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Background

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Academic Interests

My academic interests fall at the intersection of Middle East area studies, political sociology and comparative politics. My latest research project is a comparative study of episodes of mobilized Islam in Aleppo (Syria, 2012-2016), Sfax (Tunisia, 2013-2015) and Konya (Turkey, 2010-2016). It builds on a combination of quantitative field analysis (specifically Multiple Correspondence Analysis of original survey data) and an ethnography among Islamist activists. I explore, first, how activists in these three cases articulated 'Islam as faith' as a 'public' object in their contentious claims. Second, I analyze how these articulations are embedded in the material, institutional and subjective elements of these contentious events.

Research Experience

University of Cambridge
Oct 2017- Sep 2020

Department of Sociology. Three year **Lecturer** position. Lecturing five topics of paper SOC1 "Introduction to Sociology: Modern Societies I", paper organizer of SOC8 "Religion and Contentious Mobilization", supervising graduate and undergraduate students. Concurrently held a **Fellowship** at Murray Edwards College and a **College Affiliation** with St. Catherine's College.

University of Bergen
Aug 2014- July 2017

Department of Comparative Politics. Three year **Postdoctoral Fellowship**. Teaching SAMPOL211 "Islamist Movements and Contentious Politics in the Middle East" and supervising students. Remainder of my time devoted to independent research.

EHESS & CUNP
Nov - Dec 2016

L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS). **Two month research stay** funded by the Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris (CUNP). Affiliated with the CESSP. Institutional affiliation with the Centre Européen de Sociologie et de Science Politique (CESSP). Strengthened knowledge of Multiple Correspondence Analysis.

European University Institute
Dec 2014 - Mar 2015

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and Consortium on Social Movement Studies, COSMOS. **Research Assistant** for Donatella della Porta. Drafting a research report on the situation in Syria as case of failed mobilization for democracy.

IFEA
Jan - Aug 2014

Institute Français d'Etudes Anatoliennes (IFEA). **Affiliated Researcher** while residing in Istanbul, Turkey.

European University Institute
Feb - Apr 2014

Department of Political and Social Sciences. **Research Assistant** for Donatella della Porta. Tasked to conduct and translate interviews (life histories) of activists in Tunisia.

Princeton University
Jan - May 2013

Department of Near Eastern Studies. **Visiting Student** Research Collaboration (VSRC) position from January until May 2013, institutional sponsor: Bernard Haykel.

<i>European University Institute</i> <i>Oct 2012 - Oct 2013</i>	Consortium on Social Movement Studies, COSMOS. Affiliated Researcher at the consortium.
<i>CEMAT</i> <i>Jan - Apr 2011</i>	Center for Maghrib Studies in Tunis (CEMAT). Affiliated Researcher during fieldwork in Tunisia.
<i>University of Amsterdam</i> <i>July 2009 - Nov 2010</i>	Department of Political Science. Research fellow at the Hivos/University of Amsterdam's research program on state-society relations in West Asian societies.
<i>University of Amsterdam</i> <i>Jan - June 2009</i>	Department of Political Science. Research position on Syrian regime - Islamic activists interaction. Included fieldwork in Damascus, Syria.
<i>Neth. Institute of International Relations, Clingendael</i> <i>Mar 2008 - Jan 2009</i>	Conflict Research Unit. Research position on religion in politics and peacebuilding in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Included fieldwork to Israel, West Bank and Gaza. Senior consultant was Dr. Pamela Scholey.
<i>Neth. Institute of International Relations, Clingendael</i> <i>Dec 2005 - June 2006</i>	Internship. Created and analyzed a "terrorists database" used in the Clingendael Publication "Jihadi Terrorists in Europe" (December 2006). Supervisor was Edwin Bakker.
<i>Tharwa Project, Damascus</i> <i>May - July 2005</i>	Internship. As a junior intern, I wrote articles on Syrian youth for the website of the Tharwa project, managed by Ammar Abdulhamid. The project was discontinued due to government intervention in July 2005.

