

Participation Now! Citizenship Education and Democracy in Times of Change

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Biographies



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Siamak Ahmadi currently works as a dialogue facilitator for the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb, Germany. Prior to this he studied Human Nutrition and Psychology at Bournemouth University and the University of Sunderland in Great Britain. His interest in psychological flourishing led to his Master thesis on narrative identity processing of growth. Alongside his studies, he was employed as a mental health facilitator for the charity organisation “Mind” and for the National Health Service, where he worked with adults and adolescents suffering from anxiety and mood disorders.



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Andreas Christ is a German student of Political Science, Sociology and Constitutional/Administrative Law, currently researching for his Master's thesis "The European Union between stability and change – the path dependency of European institutions" at the University of Trier. Since 2006 he has been a peer-group educator for young people in the 'Young European Professionals' (YEPs) network for the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb. In 2011 he was invited to a speaker pool by the European Commission in Germany about "Economic Governance" and also works for the Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom. Besides that he is interested in cultural politics and social media.



Nelly Corbel is currently working at the American University of Cairo (AUC) as the university civic engagement programs manager of the John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement. Nelly Corbel has developed a variety of educational programs at AUC in intercultural dialogue and ethical leadership. In her capacity she also participated in drafting recommendations for a variety of local and international organizations on youth, volunteerism and the democratic transition. She aspires at bringing youth at the center of the decision making process by developing their capacities both in terms of skills and vision. In 2011, she founded the Lazord Academy for civic leadership at AUC to provide youth with the necessary framework to lead change in the region. After the Egyptian revolution, Nelly Corbel has developed a distance training platform for election monitors in cooperation with Stanford "Peace innovation lab". Nelly Corbel is also the representative of the Daila Lama Fellowship in Egypt and the Executive Director of the Lead On Foundation. Nelly Corbel holds a Master's degree in International Affairs: Civil Society Development and Conflict Resolution from the American University of Paris and a Mastère 2 in Sciences Economiques et Sociales: Sociologie des Conflits from the Institut Catholique de Paris.



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Jochum de Graaf is senior project manager at ProDemos – House for Democracy and the Rule of Law in the Netherlands. From the beginning, in 1989, he was involved in the development of “StemWijzer”, the very successful political preference test in the Netherlands. Besides this he is involved in developing other e-tools, such as the “Begrotingswijzer” (Budget Maker) and the organisation of events like the Night of Dictatorship and the Day of Democracy. Together with partner organisations in Germany, Great Britain, Latvia, Poland, Austria, Bulgaria, he is, under the auspices of NECE, working on the network Vote Match Europe aimed at the EP elections in 2014.



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Noha El-Mikawy serves as a representative of the Ford Foundation's Middle East and North African Office in Cairo, where she oversees the foundation's grant making in the region. Her work concentrates on issues of equity, inclusion and civic engagement by supporting transparency, integrity and accountability; social, economic and cultural rights; creative arts; media; and higher education. Before joining the Ford Foundation, Noha El-Mikawy served as a team leader for democratic governance at the UNDP's regional centre in the Arab States Region and led Middle East-focused comparative research on political economy and institutional analysis at the Centre for Development Research at the University of Bonn in Germany.



Dina El-Wakil has been a programme officer responsible for all the projects under the education programme at the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute in Egypt since 2012. She worked previously as a programme officer at the EFG-Hermes Foundation, handling all of the Foundation's corporate social responsibility and development projects. She also worked as the resource mobilisation unit manager at the non-profit Institute of Cultural Affairs. Her background also includes temporary positions with the World Bank, the Arab League, and the United Nations Information Center. She has a Master's degree in International Public Policy and Public Administration from Concordia University in Canada and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the American University in Cairo (AUC).

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M'hamed En-Nosse is the head of the International Foundation for Training & Development (I.F.T.D), president of the association to train children and youth (AS.U.E.E.J), the youth association's vice-president of the United Nations in Morocco and a member of the Anna Lindh foundation's board (Moroccan network). He holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Marrakech University (Morocco). Since 2005 M'hamed En-Nosse has represented Morocco in numerous international events and workshops about leadership, social entrepreneurship, youth participation, responsible citizenship, and interculturality. Furthermore, since 2007 he has been taking part in several national, international events and meetings organised by the Middle East Partnership Initiative.

