

# Dr Teije Hidde Donker

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## *Background*

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## Education

*Dilmer Institute, Istanbul*  
Nov 2013 - Aug 2014

Turkish language department. **Language Student.** Language certificate (intermediate).

*European University Institute*  
Sep 2009 - Oct 2013

**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).

*European University Institute*  
Sep 2009 - Aug 2010

Department of Political and Social Sciences. **MRes Political and Social Sciences.**

*University of Amsterdam*  
Sep 2007 - Oct 2008

International School for Humanities and Social Sciences. **MSc Conflict Resolution and Governance** (Political Science), Cum Laude, graduation date: October 2008.

*Private tutors, Syria & Egypt*  
2006 - 2007

**Certificate Arabic Language (Fusha)** and Islam studies. Tutors and certificate in Egypt via the Fajr Centre, Cairo.

*Cairo Univeristy & Egypt*  
Spring 2007

Faculty of Economics and Political Science. **Mobility student** attending three courses of the Euro Mediterranean Msc program.

*Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen*  
2002 - 2006

Centre for Development Issues in Nijmegen, CIDIN. **BSc. Development Studies**, Graduation date of Bachelor's degree: August 2006.

*University of Damascus*  
2004 - 2005

Language department. **Certificate Arabic language.** Date of certificate: June 2005.

## Research Experience

*University of Cambridge*  
Oct 2020 - Oct 2021

Murray Edwards College, Cambridge. **Bye Fellowship.** One year affiliation.

*University of Cambridge*  
Oct 2017- Oct 2020

Department of Sociology. Three year **Lecturer** position. Concurrently I am a **Fellow** at Murray Edwards College and hold a **College Teaching Affiliation** at St. Catherine's College.

*CARA*  
Jan 2019- Nov 2019

Council for At Risk Academics (CARA). **Co-PI** (with Faek Menla Ali, University of Sussex) in a research project titled "Economic Impact of Displaced People on Host Community: the Case of Al-Bab Region." The project consists of three Syrian researchers and is managed by the two UK based scholars.

*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. The rest of my time was 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 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 a 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.

*European University Institute*  
*Oct 2012 - Oct 2013*

Consortium on Social Movement Studies, COSMOS. **Affiliated Researcher** at the consortium.

*CEMAT*  
*Jan - Apr 2011*

Center for Maghrib Studies in Tunis (CEMAT). **Affiliated Researcher** during fieldwork in Tunisia.

*University of Amsterdam*  
*July 2009 - Nov 2010*

Department of Political Science. **Research fellow** at the Hivos/University of Amsterdam's research program on state-society relations in West Asian societies.

*University of Amsterdam*  
*Jan - June 2009*

Department of Political Science. **Research position** on Syrian regime - Islamic activists interaction. Included fieldwork in Damascus, Syria.

*Neth. Institute of International Relations, Clingendael*  
*Mar 2008 - Jan 2009*

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.

*Neth. Institute of International Relations, Clingendael*  
*Dec 2005 - June 2006*

**Internship.** Created and analyzed a "terrorists database" used in the Clingendael Publication "Jihadi Terrorists in Europe" (December 2006). Supervisor was Edwin Bakker.

*Tharwa Project, Damascus*  
*May - July 2005*

**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.

## Teaching Experience

*University of Bergen*  
*Oct 2017-Oct 2021*

**External PhD supervisor.** Supervising Espen Stokke, PhD candidate at the University of Bergen, Norway.

*University of Cambridge  
Oct 2018-Sep 2020*

**Soc8: Religion and Contentious Mobilization.** I designed, organized and taught this paper on the political sociology of religion in social conflict. There were a number of guest lecturers, among which David Lehmann and Olivier Roy. From 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest), average student feedback score was 1.20: “excellent”.

*University of Cambridge  
Oct 2018- Sep 2020*

**PES MPhil pathway.** I co-taught three topics in the Political and Economic Sociology Mphil pathway. These topics focused on neoliberalism and its discontent, right-wing populism, and religion in contentious mobilization.

*University of Cambridge  
Oct 2017- Sep 2020*

**SOC1: Introduction to Sociology: Modern Societies I.** Lectured five topics of paper SOC1 “Introduction to Sociology: Modern Societies I”, exploring the sociology of power through topics related to ideology, economic neoliberalism, war and institutionalized politics. Average feedback score was 1.76. A senior lecturer teaching another part of the same paper - who just received the Pilkington Prize for outstanding teaching - scored 1.94.

*University of Cambridge  
Oct 2017- Sep 2018*

**SOC8: Revolution, War and Militarism.** During my first year at Cambridge I taught Hazem Kandil’s original SOC8 paper.

*University of Bergen  
Spring 2016 & 2017*

**SAMPOL211: Islamist Movements and Contentious Mobilization in the Middle East.** Designed, managed and lectured the course 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.

