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EDUCATION

Secondary	Städtisches Realgymnasium Koblenz, Germany, graduation 1960
Universities	(1) Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), 1960-67 (2) School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Fall 1964
Scholarships	Volkswagenwerk Foundation, Hannover; Earhart Foundation, Ann Arbor, Mich.; British Council, London, 1964-67
Areas of Study	Political Science, History and Culture of the Near East, Philosophy
Professors	(1) Eric Voegelin, Director, Institute of Political Science, LMU (2) Hans Joachim Kissling, Director, Institute of History and Culture of the Near East and Turcology, LMU
Degree	Dr. phil., magna cum laude, Faculty of Philosophy, LMU, July 1967
Languages	Native language German, proficient in French; reading and some speaking of Arabic and Spanish; reading of Turkish, Latin, Italian, and Portuguese

RESEARCH AREAS

Primary	Classical Islamic history, medieval and early modern Spain, medieval and
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modern North Africa, Islamic philosophy and science

Secondary World History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Academic Positions
- (1) Assistant (comparable in rank to assistant professor), Institute of Political Science, University of Munich, 1967-68
 - (2) Visiting Assistant Professor, 1968-69, and Lecturer (rank of asst. prof.), Department of History, UCLA, 1970-75
 - (3) Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 1969-70
 - (4) Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Utah, 1975-Present
- Visiting Appts.
- (1) Maître de conférences associé, University of Paris VIII (Vincennes), Fall Semester 1976-77
 - (2) Fellow, German Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin, 1985-86
 - (3) Eric Voegelin Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Munich, Fall Semester 1991-92
- Funded Research
- (1) Archival work in France, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), 1973
 - (2) Archival work in North Africa and France, Research Committee, University of Utah (UU), 1976-77
 - (3) Archival work in France, Career Development Committee, UU, 1979
 - (4) Manuscript research, American Research Center in Egypt, 1981
 - (5) Manuscript research, Berlin, London, Paris, 1989-90
- National Offices
- (1) Member, Joint Committee of the Near and Middle East (JCNME), SSRC, New York, 1980-82
 - (2) Chair, JCNME, SSRC, 1982-85
 - (3) Book Review Editor, *International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES)*, 1985-89
 - (4) Editor, *IJMES*, 1985-89
 - (5) Member, Board of Directors, American Institute of Maghreb Studies, 1983-87
 - (6) Member, Advisory Board, The Collected Works of Eric Voegelin, Louisiana State University Press and University of Missouri Press, 1987-Present
 - (7) Member, Board of Directors, Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA), 1987-90

- (8) Chair, SAT II World History Test Development Committee of the Educational Testing Service (ETS), Princeton, N.J., 1991-94
- (9) Program Chair, MESA, Annual Convention, San Francisco, November 1997
- University Offices
- (1) Associate Director and Director of Graduate Studies, Middle East Center (MEC), 1975-76, 1996-99, 2005-2008
- (2) Acting Chair, Department of History, 1988-89
- (3) Acting Director, MEC, Winter and Spring 1996
- (4) Member, Semester Transition Committee, College of Humanities, 1996-9; General Education Committee, Humanities Area, 1996-2000

AWARDS

- 1998 Virgil Award to “An Outstanding Mentor Chosen by the History Graduate Student Association in Warm Recognition of His Concern for Student Welfare and Professional Development”
- 1999 Dee Grant, for developing Hist. 1040: World History to 1500. The grant supported a series of intensive seminars with invited speakers on selected themes of ancient world history
- 2001 Shahin Travel Grant for trip of my upper division, History of Medieval Spain class to San Diego, to visit museum exhibit “Palace of Gold and Light: Treasures from the Topkapi, Istanbul”
- 2007 University of Utah, Interdisciplinary Teaching Seed Grant and Technology Assisted Curriculum Center Grant; both to turn the course “Mid E 4510: Introduction to Islam” into an Online course

PUBLICATIONS

- 1968, Book *Khalifat, Königtum und Verfall. Die politische Theorie Ibn Khalduns.* Schriftenreihe zur Politik und Geschichte (Munich: List)
- 1969, Edited Book *Res publica christiana. Das politische Denken im orthodoxen Christentum.* List Hochschulreihe des politischen Denkens 1506 (Munich: List)
- 1997, Edited Book Eric Voegelin, *History of Political Ideas*, vol. 2: *The Middle Ages to Aquinas*, in *The Collected Works of Eric Voegelin*, vol. 20