Since 2008 he has also been in charge of the programme "Women in Technology" created by the International Institute of Education in the region of Marrakech.



Jakob Erle has a Master of Arts in Cultural Sociology and is a prominent exponent of Danish non-formal adult education, where he has worked for more than 20 years - among other things as principal for Borups Højskole. He has played an important role in bringing the Danish experiences with non-formal adult education into an international arena as president for Association for World Education. As a former director for the International Academy for Education and Democracy, Jakob Erle has furthermore developed methods for dialogue and implemented international dialogue processes about the relation between globalisation and democracy since 2001. An important part of this work has been the Arab-Danish dialogue academies, which he has implemented in collaboration with the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute in Egypt since 2006. One of the results of this work was that Jakob Erle was honoured with the title of "Dialogue Star of the Year" by the website users of "Islam Online" in 2009.

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Yordanka Evgenieva is a young professional with a background in NGO and civil service environment and governmental experience, all related to the Middle East. She completed her university degree at Cairo University from where she holds a BA in Classics. She is currently consulting on Middle Eastern issues with the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Her academic interests cover the topics on the Middle East peace process and internal Palestinian politics.



Rana Gaber is a programme director at the Egyptian Youth Federation - a NGO operating as an umbrella organisation for youth-led NGOs and the NGOs that work in youth development. She is a volunteer in a NGO called Afaq El Hayah working in one of the poorest villages in Egypt, as well as co-head of the Campaigning and Fieldwork Committee of Al Sa7wa movement - a political movement formed post-revolution, which has a wide spectrum including increasing political awareness, campaigning and developing projects to support the transition phase. Rana Gaber is a graduate of the Faculty of Economic and Political Science at Cairo University and is currently pursuing her Master’s degree in International Relations at the American University in Cairo (AUC).



Ernesto Ganuza is scientist at the Spanish Science Research Council. He earned his Doctorate in Sociology at Complutense University of Madrid (UCM) in 2005. His research lies in the participation of citizens in governance, as well as procedures and tools that would make it possible through. His current interest lies in the difficulties of democratisation in contemporary political spaces, considering participatory and deliberative processes that allow anyone to be linked to political environments from which no one seems to want to resign.



Diego Garzia is a Jean Monnet post-Doctoral fellow at the European University Institute. The long-term focus of his research is on the drivers of voters’ choice in Western Europe. During his studies, he heard that people would do a much better job as voters if they had all the relevant information. Based on this normative expectation, his current research project investigates the potential of web-based Voting Advice Applications to affect voters’ behaviour in both quantitative (turnout) and qualitative (party choice) terms. His published works appear in journals such as Journal of Political Marketing, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, The Leadership Quarterly, and World Political Science Review.



Marlene Grauer has been a member of teamGlobal since 2006. Over the years she has developed and tested many tools and participatory methodologies for the network. These methodologies often tap into the creative resources of the participants and highlight a more playful access to complex and overwhelming topics. Marlene Grauer's thematic focus within teamGLOBAL is climate change and natural resource management, as well as migration and the economics of globalisation. Since May 2012 she has been working for Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) while contributing to and maintaining her close contact with the teamGLOBAL network.



Petra Grüne has been in charge of the Federal Agency for Civic Education's Events Department since 2005. She has been working at the German Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb since 1991 in a number of different fields and positions. Together with Christoph Müller-Hofstede, Grüne is responsible for the NECE initiative promoted by the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb.



Gregor Hackmack is co-founder of "parliamentwatch.org", an independent platform that gives German citizens the opportunity to ask public questions and receive public answers from their members of parliament over the Internet. More than 90 percent of all delegates participate in this online dialogue. In 2008, Gregor Hackmack received the Ashoka Fellowship for social entrepreneurship and was appointed Young Global Leader by the Schwab Foundation in 2010. He is also one of the three initiators of a successful referendum campaign for a more direct electoral law and a transparency law in the state of Hamburg. Gregor Hackmack holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and a Master's degree in Political Sociology, both from the London School of Economics.



Mateusz J. Hartwich, PhD, studied at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt/Oder (Germany). He is the organiser of numerous cross-border projects and the initiator of the NGO "Institute of Applied History". He has published in German, Polish, Czech and international journals on memory culture in Central European borderlands and on tourism history. His book on post-World-War-II history of the Lower Silesia region was published in 2012 at Böhlau Verlag. He works as a freelance project manager, author, interpreter and tour guide in Berlin.



