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Publications

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Conference Presentations

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- 2023 "The Political Significance of Genealogical Thought in Yemen," *Turkologentag/DAVO Conference*, panel *In and Beyond Conflict: Yemen*, Vienna, Austria, 21 September 2023 (forthcoming).
- 2023 "Biography and Social Change in Yemen", ISA Spring Retreat, Zöbern, Austria, 16 May 2023.
- 2023 "Tribes and Tribalism in Yemen: An Introduction", *Western Yemen Diplomats Discussion Forum*, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 3 May 2023 (online).
- 2023 "Of Pens and Swords: Biographical Approaches towards Yemen's Last Ruling Imams Yaḥyā and Aḥmad Ḥamīd al-Dīn", Workshop *Yemen under the rule of Imam Yaḥyā, 1904 through 1948: A critical assessment of the sources*, Institute for Social Anthropology, Vienna, Austria, 23-24 March 2023.
- 2022 "Feud Meets World: Tribal Narrative Segmentarism and the Encounter with International Audiences", Workshop *Arab Encounters Across Difference: Epistemology and Ethnography*, Institute for Social Anthropology, Vienna, Austria, 3 October 2022.
- 2022 "Narrating Yemen's Pre-Islamic Past: Al-Hamdānī's *al-Iklīl* and the Struggle for Legitimacy in Yemen", Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies (NSMES), Reykjavik, Iceland, 24 September 2022.
- 2022 "Shield or sword? The renegotiation of tribal agency in Yemen's 2011 Change Revolution", European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Conference, Belfast, UK, 27 July 2022.
- 2021 "The Houthis: Genesis and History of a Revolutionary Movement in Yemen", School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 09.09.2021.
- 2021 "Tribe, Regime, and Opposition in Northern Highland Yemen: An Ethnographic Biography", Research Forum, Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, 29.04.2021.
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- 2020 “The Memoirs of an ‘Unperson’: The Case of a Yemeni Dissident Shaykh”, Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Conference (Middle East Association), Online, 05.10.2020.
- 2020 “Houthis and Tribes: History and Outlook”, The Huthi Movement, Yemen, and the Region (King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies (KFCRIS)), Online/SAUDI ARABIA, 22.12.2020.
- 2019 “Lessons of the Past, Pathways to the Future? Some Observations on the Historical Roots and Current Features of Ḥūthī Governance in Tribal Highland Yemen”, paper presented at the workshop “The Roots of Yemen’s “Huthi” Movement: History, Memory, Continuity and Ruptures”, Institute of Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 5th September 2019.
- 2019 ‘Tribalism in Northern Highland Yemen: Tribes, Rulers and Revolutions’, paper presented at “Tribes and Tribalism: (Re-)Assessing Society in the Middle East and How We Talk About It” conference, University of Maryland, 2-3 May 2019.
- 2019 “The History of the Huthi Conflict”, lecture given at SOAS/LMEI. London, 22 January 2019.
- 2018 ‘A Tribe and Its States: Yemen’s 1972 Bayḥān Massacre revisited’, paper presented at the *51st Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA)*, San Antonio, November 2018.
- 2018 ‘The Tribal Factor in Yemen’s Ḥūthī Crisis’, paper presented at the Open Lecture Series at Bergen Resource Center, Bergen University and Christian Michelsen Institute in Bergen, Norway, 19 September 2018.
- 2018 ‘Tribes and Politics in Yemen: A History of the Houthi Conflict’, book presentation on occasion of the Annual Meeting of the German Yemeni Society in Tübingen, 5 May 2018.

- 2018 'Some remarks on blood revenge (*tha'r*) in contemporary Yemen', paper presented at the workshop *Yemen's Living Heritage: Tribes and Tribalism into the 21st Century*, Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, 14-15 February 2018.
- 2016 'Itineraries of Expansion: The Ṣa'dah Wars Revisited', paper presented at the *50th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA)*, Boston, 19 November 2016.
- 2016 'Yemen's Arduous Road to Peace: Twelve Years of Mediation with the Houthis', *Gulf Research Meeting*, Cambridge, 17 August 2016.
- 2015 'Houthis and Tribes: Prospects for Tribalism in Houthi-Controlled Areas', paper presented at the *49th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA)*, Denver, 22 November 2015.
- 2015 'Tribes and Jihadism in the Borderlands between Yemen and Saudi Arabia', paper presented at *Tribes and Jihadism* conference, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies/European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole, 8 June 2015.
- 2014 'Playing the 'al-Qaeda card' in Wā'ilah (Ṣa'dah): Local power politics in Yemen's northern frontier province', paper presented at the *World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES)*, Ankara, 18 August 2014.
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- 2011 'Shifting the Power Structures: Political Developments in Ṣa' dah after the End of the 6th Ḥūthī War', paper presented at *18th DAVO Congress*, Deutscher Arbeitskreis Vorderer Orient, Berlin, 6 October 2011.