Education

<i>Dilmer Institute, Istanbul</i> <i>Nov 2013 - Aug 2014</i>	Turkish language department. Language Student. Language certificate (intermediate).
<i>European University Institute</i> <i>Sep 2009 - Oct 2013</i>	Phd in Political and Social Sciences. Defended on 17 October 2013. Jury members were Donatella della Porta (EUI, supervisor), Olivier Roy (EUI, co-supervisor), Sidney Tarrow (Cornell University) and Farhad Khosrokhavar (EHESS).
<i>European University Institute</i> <i>Sep 2009 - Aug 2010</i>	Department of Political and Social Sciences. Mres Political and Social Sciences.
<i>University of Amsterdam</i> <i>Sep 2007 - Oct 2008</i>	International School for Humanities and Social Sciences. Msc Conflict Resolution and Governance (Political Science), Cum Laude, graduation date: October 2008.
<i>Private tutors, Syria & Egypt</i> <i>2006 - 2007</i>	Certificate Arabic Language (Fusha) and Islam studies. Tutors and certificate in Egypt via the Fajr Centre, Cairo.
<i>Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen</i> <i>2002 - 2006</i>	Centre for Development Issues in Nijmegen, CIDIN. Bsc. Development Studies , Graduation date of Bachelor's degree: August 2006.
<i>University of Damascus</i> <i>2004 - 2005</i>	Language department. Certificate Arabic language. Date of certificate: June 2005.

Teaching Experience

*University of Bergen
Spring 2016 & 2017*

Lecturing. Designed and lectured the course “Islamist Movements and Contentious Mobilization in the Middle East” (SAMPOL211) during the spring term of 2016 and 2017. It broke a departmental record of number of registered students in an elective course and received positive student feedback. In addition supervised two master students and around five bachelor students per year.

*European University Institute
July 2013*

Teaching Training Certificate. One week teaching training. Tutors included Neil McLean (LSE Teaching and Learning Centre) and Angela O’Neil (College of Europe). Date certificate: September 2013.

*Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
June - Aug 2012*

Lecturer. Taught “Middle East Politics and Society” (POLS317) during the summer term of 2012. The course focused on the wave of popular mobilization in the Arab world. Rated second best among courses taught that term.

*European University Institute
Nov 2010 - Jan 2011*

Department of Political and Social Sciences. **Working group supervisor.** I co-initiated and moderated a two-weekly Social Movement Studies Working Group at the EUI.

In addition I have provided guest lectures at the University of Bergen (2015), Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan (2016) and the Norwegian Royal Naval Academy (2017).

Peer-reviewed Publications

Donker, T.H., (Under review, special issue) Relating Religion: Toward a Relational Sociology of Sectarianism. *Nations and Nationalism*.

Donker, T.H., (2018) Between Rebellion and Uprising: Intersecting Networks and Discursive Strategies in Rebel Controlled Syria. *Social Movement Studies*, vol 18, no 1.

Donker, T.H., (2018) Sacred as Secular: State Control and Independence of Mosques in Post-revolutionary Tunisia. *Politics and Religion*.

Donker, T.H., (2018) Dschihadismus und Governance in Nordsyrien (Jihadism and Governance in North-Syria). *Mittelweg 36*, vol 27, no 2: 58-85.

Della Porta, D.; Donker, T.H.; Hall, B.; Poljarevic, E.; Ritter, D. (2017) *Social Movements and Civil War: When protests for democratization fail*, Routledge.

Donker, T.H., Netterstrom, K.L. (2017) The Tunisian Revolution and the Governance of Religion. *Middle East Critique*, vol. 26, no. 2: 137-157.

Donker, T.H. (2013) Reemerging Islamism in Tunisia: Repositioning Religion in Politics and Society. *Mediterranean Politics*, vol. 18, no. 2: 207–224.

Donker, T.H. (2013) Islamic Social Movements and the Syrian Authoritarian Regime: Shifting Patterns of Control and Accommodation. In: Heydemann, S. and Leenders, R. (eds.) *Middle East Authoritarianisms: Governance, Contestation, and Regime Resilience in Syria and Iran*. Stanford University press. pp. 107-124.

Donker, T.H. (2010) Enduring Ambiguity: Sunni Community-Syrian Regime Dynamics. *Mediterranean Politics*, vol. 15, no. 3: 435–452.

I peer-reviewed articles for Middle East Law and Governance, Mediterranean Politics, Peace and Change, Mobilization, Democratization, Review of International Studies, Nations and Nationalism, and Perspectives on Politics.

