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### **EDUCATION**

#### **PHD STUDENT, FACULTY OF BEHAVIORAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES — SINCE 2011**

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany

1st supervisor: Prof. William S. Sax, PhD, 2nd supervisor: Prof. Dr. Stefan Reichmuth

Thesis topic: An ethnography of the institutionalization and practices of Unani medicine in contemporary India.

#### **MASTER OF ARTS IN HEALTH AND SOCIETY IN SOUTH ASIA — 2008 - 2010**

South Asia Institute, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany

Thesis: "Infertility in Pakistan: Experience and Health Seeking Behavior among Baloch Women in a Karachi Slum."

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ETHNOLOGY (ANTHROPOLOGY, 75%) AND NEW LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES OF SOUTH ASIA (URDU, 25%) — 2004 - 2008**

South Asia Institute, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany

Thesis: "The Commoditization of Unani Medicine in India: Nationalistic Discourse and Modern Indian Society."

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT — SINCE 2011**

DFG-funded project "Medical Knowledge and Plural Culture: Graeco-Islamic Medicine and its Representation in South Asia," Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany.

#### **URDU-ENGLISH INTERPRETER — 2010 - 2011**

International Committee of the Red Cross

Karachi, Pakistan

Srinagar, India.

#### **STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT — 2008 - 2010**

Department of Ethnology, South Asia Institute, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany.

#### **STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT — 2006 - 2007**

Library, South Asia Institute, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany.

### **INTERNSHIPS**

#### **ALL PAKISTAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION — 2007 - 2008**

NGO, Karachi, Pakistan.

#### **OBSERVATORIO DE LOS DERECHOS DE LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS — 2006**

NGO, Temuco, Chile.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

2014. Female, Young, Unmarried: The Role of Positionality while Conducting Fieldwork in Pakistan. In: *The Oriental Anthropologist* 14 (1), pp. 81-95.

2013. Changing Perceptions in South Asian Society? A Review of Infertility, Sperm Donation and Manliness in the Bollywood Film 'Vicky Donor.' In: *South Asian Cultural Studies* 4 (2), pp. 63-72.

2010. *Infertility in Pakistan. Experience and Health Seeking Behavior among Baloch Women in a Karachi Slum.* Heidelberg: Bibliothek des Südasien-Instituts der Universität Heidelberg.

### **RESEARCH GRANT**

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship for the completion of fieldwork research in Pakistan for the master's degree, 2009.

### **TEACHING**

Summer-term 2014 – Undergraduate course (with Dr. Claudia Preckel): "Introduction to the Anthropology of Islam"  
Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies, Ruhr-Universität Bochum.

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