

Dr. Mina Ibrahim

Education

2022	PhD in Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, University of Giessen (Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Andreas Langenohl, University of Giessen; Dr. Samuli Schielke, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin)
2015	M.A. Social and Cultural Anthropology, Central European University (Thesis supervisors: Dr. Vlad Naumescu; Dr. Ju Li)
2013	B.A. Political Science, double minors Anthropology and History, The American University, Cairo (Thesis supervisor: Prof. Dr. Walid Kazziha)
2011	Exchange student at the University of Tübingen

Academic Positions

03–09/2025	Visiting Professor, Department of Languages and Cultures, Ghent University
Since 10/2022	Research Associate (Postdoc), Research Group “Human Rights Discourse in Migration Societies” (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), Centre for Conflict Studies, University of Marburg
2020–2021	PhD fellow and stipend-holder, DFG Collaborative Research Centre “Dynamics of Security”, University of Marburg
2017–2018	Doctoral fellow and stipend-holder, Orient Institute Beirut (OIB)
2016–2020	PhD Fellow and Stipend Holder, International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC), University of Giessen
2015–2016	Teaching Assistant, Sociology, Egyptology, Anthropology Department (SEA), The American University, Cairo

Academic Activities

- Conference presentations and participation in summer and spring schools related to religious minority rights in the MENA region, Middle East studies, prison studies, anthropology of religion, prison archives, among others in Montreal (2023), Potsdam (2023), Beirut (2023), Copenhagen (2022), Tunis (2022), Cairo (2022), Marburg (2020), Oslo (2019), Amman (2019), Giessen (2018), Washington, D.C. (2017), Budapest (2017)
- Co-organization of conferences related to politics of activism and victimhood among citizens of the MENA region and prison studies in Berlin (2022, 2019), Giessen (2024, 2022, 2019), Cologne (2020), Tunis (2019), Cairo (2019), Bern (2019)
- Teaching on cultures and histories of incarceration in the MENA region, anthropology of the Middle East, and ethnographic and archival methods; supervision of M.A. and B.A. theses that cover the lives of Syrian refugees in Lebanon and prison-related movies and soap operas

Awards and prizes

2020–2021	PhD Scholarship, German Research Foundation (DFG), Collaborative Research Centre “Dynamics of Security”
2017–2020	PhD Scholarship, German Research Foundation (DFG), International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC)

2020	Doctoral Fellowship, CEDEJ Centre, Cairo
2018–2019	Doctoral Fellowship, Max Weber Foundation, Orient Institute Beirut (OIB)
2014–2015	Master Fellowship, Central European University (CEU)

Publications

a) Representative publications

- (2022) Identity, Marginalization, Activism, and Victimhood in Egypt. Misfits in the Coptic Christian Community, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-10179-3. [Dissertation]
- (2026, accepted for publication) An Auditory Turn of Justice. Syrian Vernacular Listening Practices Before and After the Koblenz Trials, Social Justice (with Jaber Baker).
- (2026, accepted for publication) Intersecting Injustices. Diasporic (Dis-)Engagement in Syrian Justice Struggles, in: Destrooper, Tine/Evrard, Elke (ed.) The Cambridge Handbook of Victim Engagement in Transitional Justice, Cambridge: CUP (with Maria Hartmann and Susanne Buckley-Zistel).
- (2025) Fragments of a Coptic Prisoner's Diary. On the Margins of a Bible, in: Collective Antigone (ed.) Imprisoning a Revolution. Writings from Egypt's Incarcerated, California: University of California Press, 63–67, doi.org/10.1525/9780520401389-009.
- (2022) (Un-)Hiding the Samaritan's Sexuality. Insights from a Coptic Woman's Journal, in: Wynn, L.L./Foster, Angel M. (ed.) Sex in the Middle East and North Africa, Tennessee: Vanderbilt University Press, 251–268, 251–268, doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv2vh9nj3.17.
- (2021) Drinking in Times of Change. The Haunting Presence of Alcohol in Egypt, in: Biçer-Deveci, Elife/Bourmaud, Phillipe (ed.) Disputes on Alcohol in the Middle East and the Maghreb from the Nineteenth Century to the Present, London: Palgrave, 163–184, doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-84001-3_8.
- (2020) For the Sake of Marguirguis. Coptic Christian Charity as a Divine Community, Endowment Studies, 4(1–2), 66–91, doi.org/10.1163/24685968-04010001.
- (2019) A Minority at the Bar. Revisiting the Coptic Christian (In-)Visibility, Social Compass, 66(3), 366–382, doi.org/10.1177/0037768619856296.

b) Further project-related publications

- (2024) The Role of Archives in the Pursuit of Justice for Syria. Tracing Assad's Years of Blood, MENA Prison Forum, 16 December 2024, https://www.menaprisonforum.org/blog_detail/76/.
- (2023) Scrutinizing Prisons through Art, Academia, and Activism. An interview with Mina Ibrahim about the Work and Recent History of the MENA Prison Forum, Prison Service Journal, Issue 256, 52–56, <https://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/scrutinizing-prisons-through-art-activism-and-academic-critique>.
- (2019) The Invisible Life-Worlds of a Coptic Christian, Middle East – Topics & Arguments, Issue 13, 89–94, <https://archiv.ub.uni-marburg.de/ep/0003/article/view/8087/8046>.