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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

2002 Freie Universität, Otto-Suhr-Institut, Berlin, Germany, Diploma in Political Science

EXPERIENCE

- 2008 - today Freelance Photojournalist
for such publications as: *Jerusalem Post*, *The Guardian*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *GEO*,
Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, *ЕДНО Magazine*, *Der Semit*, *Zeitzeichen*,
zoon, *Kulturaustausch*, *Financial Times Deutschland*
and the NGOs: *Slow Food International*, *Medicins sans Frontieres*, *Stiftung*
Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft
- 2006 – 2009 Lecturer
for *Ostwärts e.V.*, Berlin
Concept development and realisation of seminars and educational tours on Eastern
European Countries
- 2002 - 2006 Project Manager
at *Südost Europa Kultur e.V.*, Berlin / Bosnia and Herzegovina
Responsible for planning, execution and reporting of:
- Development of schemes to re-integrate refugee minorities into Bosnia-Herzegovina
 - Proposed and led project *Genesen in Sicherheit* sponsored by the *European Refugee Fund* to overcome war trauma of refugees from Yugoslavia in Berlin

BOOKS

- 2014 *Osterweiterung. Zehn Jahre in der EU (Eastern Enlargement. Ten Years in the EU)*, a
compilation of stories and photographs from the new Eastern EU member states
- 2013 *Mahlzeit, Deutschland! (Bon Appetit, Germany!)*, contribution to a book on food and
eating as a cultural phenomenon
- 2010 *Pécs. Ein Reise- und Lesebuch (Pécs, A travel novel)*, a travel and story book on the
European Capital of Culture 2010
Ein Tag Deutschland (One day of Germany), contribution to a book with images taken
on a single day across Germany
- 2008 *Rechtstextremismus und Antisemitismus in Mittel-, Ost- und Südosteuropa*, a booklet
documenting right-wing extremism and anti-Semitism in Eastern European Countries
- 2007 *Тедрадки от Бела Речка*, a booklet on the Cyrillic alphabet

GRANTS and AWARDS

- 2014 #hostwriterPrize for collaborative journalistic work
Renovabis e.V., Grant for an essay on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Iron Curtain
- 2012 *Renovabis e.V.*, Grant to cover the life of the Hungarian Roma amateur actors playing in Bence Fliegau's Dokudrama "Csak a Szél", who won the Silver Bear 2012.
- 2011 *UNICEF-Competition for Photo of the Year*, Invited Participant
- 2009 *Sofiski Kontrasti*, Art Muza Gallery, Photocompetition, Winner
- 2008 Foundation *Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft*, Grant to document the Bulgarian party "Ataka"
- 2007 *ЗА БУКВИТЕ / On the Cyrillic Letters*, New Culture Foundation, Competition on the Cyrillic alphabet, Winner

EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *Fluchtmomente*, solo exhibition, Gallery Caffè Degli Artisti, Berlin
- 2014 *Ein Tag Deutschland*, presentation at Dongguan Exhibition Center, China
Su / Water, exhibition at kargART, Istanbul
- 2012 *Abandoned Promises*, solo exhibition, Gallery präsenz werk, Berlin
- 2011 *Ein Tag Deutschland*, exhibition at Goethe-Institut Kabul, contribution selected from 432 photographers
- 2009 - today *Memory. Berlin – Sofia* a study on perception similar to the children's game Memory
Touring exhibition, first stop Art Muza Gallery, Sofia, next venue Tarelez hcultural centre, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria in 2013