

Mariana Karkoutly, M.A.**Academic Career**

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| 2021 | M.A. in Social and Political Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin |
| 2017 | M.A. in Social Work as a Human Rights Profession, Alice-Salomon-Hochschule Berlin |
| 2014 | B.A. in Law, Damascus University |
| 2019 | Legal training, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), Berlin |
| 2019 | Legal training, The Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA) in partnership with the Institute for International Criminal Investigations (IICI), Sarajevo |

Professional Background and Academic Positions

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| Since 2023 | PhD candidate and researcher in the MeDiMi project “Human Rights Crimes, Norm Entrepreneurs, and the Implementation of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction in Germany” (Principal Investigator: Prof. Dr. Susanne Buckley-Zistel), Center for Conflict Studies, University of Marburg |
| Since 2023 | Trainer on legal investigations in relation to war crimes and crimes against humanity, Lawyers for Justice in Libya, United Kingdom |
| Since 2023 | Author and researcher, Ceasefire Centre for Civilian Rights, United Kingdom |
| 2023 | Trainer on documenting witness testimonies in research practices, Goldsmiths University, London |
| Since 2022 | Legal investigator, Huquqyat, Berlin |
| 2022 | Legal investigator, Syrian Center for Legal Studies and Research, Berlin |
| 2020–2022 | Legal investigator, Center for Justice and Accountability |
| 2018–2022 | Board member and co-founder, Gemeinsamer Horizont e.V., Berlin |
| 2019–2021 | Project manager, Adopt A Revolution, Berlin |
| 2016–2019 | Project manager, StadtRand gGmbH, Berlin |

Academic Activities

- Board member at GEM (Guardians of Equality Movement), Canada
- Chair of BoD Huquqyat, United Kingdom
- Speaker at the UN Security Council Open Debate on Sexual Violence in Conflict (13 April 2022)
- Speaker at various events discussing topics of “justice and accountability” related to Syria

Awards and Prizes

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| 2019 | Third prizewinner with El Salem, Humboldt University – Berlin Bosphorus Initiative “Bosphorus Prize” |
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Publications

- (2023) Kneel or Starve. The Use of Siege and Starvation as a Method of Warfare in South Damascus, Huquqyat and SCLSR, <https://sl-center.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Kneel-or-starve-3.pdf> (with Leila Sibai).
- (2023) Aktenzeichen 1St 9/19. Syrisches Rechtsempfinden versus deutsches Gerichtsverfahren [Case Number 1 St 9/19. Syrians’ Perceptions of Justice vs. German Legal Procedure], in: Kaleck, Wolfgang/Kroker, Patrick (Ed.) Syrische Staatsfolter vor Gericht [Syrian State Torture on Trial], Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, 39 – 54 [31–44].

- (2021) Selbsthilfe und Flucht. Eine Handreichung zum Aufbau von Selbsthilfegruppen für Menschen mit Fluchterfahrung [Self-help and Flight. Handbook on Establishing Self-help Groups for People with Refugee Experience], Berlin: StadtRand gGmbH, <https://www.stadtrand-berlin.de/user-files/pdf/LouLou-Broschuere-web.pdf> (co-edited with Peter Zweigler, Sandy Albhari, and Birgit Sowade).
- (2019) EU-Turkey Relations. Turkish Membership in the EU at Arm's Length, Humboldt University – Berlin Bosphorus Initiative, <https://www.bbi-de.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/KarkoutlySalem-final.pdf> (with El Salem).