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This workshop, and the twelve-month program of which it is a part, aims at establishing fruitful working relationships between the Goethe University Frankfurt Main and the University of Isfahan and the Ferdowsi University of Mashhad. This initiative builds upon successful collaboration of Iranian and German scholars since 2012 which culminated in a previous workshop on “Pilgrimage at the Intersection Between Economy and Religion” hosted by the University of Tübingen in 2016.

The programme is organized and hosted by the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Goethe University Frankfurt Main, with the institutional support of the Frobenius Institute for Research in Cultural Anthropology and with funding provided by the German Foreign Ministry via the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). It was conceptualised to foster dialog and exchange between students, young researchers, and faculty members among the three participating universities. The aim is to set out an agenda for future cooperation and collaboration based on issues of common interest and concern in research, teaching, mentoring, and career development. Beyond the scientific exchange and furthering of knowledge, many of these encounters will hopefully turn into lifelong friendships.

In the spirit of the Goethe University as an institution founded by and for citizens (*Bürgeruniversität*) – a tradition now upheld by university’s emphasis on its Third Mission – the workshop program also includes special emphasis on the relationship between academic scholarship and its relevance to society. We hope that this element of the program will allow our partners and guests from Mashhad and Isfahan to gain insights not only into German academic life and research, but also into issues concerning life in Frankfurt more generally. We thus aim to foster dialog and mutual exchange, so that both sides learn from the experiences and views of the other.

*Khosh omadid* and *herzlich willkommen* to our dear guests from Isfahan, Mashhad, and Tübingen. May you have an enjoyable and fruitful stay in Frankfurt and at the Goethe University.

Roland Hardenberg

Shahnaz R. Nadjmabadi

Katja Rieck

## PROGRAM

**Monday, 25. June 2018**

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| 9:00 am – 10:30 am              | <b>Welcoming Remarks</b><br>Prof. Dr. Roland Hardenberg, Chair Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology / Director of the Frobenius Institute, Goethe University Frankfurt (GU)<br>Prof. Dr. Hans Peter Hahn, Dean of Studies, Faculty of Philosophy and History<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Azra Ghandeharion, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (FUM)<br>Asst. Prof. Dr. Masoud Kianpour, University of Isfahan (UI)   |
| Normative Orders Building, EG 1 |  |
| 10:30 am – 11:00 am             | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm             | Plenary session<br><b>Introduction: The Resource Perspective, New Impulses for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences in Iran and Germany</b><br>Chair: Prof. Dr. Roland Hardenberg  |
| Normative Orders Building, EG 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Katharina Müller MA, University of Tübingen (UT)</li><li>• Asst. Prof. Dr. Masoud Kianpour (UI)</li><li>• Asst. Prof. Dr. Azra Ghandharion (FUM)</li></ul>   |
| 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm              | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm               | <b>Exploring Current Projects and Possible Fields of Cooperation I</b>   |
| Normative Orders Building, EG 1 | <b>Working group I “Culture and Identity”</b><br>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Azra Ghandeharion, PD Dr. Sophie Roche  |
|                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>When “The Conference of the Birds” Travels Between Iran and the West: The Space of Translation and Resource Creation in the Pursuit of Good Life</i>, Fatemeh Sarvghadi (FUM)</li><li>• <i>Moral Identity as a Resource Culture for the Good Life For Adolescents</i>, Sara Madanian (UI)</li><li>• <i>Reading Fiction and the Pursuit of the Good Life. Persian Literature as a Methodological Resource for Anthropology</i>, Stella Dietrich (GU)</li></ul> |
| Normative Orders Building, EG 2 | <b>Working group II “Innovation and (Dis)Empowerment”</b><br>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Azam Naghavi, Dr. des Baktygul Tulebaeva  |
|                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Telegram-based Qard-al-Hasanah Fund as a Resource of Good Life:</i></li></ul>   |