(Columbia, Mo., and London: University of Missouri Press);
Introduction, 1-18

- 1969, Chapter "John of Salisbury," *Res publica*, 47-72
- 1971, Chapter "Nordafrika," in Gustave E. Von Grunebaum, ed., *Der Islam II*, Fischer Weltgeschichte 15 (Frankfurt: Fischer), pp. 392-437; Italian trans. Milan: Feltrinelli, 1972; Spanish trans. Madrid: Siglo XXI, 1975
- 1971, Chapter "Die Imperialdoktrin des Osmanischen Reiches, 1596-1878," in Friedemann Büttner, ed., *Reform und Revolution in der islamischen Welt*. List Hochschulreihe des politischen Denkens 1505 (Munich: List), 17-48
- 1971, Chapter "Arabismus, arabischer Nationalismus und Sozialismus seit dem Zweiten Weltkrieg," in Büttner, ed., *Reform*, 119-47
- 1973, Article "The Realm of Justice: Apocalyptic Revolts in Algeria, 1849-79," *Humaniora islamica*, 1, 47-60
- 1975, Article "Insurrection and Accommodation: Indigenous Leadership in Eastern Algeria, 1840-1900," *IJMES*, 6, 259-75
- 1979, Article "Algerian Landownership and Rural Leadership, 1860-1914: A Quantitative Approach," *Maghreb Review (MR)*, 4, 2, 58-62
- 1979, Article "Military, Merchants, and Nomads: The Social Evolution of the Syrian Cities and Countryside during the Early Classical Period, 780-969/164-358," *Der Islam*, 66, 212-44
- 1979, Rev. Article "Colonial Elites and Nationalist Politics: The Analysis of Algerian Political and Social Structures," *Archives européennes de sociologie*, 20, 73-79
- 1980, Article "Les plaisirs du collectionneur: capitalisme fiscal et chefs indigènes en Algérie," *Annales ESC*, 35, 679-99
- 1980, Article "Back to Nature: The Agrarian Foundations of Society according to Ibn Khaldun," *Arabica*, 27, 68-91
- 1980, Article "Riverine Realms: Iraq, Egypt and Syria during the Classical Islamic Period," *American Research Center in Egypt Newsletter*, 124, 12-18

- 1981, Article "The Family under Colonialism: Algeria," *Proceedings of the Second World Conference on Records* (Salt Lake City: Geneological Society of Utah), publication no. 910b
- 1981, Chapter "Work, Leisure and Religion: The Social Roots of the Revival of Fundamentalism in North Africa," in Ernest Gellner and Jean-Claude Vatin, eds., *Islam et politique au Maghreb* (Paris: Centre national de la recherche scientifique [CNRS]), 355-70
- 1981, Chapter "Ethique économique au Maghreb: l'Algérie et la Tunisie pendant la première moitié du XIX^{ème} siècle, in René Gallissot, ed., *Structures et cultures précapitalistes. Actes du colloque tenu à l'Université de Paris VIII (Vincennes)* (Paris: Anthropos), 349-72
- 1982, Article "Taxes and Trade in the `Abbasid Thughur, 750-962/133-151," *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, 25, 71-99
- 1982, Article "Secular Anxieties and Religious Righteousness: The Origins of the Insurrection of 1881 in the Nomadic and Sedentary Communities of the Algerian Southwest," *Peuples méditerranéens (PM)*, 18, 145-62
- 1982, Article "Indigenous Administrators in Algeria, 1846-1914: Manipulation and Manipulators," *MR*, 5-6, 116-21
- 1982, Article "Family Budgets and Subsistence Minima in Rural Households of French Colonial Algeria, 1880-1914," *Peasant Studies*, 10, 35-48
- 1982, Article "Alms and Arms: The Combative Saintliness of the Awlad Sidi Shaykh in the Algerian Sahara, 16th-19th Centuries," *MR*, 8, 113-23
- 1983, Chapter "Maghreb und Westafrika," in Werner Ende and Udo Steinbach, eds., *Der Islam in der Gegenwart* (Munich: Beck), 395-425; 4th revised edition 1996
- 1984, Article "State Transformation and Population Growth in Turkey and the Maghreb, 1800-1900," *PM*, 27-28, 233-45
- 1984, Chapter "National Integration and Traditional Rural Organization in Algeria, 1970-80: Background to Islamic Traditionalism," in Said Arjomand, ed., *From Nationalism to Revolutionary Islam* (New York: St. Martin's Press), 94-118

