

Dr. Benjamin Stachursky

Curriculum Vitae

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Expertise

- Ten years work experience as researcher and consultant on human rights, gender and governance in development cooperation
- Six years work experience with evaluations of human rights and development programmes/projects according to OECD-DAC criteria
- More than 10 years active in human rights advocacy und lobbying at national level
- PhD in International Relations with focus on (women's) human rights and NGOs/civil society
- Longstanding work experience as lecturer, certified trainer since 2014
- Experience in mediation and conflict management

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/2014 – present	<p><u>Seidensticker Coaching and Consulting, Berlin</u> Programme Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project evaluations in the field of human rights in development cooperation • Participation in strategic development of SeidenstickerCC
01-05 2020	<p><u>Misereor, Aachen</u> Evaluation (Team leader) of the Economic and Social Rights Centre – Hakijamii in Kenya, Projects: Promoting the right to adequate housing and basic services for the urban poor“ and „Promoting the right to housing at the counties in Kenya“ (with M. Odhiambo)</p>
05-12/2019	<p><u>Misereor, Aachen</u> Evaluation (Team leader) of the Community Organization Resource Centre (CORC) in South Africa, Projects: “Deepening the capacity of the urban poor communities of South Africa to lead their own development in partnership with government” and “Building resilience through collaborative informal settlement action” (with M. Oelofse)</p>
03-11/2019	<p><u>Kindernothilfe, Duisburg</u> Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online-consultation of international partners on the new advocacy strategy of KNH • Policy papers on the advocacy strategy of KNH (with F. Seidensticker)
05-08/2019	<p><u>Misereor, Aachen</u> Evaluation (Team leader) of the Haquaq Helmak Association in Egypt, Project: “Contribution to the Help Child Workers Program in Zahra El-Omreaneyya/Giza) (with H. Omar)</p>
10/2018 – 02/2019	<p><u>Misereor, Aachen</u> Evaluation (Team leader) of the Church Land Programme in South Africa, Project: “Building Hope: Deepening Democracy with Shack Dwellers” (with A. Anthony)</p>
12/2017 – 05/2017	<p><u>Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Berlin</u> Cross Cutting Evaluation International Gender Policy of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (2010 – 2016) – Component Human Rights and Democracy, Human Rights and Women’s Rights: Femicide, Brussels Office, Program 2016-2018 (with F. Seidensticker)</p>
12/2017 – 04/2018	<p><u>Misereor, Aachen</u> Evaluation (Team leader) of the Democracy and Workers’ Rights Center in Palestine, project “Promoting Workers’ Rights to Occupational Health and Safety” (with A. Faramad)</p>
11/2017 – 05/2018	<p><u>United Nation Association of Germany (DGVN), Berlin</u> Evaluation of the Gender Strategy of the DGVN (with F. Seidensticker)</p>
06-10/2017	<p><u>German Institute for Human Rights, National CRPD Monitoring Mechanism</u> Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research paper on the current state of the international debate on the implementation of Art. 33 of the CRPD • Development and implementation of a survey among the members of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) on the implementation of Art. 33(2) of the CRPD, with particular attention to international cooperation (Art. 32)
11/2016 – 02/2017	<p><u>Transparency International (TI), International Secretariat, Berlin</u> Evaluation of the project “Whistleblowing in Europe” (together with P. Robert)</p>