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| Room: Seminarhaus,<br>0 fl., 0.104                              | <p><i>A Field Research in Iran</i>, Masoud Fattahzadeh (FUM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Disability and Empowerment: The Role of Science and Technology</i>, Azam Naghavi (UI)</li> <li>• <i>Spotify's Corporate Structure and the Cultivation of Good Life: A Resource-Based Approach to Analyzing the Innovative Capacity of Start-Ups</i>, Jakob Famulok (GU)</li> </ul>   |
| 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm<br>Seminarhaus, 4 <sup>th</sup> fl.,<br>4.102 | <p><b>Working group III “Moralities and Ethics”</b><br/>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Ahmadreza Asgharpourmasouleh,<br/>Dr. Shahnaz R. Nadjmabadi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>We are also Civil Society: Public Morality and Resources in Indonesian Muslim Conservative Communities</i>, Ario Seto (GU)</li> <li>• <i>Landscapes of the Soul: Spirituality as a Resource to the Good Life</i>, Nastaran Ameli Sadat (UI)</li> <li>• <i>Contemporary Reception of Rumi in the West as a Resource for Pluralism and the Promotion of the Good Life</i>, Fatemeh Khajavian (FUM)</li> </ul> |
| 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm<br>Seminarpavillion, 2.01                     | <p><b>Working group IV “Regimens and Their Subjects”</b><br/>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Masoud Kianpour, Katharina Müller MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Qualitative Study of an Informal Telegram-based Charity in Mashhad</i>, Atiye Sadeghi (FUM)</li> <li>• <i>Body Management as Resource Culture to Achieve the Good Life</i>, Masoud Kianpour (UI)</li> <li>• <i>Resource-based Perspectives on Good Life and Wellbeing in a German Refugee Camp</i>, Anne Grothe (GU)</li> </ul>   |
| 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm   | <i>Tea break</i>  |
| 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm   | <p><b>Exploring Current Projects and Possible Fields of Cooperation I (cont'd)</b><br/>Working groups continue discussing presentations</p>   |
| 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm<br>Normative Orders<br>Building, Foyer        | <p><b>Reception</b><br/>Welcoming remarks by Prof. Dr. Susanne Schröter, Director of the Frankfurt Research Center on Global Islam (FFGI)</p>   |

## Tuesday, 26. June 2018

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| 9:00 am – 10:30 am<br><br>Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 1 | <p>Plenary session<br/><b>Reports From Working Groups: Formulating Shared Research Themes and Fields of Exchange and Collaboration</b><br/>Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr. Azra Ghandharion</p>                   |
| 10:30 am – 11:00 am  | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm<br><br>Room: IG – Farben                 | <p><b>Exploring Current Projects and Possible Fields of Cooperation II</b><br/><br/><b>Working group I “Culture and Identity”</b><br/>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Azra Ghandeharion, PD Dr. Sophie Roche</p> |

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| Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> fl., 1.418                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Qualitative Study of Cultural Wealth as Resource for the Pursuit of the Good Life Among Afghan Students and University Graduates Residing in Isfahan</i>, Sahar Faeghi (UI)</li> <li>• <i>Going for a Future? Migration as an Ambivalent Resource for Iranian Afghans in their Pursuit of the Good Life</i>, Anna Degenhart (UT)</li> </ul>   |
| 11:00 am – 12: 30 pm<br>Seminarpavillion, 2.01                  | <p><b>Working group II “Innovation and (Dis)Empowerment”</b><br/>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Azam Naghavi; Dr. des Baktygul Tulebaeva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“Nature Schools” (Madresseh-ye Tabiat) as a Resource for Children’s Good Life: An Ethnographic Study in Isfahan City</i>, Behjat Hajian (UI)</li> <li>• <i>In Search of a Good Life. Resources and Agency Among Involuntarily Returned Migrants in Bamako, Mali</i>, Katharina Forster (GU)</li> </ul>  |
| 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm<br>Seminarhaus, 1 <sup>st</sup> fl.,<br>1.103 | <p><b>Working group III “Moralities and Ethics”</b><br/>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Ahmadreza Asgharpourmasouleh,<br/>Dr. Shahnaz R. Nadjmabadi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Living Well While ‘Doing Good’ and the Resources It Takes: Perspectives From Local NGO-Actors in Burkina Faso</i>, Kathrin Knodel (GU)</li> <li>• <i>Aberu as an Intangible Resource Culture</i>, Ehsan Aqababae (UI)</li> <li>• <i>Religion as a Resource Culture for Peace: Comparative Dynamics among Muslim and Christian Communities in Mashhad and Paderborn</i>, Rasool Akbari (FUM, University of Paderborn)</li> </ul> |
| Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 1                              | <p><b>Working group IV “Regimens and Their Subjects”</b><br/>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Masoud Kianpour, Katharina Müller MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Psychological Resources for the Transition From School to Work Environment</i>, Shiva Sharifi (UI)</li> <li>• <i>Tribal Land Rights and the Governmentalization of Indigenous Life and Resources in Northern Philippines</i>, Macario Lacbawan (GU)</li> </ul>  |
| Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 2                              |   |
| 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  | <i>Lunch</i>  |
| 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm   | <p><b>Exploring Current Projects and Possible Fields of Cooperation II (cont’d)</b><br/>Working groups continue discussing presentations</p>  |
| 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm   | <i>Tea break</i>  |
| 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm<br>Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 1         | <p>Plenary session<br/><b>Reports From Working Groups: Formulating Shared Research Themes and Fields of Exchange and Collaboration</b><br/>Chair: Dr. Shahnaz R. Nadjmabadi</p>   |
| 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm   | <b>Cultural program</b>   |

