self, choosing a language – Non-Arabic autobiographies by Arabs, non-Turkish by Turks.* 17 May, Conference on »Autobiographical Themes in Turkish Literature: theoretical and comparative perspectives«, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, İstanbul.
- L2003d = L2002c. 20 August, Rotary Club Grenchen/Switzerland.
- L2003e = Revised English version of L2001c. Symposium »Intercultural Aspects in and around Turkic Literatures«, 11-12 October, Nicosia/Cyprus.
- L2003f *Instructors of Rebellion. Two novels from Turkey on how to overcome Western cultural domination.* 17 November, Symposium »Poetry's Voice, Society's Norms«, Berlin.
- L2003g *Religion und Kultur des Islam.* 28 November, Ethik-Forum »Islam verstehen«, Berufsmaturitäts-schule/GIB, Bern.
- L2002a *Prophetentradition und Fladenbrot – al-Buhārī im modernen Usbekistan.* Habilitationsvortrag, 10 June, Fakultätskollegium, Bern. <http://folk.uio.no/guthst/Bukhari.html>
- L2002b *Ursprünge, Entwicklung und Wesen des Islam.* 15 June, Internationaler Lyceumclub, Bern.
- L2002c *Islamistische Selbstmordattentäter.* 29 December, Schweizerische Staatsbürgerliche Gesellschaft Thun/Oberland, Thun/Switzerland.

- L2001a *Dichtung am osmanischen Hof (15.-19. Jhd.).* Given in the framework of the series of lectures on »Byzanz – Konstantinopel – İstanbul«, organized by VHS des Kantons Zürich, 1 February, Zurich.
- L2001b *İstanbul und die moderne türkische Literatur – Eine literarische Reise durch die Bosporus-metropole (1860 bis heute).* Given in the framework of the series of lectures on »Byzanz – Konstantinopel – İstanbul«, organized by VHS des Kantons Zürich, 8 February, University of Zurich.
- L2001c *National-, Regional-, Weltliteratur – das Problem der Grenze.* 29 March, 28. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Bamberg/Germany.
- L2000 *Individuality lost, fun gained – Some observations on Arabic and Turkish novels of the 1990s.* European Science Foundation Symposium on »Individual and Society in the Mediterranean Muslim World«, 24-27 March, Cairo/Egypt.
- L1999a *Der Intellektuelle und die Schönheit vom Lande – Entzauberter Idealismus im Roman der 1930er Jahre im arabisch-türkischen Vergleich.* 27 May, Nordbayrisches Orient-Kolloquium, Bamberg/Germany.
- L1999b *Love and space in Yaḥyā al-Ṭāhir Ḥabdallāh’s »Ugħniyyat al-‘ašiq Īliyyā«.* Symposium »Għażal as a Genre of World Literature«, 7-10 July, Beirut.
- L1998a *The author as »transvestite« – Narrative and gender in Reşat Nuri Güntekin’s novel Ġalikuṣu (»The Wren«, 1922).* European Science Foundation Conference on »Individual and Society in the Mediterranean Muslim World«, 3-5 July, İstanbul.
- L1998b *Einige Überlegungen zu Geschlecht und Identität.* 2 October, 27. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Bonn.
- L1997a *Das »Rätsel« ‘Aşk-ı Memnū’.* Versuch einer Neuinterpretation des spätosmanischen Romans von Halit Ziya Uşaklıgil = shorted version of L1994. 5 June, Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Asian Studies (Schweizerische Asiengesellschaft), Monte Verità (Ascona/CH).
- L1997b *Post-modernism, apoliticality, settling accounts – On Ahmet Altan’s »Dört Mevsim Sonbahar«.* Symposium »Der Auftrag des Dichters/Schriftstellers in Selbstaussagen«, 14-16 July, Bern.
- L1996a *Why novels – not autobiographies?* = L1995b. Table ronde »Les enjeux de l’étude biographique«, 14-16 March, Institut Français d’Études Arabes à Damas (IFEAD)/Syria.
- L1996b *fa-ǵrawraqat ‘uyūnūnum bid-dumūr’ – Anmerkungen zur Larmoyanz arabischer Erzählprosa des 19. und Anfang des 20. Jahrhunderts.* 10 April, Islamwiss. Inst. d. Univ. Bern.
- L1996c *Die arabische Laute (‘ūd) – Einführung mit Musikbeispielen.* 30 May, Evang. Gemeinde, Beirut.
- L1996d *‘Wa-hākada kāna ka-Iblīs...’ – Satan and social reform in a novel by Salīm al-Bustānī.* Symposium »Aspects of Literary Hermeneutics in Arabic Culture: Myths, Historical Archetypes and Symbolic Figures in Arabic Literature«, 25-30 June, Orient-Inst. Beirut.
- L1995a *Neuere islamistische Belletristik.* 16 March, Evangelische Gemeinde Beirut.
- L1995b *Why novels – not autobiographies?* EMTAR-Symposium »Autobiography in Modern Arabic Literature«, 5-9 April, Oxford/UK.
- L1995c *‘Mutafarnīg’ und ‘alafranga züppé’ – ein Vergleich.* 25-29 September, 26. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Leipzig/Germany.
- L1995d *Die literaturwissenschaftliche Komponentenanalyse (nach W. Falk) – Eine Methode zur konzisen Erfassung der Gesamtaussage und epochalen Lokalisierung eines Textes.* 25-29 September, 26. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Leipzig.
- L1994a *A world full of secrets. The hero as detective in two novels from Egypt and Turkey [Şun'allah İbrāhīm: »Al-Lajna«; Orhan Pamuk: »Kara Kitap«].* 8 February, Orient-Institut d. DMG, Beirut.
- L1994b *Orhan Pamuk – ein Plagiator? Zum Umgang mit dem Erbe im Roman »Kara Kitap« (Das Schwarze Buch).* 4 May, Orient-Institut d. DMG, İstanbul.
- L1994c *Das »Rätsel« ‘Aşk-ı Memnū’.* Zum Sinn des Daseins in dem Roman Verbotene Liebe (1900) von Halit Ziya Uşaklıgil. 2 November, Orient-Institut d. DMG, İstanbul.