06-12/2016	<p><u>Transtec SA, Bruxelles</u> Researcher/Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NORAD: Evaluation of Norwegian Support to Human Rights (2005-2015) (together with P. Robert)
04-06/2016	<p><u>Misereor, Aachen</u> Evaluation of the West Papua Network (together with F. Seidensticker)</p>
04-06/2016	<p><u>Human Rights Education Associates (HREA), Boston, MA</u> Consultant/Trainer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of curriculum and co-teaching of an e-learning course on "Gender and Human Rights" (together with C. Barr)
06/2015 – 05/2016	<p><u>ICON-INSTITUTE Consulting Group, Köln</u> Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of the child rights focus of programs and projects of the German governmental development cooperation (2012-2015) for the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Project visits carried out in Sambia and Honduras
10-12/2015	<p><u>Democracy Reporting International (DRI), Berlin</u> Project "Supporting Advocacy for Human Rights in Pakistan" Organisation and coordination of a study tour for the Chairman of Pakistan's National Commission for Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content-related organisation and coordination of high-level meetings with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in the field of human rights in Berlin
08-11/2015	<p><u>Human Rights Education Associates (HREA), Boston, MA</u> Consultant/Trainer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of curriculum and teaching of an e-learning course on "Engaging men and boys in gender equality programming"
04-07/2015	<p><u>Misereor, Aachen</u> Evaluation of the Egyptian Center for Housing Rights (together with F. Seidensticker and O. Mandil)</p>
02-06/2015	<p><u>Human Rights Education Associates (HREA), Boston, MA</u> Fellow in Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research to support current and future programming Development and co-teaching of e-learning course on "Gender and Human Rights" (together with C. Barr) Facilitation of HREA's Community of Practice Platform on gender equality
06-09/2014	<p><u>German Institute for Human Rights, Department for International Human Rights Policy, Berlin</u> Report on "Instruments for the Monitoring of the Implementation of the Child Rights Convention" for the Child Rights and Development Cooperation Project (together with Dr. Anna Holzscheiter)</p>
06/2013	<p><u>Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Cairo Office, Berlin</u> Project „Human Rights Education and Dialogue in Egypt and Tunisia“ Organisation and coordination of a study tour for a delegation of members of the Board of the Egyptian National Council for Human Right</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content-related organisation and coordination of high-level meetings with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in the field of human rights in Berlin Facilitation of meetings
03-04/2013	<p><u>Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Cairo Office, Berlin</u> Project „Human Rights Education and Dialogue in Egypt and Tunisia“</p>

	<p>Organisation and coordination of a study tour for a delegation of members of the Tunisian Constitutional Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For activities carried out, see above
10/2012 – 01/2013	<p><u>German Institute for Human Rights, Department for International Human Rights Policy, Berlin</u> Project “Human Rights of LGBTI in Development Cooperation” Research/scientific consulting</p>
11/2012	<p><u>Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Cairo Office, Berlin</u> Project „Human Rights Education and Dialogue in Egypt and Tunisia“ Organisation and coordination of a study tour for a delegation of research/staff members of the Egyptian National Council for Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For activities carried out, see above
09-11/2012	<p><u>Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Cairo Office, Cairo and Berlin</u> Project „Human Rights Education and Dialogue in Egypt and Tunisia“ Team Leader, Stakeholder analysis on “Egypt: Human Rights Education with a Focus on Youth Groups and Movements”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of a group of 3 researchers • Expert interviews and focus groups with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in the field of human rights and youth issues in Egypt • Report and policy recommendations
05-06/2012	<p><u>German Institute for Human Rights, Department for International Human Rights Policy, Berlin</u> Short-term mission for the Programme “Strengthening National Human Rights Institutions in MENA Countries in Transition”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs and capacity assessment on the Egyptian National Council for Human Rights • Expert interviews with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in the field of human rights in Egypt • Policy recommendations • Consultation with German Foreign Ministry on feasibility of a wider project in this field
06-11/2011	<p><u>Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Department for State and Democracy, Programme ‚Promoting Gender Equality and Women’s Rights‘, Eschborn and Berlin</u> Study and policy recommendations on “Dimensions of and Approaches to the Work with Men in the Promotion of Gender Equality in Development Cooperation”</p>
06-11/2010	<p><u>Plan International Germany & Potsdam Center for Policy and Management (PCPM), Berlin, Hamburg, London and Ethiopia</u> Project Manager, “Towards Climate Smart Programming in Plan. An Assessment by Plan International Germany” for Plan International Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report with policy recommendations • Evaluation of climate and child rights related projects of Plan International in Ethiopia • Involvement in organisation and realisation of an internal workshop and a conference
10/2009 – 04/2010	<p><u>Free University Berlin, Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science, Berlin</u> Associate Lecturer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate seminar on the Iranian women’s movement
10/2007 – 04/2013	<p><u>University of Potsdam, Economics and Social Sciences Faculty, Potsdam</u> Associate Lecturer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six courses (graduate and undergraduate) on human rights, gender, development cooperation and civil society promotion
12/2004	<p><u>University of Tehran, Center for Human Rights Studies, Tehran</u> Convenor and chair</p>

- Workshop on actors and strategies of human rights activism at the national and international level
- 03-05/2003** **Amnesty International, German Section, Berlin**
Iraq Crisis Team Assistant, Department for Public Relations and Campaigning
- Coordination of exchange of information and campaign material among internal and external actors involved in crisis work
 - Research for and development of campaign material