Matthias Haß works as an educator and consultant in the field of politics of memory, European integration, and international exchange programmes. He has a PhD in Political Science. He took part at the new permanent exhibition of the Wannsee Conference Memorial and Educational Site 2004/05. From 2005 to 2009 he was the director of the US programme of the Action Reconciliation Service for Peace in Philadelphia. He organised international exchange seminars from 1996 to 2000 between German and American young adults, and from 2000 to 2004 between German, Canadian and Polish students in cooperation with York University in Toronto. In 2011 he was involved in the organisation of the international Holocaust conference of the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb in Berlin, and was a conference moderator at the NECE conference in Warsaw in 2011.



Maram Hassan Anbar is a consultant on Euro-Arab relations and co-operation projects, and intercultural and interreligious dialogue. She has a BA in Comparative Politics from the American University in Cairo (AUC) and an M.Sc in Human Ecology from Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium). During the past fifteen years she has worked as a project coordinator in the development and implementation of training and consultation programmes with civil society organisations and European institutions in the framework of youth and capacity development programmes. She has also training and facilitation experience in participatory dialogue, social inclusion, Non-Formal Learning (NFL), migration, Youth in Action Programme (YiA), human rights education (HRE), youth employment, global education, volunteering, e-learning, and training for trainers.



Ondrej Horak works as co-ordinator of the pilot project "Education for Citizenship" at the Civic Education Centre at the Masaryk University in Brno (Czech Republic). He took part in several student activities and initiatives during his study of law at the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. As a follow-up to the initiative "Inventorying of democracy" he set up a non-formal student group with two goals: analyse the field of civic education in the Czech Republic and find a platform for IT system support. The main aims of the Centre are to identify important topics that are valuable from the perspective of citizenship education; to co-ordinate projects and initiatives that already exist. He is currently working on the preparation of an international workshop on participatory methods in Telc.



Bryony Hoskins is a senior lecturer in the School of Education, University of Southampton. Currently she is leading a European funded project called, 'Active Citizenship in the EU', which analyses active citizenship across the 27 member states of the European Union. Previously, Bryony Hoskins was leading an international project on inequalities at the Institute of Education, University of London. She has worked widely in European Institutions including the European Commission, Centre for Research on Lifelong Learning (CRELL) and the Council of Europe. Whilst at the European Commission she was responsible for leading projects on the development of indicators on Active Citizenship. She was also part of the Project Advisory Committee of the IEA International Citizenship and Civic Education study (ICCS) 2009.



Andreas Jacobs is the co-ordinator for religious dialogue at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in Berlin. From 2007 to 2012 he was the director of the KAS office in Cairo/Egypt. In February 2012 he was charged by Egyptian authorities with running an "illegal NGO" and had to leave the country. Andreas Jacobs studied Political Science at the University of Cologne and Middle Eastern Studies in Tunis and Cairo. He holds a PhD from the University of Cologne with a dissertation on Euro-Arab relations and has published on Middle East Issues, Theory of International Relations and Mediterranean Politics. He has taught Middle Eastern studies at Cologne University and the Free University of Berlin and was a member of the German Islam Conference.



Thomas Krüger is the president of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb. In 1989, he was a founding member of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR), and he became executive director of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in Berlin (East) in 1990. After a stint as first deputy to the mayor of East Berlin, Thomas Krüger became deputy chairman of the SPD in Berlin (East/West) from 1990 to 1992. From 1991 to 1994 he worked as the city's Senator for Youth and Family Affairs. He was also a member of the German Parliament, "the Bundestag", from 1994 to 1998, a board member of the cultural forum of the SPD, and a member of Berlin's International City Commission. Thomas Krüger was appointed president of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb in July of 2000. He studied Theology in Berlin and Eisenach.



Tom Kunzler received his Master's degree last June from the Radboud University in Nijmegen, where he studied Parliamentary History. He has worked at ProDemos - House for Democracy and the Rule of Law in the Netherlands since February 2011, where he assisted during preparations for the 200th anniversary of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Nowadays he works with all kinds of school classes from the entire country and provides them with an educational day programme, where they learn about Dutch politics and visit the Dutch parliament buildings in The Hague. He is also currently the chairman of the "Arnhem-Nijmegen branch" of the Young Democrats political youth organisation.