- L1994d *The niżām of the Busy Bees. The challenges of contemporary Islamistic belletristics (adab islāmī)*. 13 December, American University of Beirut.
- L1993 *Endzeit auch in der Türkei? Auffällige Parallelen zwischen einem ägyptischen und einem türkischen Roman Anfang der 1980er Jahre*. 10 February, Orient-Institut d. DMG, İstanbul.
- L1992 *The function of sexual passages in some Egyptian novels of the 1980s*. 25 April, EMTAR-Symposium on Modern Arabic Literature: »Love, Marriage and Sexuality in the Segregated Society«, Nijmegen/The Netherlands.
- L1991a *Abdub Gubayr's »Tabrīk al-qalb« – ein Roman über das Leben im Ägypten der 70er Jahre*. 9 January, »Orientalistisches Kolloquium«, University of Bonn.
- L1991b »Authentisierung« des Romans contra Sadat'sche »Öffnungs«-Politik – Zu Ġamāl al-Ğītānī's »Risālat al-başa'ir fi l-maşa'ir«. 10 April, 25. Deutscher Orientalistentag Munich/Germany.
- L1990 (Shortened) English version of L1991a. Symposium »Intellectual Culture in Modern and Contemporary Islamic History«, 5-8 December, Faculty Club, University of Bonn/ Germany.

⑥ Editorships, Consultancies

- Editor and co-editor of books (see ①, above): 1995, 1999a, 2010c, 2011a+b, 2011f, 2016a, 2016f, 2017c, 2017f, 2019a, 2019b
- Co-editor of *mīzān – Studien zur Literatur des Orients/Studies in the literatures of the Islamic world* series (since Nov. 2004)
- Co-editor of *Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies (JAIS)* (since 2012)
- Member of editorial board of *Middle Eastern Literatures* (2007-2020)
- Scientific consultant (Fachberater) "Turkish and Turkic Languages", for *Kindlers Literatur Lexikon (KLL)*, third edition, ed. Heinz Ludwig Arnold, Stuttgart: Metzler, 2009.

⑦ Organisation of Conferences, Panels etc.

- Workshop *The Etymology of Arabic - Chances and Challenges*. 8 December 2016, FU Berlin.
- *Upholding Humanity in a Post-human World? Arabic Literature after the "Arab Spring"* (= 12th bi-annual conference of the European Association for Modern Arabic Literature, EURAMAL). 30 May – 04 June 2016, University of Oslo, Norway.
- (together with Elena Chiti) Workshop *Living 2016: Cultural Codes and Arrays in Arab Everyday Worlds—five years after the "Arab Spring"*. 29-30 May 2016, University of Oslo, Norway.
- (together with Lutz Edzard) "Jil Jadid" workshop *The Etymology of Arabic*. 19 December 2015, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany.
- (together with Catherine Pennacchio and Lutz Edzard) ESF Exploratory Workshop *Breaking the grounds for an Arabic Etymological Dictionary (EtymArab)*. 22-23 June 2013, University of Oslo, Norway.
- Panel/workshop *Der Mehrwert des Literarischen [The Added Value of Literature]*. 22 Sept. 2010, 31. Deutscher Orientalistentag Marburg/Germany.
- (together with Andreas Pflitsch and Petra de Brujin) Workshop *West Reads East – Interdependent Hermeneutics of European and Middle Eastern Literatures*. 23-24 May 2009, ZfL (Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung), Berlin/Germany.
- (together with Lutz Edzard) Workshop *Verbal Festivity in Arabic and Other Semitic Languages*. 16 January 2009, UniClub Bonn/Germany.

- Workshop *Post-Postmodernism / Postmodernism and thereafter*. 13 June **2008**, 8th EURAMAL conference on "From New Values to New Aesthetics. Turning points in modern Arabic literature after the 1960s", c/o University of Uppsala/Sweden.
- Panel *Postmodernism and after / Postmoderne... und dann?* – 28 Sept. **2007**, 30. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Freiburg/Br. (Germany).
- *The Creativity of Diaspora/Exile. Middle Eastern authors rethinking politics, religion, society, ...* . 16-19 March **2005**, Bern.
- *Der Auftrag des Dichters/Schriftstellers in Selbstaussagen (Poets'/Writers' Missions as Seen by Themselves)*, 14-16 July **1997**, Bern. In cooperation with Prof. em. Dr. Joh. Chr. Bürgel.