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 04/2002 – 12/2010** PhD (Dr. rer. pol.) in International Relations from the University of Potsdam awarded with distinction (*summa cum laude*), Potsdam
- Title of the thesis: “The Promise and Perils of Transnationalisation: A Critical Assessment of the Role of NGO Activism in the Socialisation of Women’s Human Rights in Egypt and Iran”
 - PhD-scholarship from the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (10/2003 – 09/2006)
- 09/1999 – 08/2000** MA in ‘International Relations and Political Theory’ at the Centre for the Study of Democracy of the University of Westminster, London (Merit)
- Title of the dissertation: „Human Rights: Between Universalism and Cultural Relativism“ (Distinction)
- 09/1997– 08/1999, 09/2000 – 08/2001** Undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich
- Political Science (major), Sociology and International Law (minors)
- 09/1996 – 08/1997** Undergraduate studies at the Università degli Studi di Roma ,La Sapienza’, Rome
- Political Science
- 07/1996** „Abitur“ (A-Levels); Average obtained: 1.4 (highest possible 1.0, pass 4.0) at the German School Rome, Rome

VOCATIONAL TRAININGS

- 11/2015** „Training of Trainers: Child Rights in German Development Cooperation“, GIZ and German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin/Germany
- 01-04/2015** “Mediation and Conflict Management”, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
- 01-02/2015** “Mediation Training and Practicum”, Mediation Works Inc. and International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Program, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston, MA
- 01-06/2014** “Train the Trainers” (IHK Certification), Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Berlin
- 11/2013** „Conflict Management“, Potsdam Graduate School and teamwerken|de, PoGS, Potsdam
- 10/2006** “Lobbying and Research in the Field of Human Rights“, Amnesty International, Akademie Frankenwarte, Würzburg
- 09/2005** „National and International Protection of Human Rights“, Summerschool, German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin

HONORARY ACTIVITIES

03-06/2015	<p><u>Mediation Works Incorporated (MWI), Boston, MA</u> Court Mediator, Greater Boston District and Municipal Court Mediation Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-mediation of small claims cases
02/2003 – 07/2014	<p><u>Amnesty International, German Section, Berlin</u> Egypt expert/coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying und advocacy at national level (parliament, federal ministries, embassy) • Coordination of the work between international and national secretariat and members/groups and supervision of the activities of honorary groups/members
04/2002 – 02/2003	<p><u>Amnesty International, Department for Country Work and Asylum, Middle East and North Africa Desk, German Section, Berlin</u> Collaborator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing of country reports • Attending to internal and external request for information
05/2002 – 10/2003	<p><u>German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin</u> Collaborator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation and coordination of a lecture series and a colloquium on „National and International Protection of Human Rights“

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

12/2011	PhD-Dissertation Award 2011 of the United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN)
10/2003 –09/2006	PhD-Scholarship from the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation
09/1999 – 08/2000	Erasmus/Sokrates-Exchange Scholarship with the University of Westminster, London

LANGUAGES

German, Italian	Mother tongues
English	Proficient in reading, speaking and writing
French	Conversational knowledge
Arabic	Basic knowledge

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019** (with F. Seidensticker) "Zur Wirksamkeit menschenrechtlicher Lobbynetzwerke - Beobachtungen aus der Praxis", in P. Hladschik und F. Steinert (Hrsg.): Menschenrechten Gestalt und Wirksamkeit verleihen. Making Human Rights Work. Festschrift für Hannes Tretter und Manfred Nowak (Wien: Neuer Wissenschaftlicher Verlag), p. 117-123.
- 2017** (with A. Holzscheiter and L. Stamm) "Die UN-Kinderrechtskonvention: Instrumente zum Monitoring. Eine Zusammenstellung für die Entwicklungszusammenarbeit", Stellungnahme (Berlin: Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte)
- 2013** „The Promise and Perils of Transnationalization. NGO Activism and the Socialization of Women’s Human Rights in Egypt and Iran” (New York, London: Routledge)
- 2011** "OHCHR", in K. Freistein and J. Leininger (Hrsg.), Handbuch Internationale Organisationen – Theoretische Grundlagen und Akteure (München: Oldenbourg Wissenschaftsverlag)
- 2006** „Globale Normen, lokaler Aktivismus – Advocacy NGOs und die Sozialisierung der Menschenrechte von Frauen am Beispiel Ägyptens”, in J. Franzke (Ed.): Making Civil Societies Work – Zivilgesellschaft und gesellschaftliche Praxis (Potsdam: Universitätsverlag Potsdam)