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Dr Carsten Michael Walbiner
DAAD Regional Office Cairo

Carsten Walbiner holds a PhD in Oriental Studies from Leipzig University. Through long years of working at DAAD headquarters and other institutions in Germany, Lebanon, and Palestine, he has gained great experience in the field of academic cooperation between European and Arab partners. During the last five years, he directed, on behalf of the DAAD the HOPES(-LEB) project, an EU-funded initiative aimed/aims at improving the situation of refugees of post-secondary age from Syria and young people in the host communities affected by the high influx of Syrian refugees, by addressing their higher education needs.



Assoc. Prof. Ebaa El-Hossary
Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation

Assoc. Prof. Dr Ebaa El-Hossary is an Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the National Center for Radiation Research and Technology (NCRRT) – Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority. He studied pharmacy at Misr University of Science & Technology and graduated in 2003. In 2004, he was recruited for a position as a researcher pharmacist at the NCRRT, where he completed his Master's thesis and then, subsequently, his PhD work. He received his PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry from Cairo University in 2010.

In 2012, he was selected for a Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship and started to implement his collaborative research project at the Institute of Pharmacy and Food Chemistry - University of Würzburg. Since January 2022, he has been appointed by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation as its Ambassador Scientist in Egypt. In 2023, he was also elected Secretary General of the Humboldt Alumni Association in Egypt.



Irene El Khorazaty
Philipps-Universität Marburg

Irene El Khorazaty holds a degree in economics from the University of Munich in Germany and has had extensive work experience in Egypt for many years. From 2014 to 2017, she was the Program Coordinator at the DAAD in Cairo, responsible for German students and academics visiting Egypt and for DAAD project funding in the field of higher education. Since 2014, she has been the head of the Cairo Liaison Office at Philipps-Universität Marburg. In her position, she supports highly qualified students and scientists from Egypt and the MENA region to continue their scientific careers in Marburg, promotes academic exchange, and advises on the development of cooperation activities between Egyptian universities and Marburg.



Eva Lichtenberger (MA)
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

Eva Lichtenberger graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Musicology, English and German Studies from the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg i. Br. During her studies, she was an ERASMUS exchange student at the University of Wales, Cardiff (GB). From 2002 to 2010 she was head of public relations and the event office at Karlsruhe University of Music. Subsequently, she worked for many years as an independent cultural manager, book editor and musician, where she was, among other things, the overall coordinator of Karlsruhe's Long Night of Museums from 2012 to 2019. In 2021, Eva Lichtenberger joined the Karlsruhe House of Young Scientists (KHYS), the central institution for the promotion of young scientists at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). As an academic coordinator, she focuses on the conception and planning of science events as well as the administration of funding programs and the support of the KHYS Postdoc Office.



Ingy Nafie (M. Sc.)
Technische Universität Berlin

Ingy Nafie has been the head of the TU Berlin Liaison Office in Cairo since January 2020. She represents the university in Egypt and supports the activities of TU Berlin in the fields of science, research, and marketing. She also works on the establishment and expansion of Egyptian strategic partnerships and advises Egyptian potential students and researchers on questions regarding studying at TU Berlin. Ingy Nafie represents the TU Berlin at events and fairs, as well as planning and implementing marketing events in Cairo. After attending the German School in Alexandria, she finished her bachelor's degree in Germany, majoring in business administration – marketing, and completed her Master of Science Degree in Science Management and Marketing at TU Berlin. Before joining TU Berlin, she was the Coordinator of Higher Education and Research Marketing at the DAAD for 2 years and was responsible for external communication at the office in Cairo.



Bertram Welker (MA)
Freie Universität Berlin

Bertram Welker is a program manager at the Center for International Cooperation in the Division of International Affairs at Freie Universität Berlin. He trained as a political scientist and holds an MA in international relations from the University of Newcastle. In his many years of professional experience in and outside of academia, he discovered an aptitude for “academic management” and teaching. Bertram is responsible for internal funding for international cooperation at Freie Universität Berlin and supports the universities' liaison offices in New Delhi and Cairo.



Karim Zafer
University of Cologne

Mr Karim Zafer is working in the Global Responsibility Unit at the International Office of the University of Cologne as a coordinator. Since 2022, he has also been leading the activities of the Regional Office of the University of Cologne in Egypt. His role is to foster scientific collaboration projects between the University of Cologne and partner universities, especially in the MENA and Mediterranean regions.