Other Publications

Donker T.H. (2018) “Beyond the Spectre of Sectarianism: The Case of Tunisia”. *LSE Middle East Center Blog*, 15 September.

Donker T.H. (2016) “Aleppos Håp” (Aleppo’s Hope). *Bergens Tidende*, 19 August.

Donker T.H. (2015) “Fredsprisens skyggeside” (Peace Prize’s shadow side). *Bergens Tidende*, 10 December.

Hoekstra, S. (2013) “We vertellen onszelf dat ingrijpen in Syrië nog erger zou zijn. Onterecht” (We tell ourselves that intervening would be worse. A mistake). *Volkscrant*, 27 March. (published under a pseudonym).

Donker, T.H. (2012). Working Paper. *No Way Back: Actors, structures and mobilization opportunities in the 2011-2013 Syrian uprising*. European University Institute: ERC Project Mobilizing 4 Democracy.

Donker, T.H. (2012). Working Paper. *Tunisia: Surprise, Change and Continuity: Relating actors, structures and mobilization opportunities around the 14 January 2011 Revolution*. European University Institute: ERC Project Mobilizing 4 Democracy.

Donker, T.H. and Janssen, F. (2011) *CRU Policy Brief 18: Supporting the Syrian Summer: Dynamics of the Uprising and Considerations for International Engagement*. Netherlands Institute of International Relations ‘Clingendael’, Conflict Research Unit (CRU), 14 August.

Hoekstra, S. (2011) “Syrisch Regime heeft belang bij chaos” (Syrian regime has a stake in chaos). *Volkscrant*, 3 August. (published under a pseudonym).

Donker, T.H. (2009) *Working Paper 1: Moth or Flame? The Sunni Sphere and Regime Durability in Syria*. Knowledge Programme Civil Society in West Asia. University of Amsterdam.

Scholey, P & Donker, T.H. (2008) *Bridging Faith, Building Barriers: Mapping inter-faith dialogue and religious leaders in the Middle East*. Netherlands Institute of International Relations ‘Clingendael’.

Bakker, E., & Donker, T.H. (2006) Bestrijding terrorismefinanciering – Succes en falen in beleid (Anti terrorist financing– success and failure in ATF policies). *Atlantisch Perpectief*, 3:11-17.

Research Grants

CUNP
Nov - Dec 2016

Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris (CUNP). **Travel Research Grant**. Included a NOK20,000.- residency grant.

European University Institute
Sep 2012 - Aug 2013

European University Institute. **Dissertation Completion Grant**. Included a €12,000.- fee waiver and €14,400.- grant.

NUFFIC
Sep 2012 - Aug 2013

Netherlands Universities’ Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC). **Additional Dissertation Completion Grant**. Included a €4,000.- grant.

NUFFIC
Sep 2009 - Aug 2012

Netherlands Universities' Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC). **Doctoral Research grant.** Included a €36,000.- fee waiver, €55,080.- grant and €945.- additional travel grant.

Selected Conferences and Summer Schools

ECPR Joint Sessions
April 2017

Participated in the **ECPR Joint Session 2017** workshop “Political secularism and religious difference in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa” and presented a first draft of the article *Independence or Neutrality? State Control and Independence of Mosques in Post-revolutionary Tunisia.*

Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung
December 2016

Participated in the **Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung** workshop Violence and Control in Civil Wars – Violent State-Making and presented a initial findings of the project *Governance and Mobilized Islam in Northern-Syria.*

ECPR Joint Sessions
April 2016

Participated in the **ECPR Joint Session 2016** workshop The Local Politics of Protest Movements and presented a first draft of the article *Strategies of Mobilized Religion: The Case of Islamist Mobilization in Sfax and Aleppo.*

MED Research Meeting
March 2016

Selected for and participated in **Middle East Directions Research Meeting** Rethinking the Middle East: Transformations, Flows and (Dis)orders. Presented a first draft of the article *Strategies of Mobilized Religion.*

London School of Economics
August 2015

One week workshop on **Multiple Correspondence Analysis** at the LSE Methods summer school. Final analysis executed in R. Final grade: A+

Additional Skills

R Statistical Programming
Dutch
English
Syrian colloquial
Modern Standard Arabic
Turkish
French
German
Italian

First language
Fluent
Fluent
Fluent
Working knowledge
Intermediate knowledge
Intermediate knowledge
Intermediate knowledge