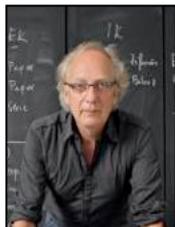
Lise Kvande is dr.art. and associate professor in Social Science Education at the Programme for Teacher Education, Norwegian University of Science and Technology. She was until recently the head of a Master's Programme in Social Science Didactics. Lise Kvande and the master students have been involved in the Intercultural Glossary Project since 2010. Her current research deals with the history and understanding of the concept "subject knowledge" in history didactics within teacher education.



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Sonja Leboš established the Association for Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Research (AIIR) in Zagreb in 2002. Since then she has been working in the intermediating fields, connecting cultural theory and practice in the context of different projects, investigating the role of institutions and "vox populi in situ". Sonja Leboš has created various interdisciplinary research methods and platforms for the articulation of multi-layered aesthetical, ethical, ecological and sociological issues and co-operated with different societal organisations. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Zadar (working title of the thesis 'Cinema and the City'), holds an MA in Cultural Anthropology, University of Zagreb, a postgraduate Expertise in Cultural Tourism, University of Bologna, and an equivalent Education in Art BA at Freie Hochschule Stuttgart, Germany.



Claus Leggewie has been director of the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities “Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut” (KWI) in Essen since 2007. Since 1989 his research has focused on transnationalism, world culture and multiculturalism, furthermore on the influence of religion (particularly Islam and Evangelicalism) on world society, on the role of digital media in transnational communication, on the potential for democratisation of non-governmental organisations as well as, more recently, on the cultural prerequisites for climate change.



Claudia Lenz works as head of Research & Development at the European Wergeland Centre and as associate professor at the Norwegian University for Technology and Science (NTNU). After studying Philosophy, Political Science and Psychology, she took her PhD in Political Science at the University of Hamburg. Her fields of research and publication are historical consciousness, memory cultures and memory politics with regard to World War II and the Holocaust. The other fields of expertise are theories and approaches in education for democratic citizenship and intercultural education. Her recent publication is about historicising the uses of the past, Scandinavian perspectives on history culture, historical consciousness and didactics of history related to World War II, Bielefeld: Transkript Verlag 2011 (co-edited with Helle Bjerg and Erik Thorstensen).

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Ghada Louhichi has recently joined the team of *Al Bawsala*, an initiative gathering young Tunisian free spirits around the will to promote democracy in the country. Among the different projects of the organisation, she is in charge of “*Marsad.tn*”, the observatory of the National Constituent Assembly, through which they aim at establishing the culture of transparency and openness. Before joining *Al Bawsala*, she worked with the *Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network* within its mission in Tunis, in support of the Tunisian civil society. However, her “pre-revolution activities” were mainly dedicated to studying the “democratic transition and the polemic historical memory in Spain” as part of a Master’s research work in Spanish Language and Civilisation.



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Farida Makar has been a researcher for the Egypt Road Map Programme at the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies since June 2012. During her research she focuses on human rights violations in Egypt and was heavily involved in the writing and research process of the report on President Morsi's first 100 days in office. She obtained her Master of Studies in Modern Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Oxford in 2011 and wrote her thesis on teacher training in Egypt at the turn of the 20th century. Farida Makar is also a member of the international peace organization CISV that operates through the frameworks of informal education to promote principles of intercultural friendship, human rights education and self-development.



Driss Maghraoui is a professor of History and International Relations at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (Morocco). He teaches courses on North African immigration in Europe, modern imperialism and its culture, history of the Arab world, history and memory in 20th century Europe. He has been a visiting professor at Yale and the University of California, Santa Cruz. His most recent publications include "Secularism in Morocco: A Stagnant Word in Motion", "Northern Africa: Historical Links with Sub-Saharan Africa", "Perceptions of External Pressure to Democratization: The Moroccan Case", and "The 'Grande Guerre Sainte': Moroccan Colonial Troops and Workers in the First World War". He teaches also at the Centre for Cross-Cultural Learning (CCCL) in Rabat, Morocco.



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Ondřej Matejka is an historian and political scientist. He is director of the non-profit organisation "Antikomplex", which is dedicated to encouraging critical reflection on history, especially German history of the Czech countries. In 2009, he established the Civic Education Centre at the Masaryk University in Brno (Czech Republic), which is attempting to launch citizenship education in the Czech Republic. He also teaches at Charles University in Prague.

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