- 1987, Chapter "Life within the Informal Sector: Tunisia and Egypt in the 1970s," in Georg Stauth and Sami Zubaida, eds., *Mass Culture, Popular Culture and Social Life in the Middle East* (Frankfurt: Campus, and Boulder, Colo.: Westview), 243-57
- 1987, Chapter "Prolegomena to a Study of Traditional Social Formation in the Middle East and in North Africa," in *Jahrbuch des Wissenschaftskollegs zu Berlin* (Berlin: Siedler), 203-9
- 1987, Chapter "Invading the Village Common: The Origins of Algeria's Modern Rural Crisis, 1870-1914," in Byron Cannon, ed., *Terroirs et sociétés au Moyen Orient et au Maghreb* (Lyon: National Science Foundation and CNRS), 109-34
- 1987, Chapter "Rural Uprisings as Political Movements in Colonial Algeria, 1851-1914," in Edmund Burke, III, and Ira Lapidus, eds., *Islam, Politics, and Social Movements in the Middle East and North Africa* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California), 39-59
- 1987, Chapter "Nordafrika in der Neuzeit," in Ulrich Haarmann, ed., *Geschichte der arabischen Welt* (Munich: Beck); 4th rev. and enlarged ed. 2001, 502-604; 5th ed. 2004
- 1992, Entry "Syria," in *Dictionary of the Middle Ages* (New York: Scribner's).
- 1993, Chapter "Pays riches, paysans pauvres: Etats et sociétés au Moyen Orient médiéval," in *Génèse de l'Etat moderne en Méditerranée: approches historique et anthropologique des pratiques et des représentations* (Rome: Ecole française), 169-81
- 1995, Entries "Algeria," "Islam in the Middle East and North Africa," and "Islamic Salvation Front," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, ed. John Esposito (New York: Oxford University Press), paperback 2001; revised for the second edition, electronic 2007 and print 2008
- 1996, Entries "Algiers," "Oran," and "Warnier Law," in *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East* (New York: Macmillan)
- 1997, Scripts Introduction, five scripts and roundtable discussions for the education television version of "History 1050: World History, 1400-Present." In cooperation with three departmental colleagues; Utah

Educational Channel 9

- 1998, Script Opening TV Lecture of History 1010: Western Civilization; Utah Educational Channel 9
- 2000, Chapter “Egypt and North Africa,” in Nehemia Levtzion and Randall Pouwels, eds., *The History of Islam in Africa* (Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press), 21-36
- 2000, Chapter “Zur Achsenzeit im Mittleren Osten,” in Wolfgang Leidhold, ed., *Politik und Politeia. Formen und Probleme politischer Ordnung*, Festschrift Jürgen Gebhardt (Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann), 159-173
- 2003, Chapter “How History Catches up with the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa: Reflections on the UN Arab Human Development Report 2002,” in Amr Hamzawy and Ferhad Ibrahim, eds. *Religion, Staat und Politik im Vorderen Orient*, Festschrift Friedemann Büttner (Münster: Lit)
- 2003, Article “The Islamic Origins Debate Goes Public,” *History Compass*, 1, 1-14
- 2005, Chapter “Belief in Anything: Construction of Meaning at the End of the Twentieth Century,” in Bernd Henningsen, ed., *Politik, Religion und Gemeinschaft. Die kulturelle Konstruktion von Sinn* (Baden-Baden: Nomos), 35-56
- 2005, Chapter “No Time to Rest: Hurling from one Modernity to the Next,” in Gabriele von Sivers and Ulrich Diehl, eds., *Wege zur Politischen Philosophie*, Festschrift Martin Sattler (Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann), 135-153
- 2008, Chapter “All or Nothing: Reflections on Experience and Transcendence in the Axial Age, c. 700-400 B.C.E.,” in Petra Huse and Ingmar Dette, eds., *Abenteuer des Geistes. Dimensionen des Politischen*, Festschrift Walter Rothholz (Baden-Baden: Nomos),

BOOK REVIEWS

About 45 Reviews *Times Literary Supplement, International Journal of Middle East Studies, Middle East Journal, Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes, Middle East Studies Association Bulletin, International Journal of African Historical Studies, Muslim World, Journal of the American Oriental Society, African Economic History, Der Islam, Annales ESC*

IN PROGRESS

Book *Patterns of World History: Origins, Interactions, Adaptations* (completion of ms. 2009), world history textbook, with Charles A. Desnoyers and George B. Stow, under contract

Book *The Grand Detour: Cultural Transmissions in the Middle East and Europe; a monograph on medieval and early modern intellectual transmissions, in progress*

REFERENCES

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