Prof. Dr Raoul Daniel Zoellner
Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences

Raoul Daniel Zöllner is a professor at the Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences since 2009. He received his diploma and doctoral degree in Computer Science from the University of Karlsruhe, in 1999 and 2005, respectively. From 2006 to 2009, he was leading robotics technology within the Corporate Technology and Research department of Siemens AG, Germany. Raoul Zöllner is vice president for research and managing director of the Institute of Automotive Engineering and Mechatronics (IKM) at the Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences (HAW), Germany since 2017. His main research interests are in the area of autonomous systems, artificial intelligence and mobility solutions.

Scientific Talks

N/A

Prof. Dr Michael Bacher
Philipps-Universität Marburg

He received his PhD at the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Marburg. He then moved for 4 years to New York to work as a postdoc/Senior scientist at the Pi Cower Institute for Medical Research. He then moved back to the University of Marburg to work as a group leader at the Institute of Immunology. He had a short stint at a pharmaceutical company as an IP manager and moved from there to work as a lab head at the Neurology Department at the University of Bonn. He became a professor in 2008 at the University of Marburg and works again at the Institute of Immunology. He is also the director of the TransMIT Project Division for Innate and Adaptive Immunity.



Prof. Dr Susanne Hartmann
Freie Universität Berlin

Prof. Dr Susanne Hartmann is a Professor of Infection Immunology and Director of the Institute of Immunology in the Center of Infection Medicine at the Faculty of veterinary medicine at Freie Universität Berlin. Prof. Hartmann studied biology at the Universities of Tübingen and Oxford (UK) and did her PhD at the Institute of Parasitology at the University of Stuttgart-Hohenheim. She was an assistant professor and group leader at the Humboldt University of Berlin and has been head of the Institute of Immunology at Freie Universität Berlin since 2011. Her research focuses on infections with parasitic worms in humans and animals. She demonstrated immunomodulatory processes and identified the responsible proteins of the parasites. Further, she investigated potential regulatory parasite products for the treatment of inflammatory diseases and worked on the interactions of intestinal worms with the gut microbiota.



Dr Franz Krause
University of Cologne

Franz Krause works at the Department of Anthropology and the Global South Studies Center at the University of Cologne, Germany. His research and teaching revolve around the role of water in social and cultural life. Dr Krause has conducted research in the Philippines, Northern Finland, Western England, Estonia, and Arctic Canada. From 2016 to 2023, he has run a research project on everyday life in river deltas around the world. Among his recent publications are Delta Life: Exploring Dynamic Environments Where Rivers Meet the Sea (2021, Berghain, co-edited with Mark Harris) and Thinking Like A River: An Anthropology of Water and Its Uses Along the Kemi River, Northern Finland (2023, transcript).



Ayman Riad (M. Sc.)
Technische-Universität Berlin

Ayman Riad is an architect, research associate at TU Berlin and assistant lecturer at Misr International University (MIU) in Cairo, Egypt. He got his Bachelor of Science in architecture in 2010, a double degree from MIU and the University of Liechtenstein (Sustainable Urban Design concentration). Ayman holds a Master of Science in Urban Development from TU Berlin, focusing on creative industries and the impacts of startups on urban planning.

Since then, he has split his time between academia and working as an architect. During his academic work, he contributed as a lecturer and assistant in graduation projects, architectural design studios, urban design, landscape design studios, and architectural theory courses.

As an architect, he has designed and implemented many architectural, interior design, and urban design projects, focusing on residential and touristic projects in Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

He has been a doctoral candidate at the Chair of Urban and Regional Economics, Institute of Urban and Regional Planning at TU Berlin, researching the relationship between coworking spaces and neighbourhoods in Cairo.



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Alaa Shaheen (M. Sc)
Beit Al Karma Academy

Engineer Alaa Shaheen is an international development expert. He has 25+ years of experience, in capturing, designing, implementing, and evaluating development-aid-funded projects in Egypt and across the MENA region working with local and international NGOs, funding agencies, ministries, education institutions and social change initiatives.



Dr Mona El Tobgui
National Research Centre

Mona El Tobgui Emeritus Professor of Child Health at the National Research Center, Egypt. Dr El Tobgui has conducted many research projects in the field of expertise, child health. She also developed R&D programs in diverse fields of S&T, health, IT, and social development. She acted as a senior advisor for the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft in Egypt from 2007 to 2018. Currently, Dr El Tobgui is Senior Advisor for the Fraunhofer Center for International Management and Knowledge Economy, where she is a team member of the research project “InnoWEF” “Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy at the Water-Energy-Food Nexus: The Case of Egypt” funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research BMBF.