*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*

**POLS317: Middle East Politics and Society.** Taught 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.

*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).*

## Administrative Experience

*University of Cambridge  
Jan 2020- April 2020*

**PES MPhil pathway coordinator.** Department of Sociology. Coordinator for the Political and Economic Sociology pathway of the department of sociology during Lent term 2020.

*University of Cambridge  
Oct 2019- Sep 2020*

**Departmental member of the Graduate Education Committee (GEC).** Department of Sociology. Twice termly participation at the departmental Graduate Education Committee.

*University of Cambridge  
Mar 2019- Jan 2020*

**Internal examiner PhD examinations.** Department of Sociology. Internal examiner in three PhD examinations: Tiago Carvalho, Maha Shash and Naim Bro Khomasi.

University of Cambridge  
Oct 2018- Sep 2020

**Departmental member of the IT Committee.** Department of Sociology. Once per term participation at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences IT Committee.

University of Cambridge  
Oct 2018- Sep 2020

**Member of the Academic Policy Committee (APC).** Murray Edwards College. Once per term participation at the Academic Policy Committee of the college, discussing and setting out its educational and research strategies.

University of Cambridge  
Jan 2018- Sep 2020

**Member of hiring committees.** Murray Edwards College. Participated in the hiring of Junior Research Fellows and temporary lecturers throughout my tenure at the college.

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.

## Peer-reviewed Publications

Donker, T.H., (Drafting) *Relating Religion: Constructing Political Islam in post-2011 Tunisia and Syria.*

Donker, T.H., (Under Review) Political Islam as Discursive Practice: The Social Construction of Political Ideas in Contentious Episodes. *Social Movement Studies.*

Donker, T.H., (2019) Sacred as Secular: State Control and Independence of Mosques in Post-revolutionary Tunisia. *Politics and Religion*, vol 12, no 3: 501-523.

Donker, T.H., (2019) Between Rebellion and Uprising: Intersecting Networks and Discursive Strategies in Rebel Controlled Syria. *Social Movement Studies*, vol 18, no 1: 17-35.

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; Perspectives on Politics; American Behavioural Scientist; British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies; International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society; Politics and Religion; and the Journal of Comparative 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) “Alepos 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). *Volkskrant*, 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). *Volkskrant*, 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

<i>UiB</i> <i>Aug 2014- July 2017</i>	University of Bergen (UiB). <b>Postdoctoral Fellowship</b> . Included monthly income of net NOK26,000.- (£2,600.-) for 36 months, in total approximately £93,600.- In addition a yearly research grant of NOK30,000.-.
<i>CUNP</i> <i>Nov - Dec 2016</i>	Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris (CUNP). <b>Travel Research Grant</b> . Included a NOK20,000.- residency grant.
<i>European University Institute</i> <i>Sep 2012 - Aug 2013</i>	European University Institute. <b>Dissertation Completion Grant</b> . Included a €12,000.- fee waiver and €14,400.- grant.
<i>NUFFIC</i> <i>Sep 2012 - Aug 2013</i>	Netherlands Universities’ Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC). <b>Additional Dissertation Completion Grant</b> . Included a €4,000.- grant.
<i>NUFFIC</i> <i>Sep 2009 - Aug 2012</i>	Netherlands Universities’ Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC). <b>Doctoral Research grant</b> . Included a €36,000.- fee waver, €55,080.- grant and €945.- additional travel grant.

## Selected Conferences and Summer Schools

*University of Oxford*  
*November 2019*

**Invited speaker** at the workshop “Identities in times of conflict and displacement. The Case of Syria” at the University of Oxford.

*University of Manchester*  
*June 2019*

**Keynote speaker** at the PGR Sociology Conference “Identity in Times of Change” at the University of Manchester.

*LSE*  
*June 2018*

Participated as an **invited speaker** at the “The Comparative Politics of Sub-state Identity in the Middle East” at the Middle East Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science.

*University of Oxford*  
*Jan 2018*

Participated in the **University of Oxford** conference on “Rethinking Nationalism, Sectarianism and Ethno-religious Mobilisation in the Middle East”, presenting a first draft of the article *Jihadism and Governance in North-Syria*

*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*.

*MED Research Meeting*  
*March 2016*

Selected for and participated in **Middle East Directions Research Meeting** Rethinking the Middle East: Transformations, Flows and (Dis)orders.

*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

*Languages*

Dutch (first language)

English

Syrian colloquial

Modern Standard Arabic

Turkish

*Speaking*

Proficient

Proficient

Advanced

Advanced

Intermediate

*Reading*

Proficient

Proficient

na

Advanced

Intermediate

*Writing*

Proficient

Proficient

na

Elementary

Elementary