The DAAD Alumni



Dr Shereen About Naga **Cairo University**

Dr Shereen Hassan M. Aboul Naga has attained her MBBCh, M.Sc. and MD degrees in ophthalmology at Kasr Al Aini Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, where she continues to practice to date. Throughout her career, she has completed multiple certified training programs by the LM University Munich (Germany), the German Society of Ophthalmology (DOG), as well as the International Uveitis Study Group (IUSG), in addition to several internship modules at various university clinics in Germany. Furthermore, Dr Aboul Naga has attained the German “Approbation” and is licensed to practice in Germany since early 2014. During her two years (2011-2013) at the Kiel University Ophthalmology Clinic (Germany), she was actively involved in ophthalmic research. She has since published in eminent journals, and has been awarded first prize and high acclaim for her work at the VNDA annual meeting (Germany), the DOG Congress, and the EURETINA Congress in London (2014). Her ties to Kiel University are ongoing. Dr Aboul Naga is a member of the Egyptian Ophthalmological Society (EOS) and the DOG. She is further involved in the fellowship selection process of the International Ophthalmological Fellowship Foundation (IOFF), based in Germany, as a member of the IOFF Fellowship.



Mohamed Ismael (M. Sc.) **Cairo University**

Mr Mohamed Ismael is a 36-year-old researcher, engineer and academic. He has been employed as a lecturer at the Cairo University Faculty of Engineering since 2019. He graduated from TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Sachsen in 2018 with a very good degree (Magna Cum Laude). Since his graduation, he has made a great contribution to both academic and industrial societies. During his stay in Germany, Mohamed noticed the interaction between industry and universities. He had the chance to contribute to the versatile applications of his field at the industrial level. Mohamed had transferred the knowledge and experiences he gained to his community (inside and outside) at the university. He could participate in different activities as a consultant in engineering projects and as a researcher at the university. He would like to share with you his journey from start to finish and welcomes your inquiries and questions.



Assoc. Prof. Reem Raslan
Cairo University

Dr. Reem Raslan is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Cairo University with an LL.M. from Harvard Law School and a Ph.D. from Marburg University and she is also a Member of the New York Bar. Dr Raslan has been awarded a DAAD scholarship to pursue her doctorate in Law at Marburg University.



Dr Karim Selim
Suez Canal University

Dr Karim Selim is a lecturer at the Language Faculty Al-Alsun of Suez Canal University in Egypt. He is also a member of the Commission of the Supreme Council of Universities for the state initiative for German language teaching at Egyptian universities. As a DAAD-Research Ambassador at Suez Canal University, he promotes academic exchange and cooperation between Germany and Egypt.

Dr Karim Selim is a certified interpreter and translator for the Arabic language, publicly appointed and sworn in by the President of the Higher Regional Court of Dresden. He holds a teaching license from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) and teaches integration courses and literacy courses in German as a foreign language. Dr Karim Selim earned his doctorate in German as a Foreign Language/Cultural Studies from the Herder Institute of the Faculty of Philology at the University of Leipzig.

Panel Discussion



Sophie Mueller-Moewes (MA)
Technische Universität Berlin

Ms Sophie Mueller-Moewes holds degrees in Chinese Studies from Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (B.A.), Peking University, and Freie Universität Berlin (M.A.).

Her interest in fostering cross-cultural understanding and cooperation led her to work in NGOs, dedicated to breaking down cultural and geographical barriers and facilitating communication among diverse communities. In 2020, she joined the Center for Junior Scholars at TU Berlin as part of a DAAD-funded project, where she provides support to international doctoral researchers, facilitating the doctoral journey, and ensuring their smooth and successful academic experience at TU Berlin by providing comprehensive assistance.



Dr Susanne Preuschoff
University of Cologne

Director of the International Affairs Division of the University of Cologne. She is also head of the department 'International Students'. She is an expert in higher education management, management of internationalization, intercultural communication, capacity-building projects, strategic partnerships, and SDG-focused projects. With her diverse experiences, Dr Preuschoff serves as a key advisor for the global responsibility activities at the University of Cologne.



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Information Booths



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Hoda El Mahgoub
Freie Universität Berlin

Hoda El Mahgoub joined the Freie Universität Berlin in January 2018. As head of their Cairo Liaison Office, her duties include promoting study and research programs at the university, as well as recruiting top-class junior researchers. Furthermore, her tasks include establishing and supporting collaborations and keeping track of scientific developments in the region. While assisting researchers from Freie Universität Berlin in Egypt, she's also responsible for strengthening the international alumni network in Egypt. Before joining Freie Universität Berlin, Hoda El Mahgoub worked as Deputy Head of the EU Projects and Event Management Department at the German-Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Cairo. Hoda El Mahgoub was born in Germany, raised in Egypt, is a graduate of the German School in Cairo, and studied pharmacy at Cairo University.

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Eman El Mokadem
Freie Universität Berlin



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