## Wednesday, 27. June 2018

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| 9:00 am – 1:30 pm               | <b>Bridging the Research / Practice Divide in Frankfurt: The Creation Resources for Urban Well-Being</b><br><u>Excursions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working group I, “Science and the Shaping of the Multicultural City, KIZ im Gallus / Mehrgenerationenhaus”; Ursula Werder, Director, Mehrgenerationen Haus, and Homa Nezami, KIZ im Gallus</li><li>• Working group II, “Frankfurt Social Impact Lab as Space of Practice between Municipal Institutions and Charitable Organizations”; Michael Wunsch, Regional Manager, Social Impact Lab Frankfurt</li></ul> |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm               | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm               | <b>Thinking Innovative Articulations of Research and Practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working groups I and II meet to discuss results of excursions</li></ul>  |
| Normative Orders Building, EG 2 | Working group I<br>Chair: Asst Prof. Dr. Azam Naghavi  |
| Normative Orders Building, EG 1 | • Working group II<br>Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr. Ahmadreza Asgharpourmasouleh, Dr. Shahnaz R. Nadjmabadi   |
| 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm               | Plenary session  |
| Normative Orders Building, EG 1 | <b>Reports From Working Groups: Fields of Practice as Resource for the Buen Vivir of Science?</b><br>Chair: Asst. Prof. Azam Naghavi   |
| 6:00 pm                         | <b>Cultural program</b>  |

## Thursday, 28. June 2018

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| 9:00 am – 10:30 am                    | <b>Exploring Resources for the Academic Good Life at Goethe University: A Baseline for Discussion</b>  |
| PA Bdg., Senatssaal                   | • Working group I, Office of Quality Management in Teaching, Helena Schmedt, Curriculum Development  |
| Room: Jurid. 655, 6 <sup>th</sup> fl. | • Working group II, Goethe Research Academy for Early Career Researchers (GRADE), Dr. Mattias Köhler, Assistant Managing Director Social Sciences and Humanities |
| Norm. Ord. Bdg., EG 1                 | • Working group III, Equal Opportunity Office, Martina Kenk, Gender Consulting in Research Cooperations  |
| Norm. Ord. Bdg. EG 2                  | • Working group IV, Office of Strategic Development: Third Mission, Kristofer Oedekoven, Consultant for University Development                                   |
| 10:30 am – 11:00 am                   | <i>Tea break</i>   |

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| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm<br>Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 1   | Plenary Session<br><b>Resources for the Academic Good Life: Identifying Best Practices in Iran and Germany</b><br>Chair: PD Dr. Sophie Roche   |
| 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm   | <u>Excursions</u><br><b>Academic Life in Practice: Exploring Seminars, Student Groups, etc. at Goethe University Frankfurt</b>   |
| 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm<br>2:00 pm – 3:30 pm<br>4:00 pm – 5:30 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seminars</li> <li>• “Experience Campus” Tour, Meeting point: Lobby HZ</li> <li>• Meeting with department student council (Room: TBA)</li> </ul> |
| 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm   | <b>Resources for Academic Good Life: A Wrap-Up Discussion at the Campus Summer Garden</b>  |
| 7:00 pm   | <b>Cultural program</b>  |

**Friday, 29. June 2018**

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| 9:00 am – 10:30 am<br>Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 1<br>Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 2 | <b>Assessing Resources for Points of Future Collaboration in Research, Teaching, Mentoring, and Career Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working group I<br/>Chairs: Prof. Dr. Roland Hardenberg, Asst. Prof. Dr. Masoud Kianpour</li> <li>• Working group II<br/>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Azra Ghandeharion, PD Dr. Sophie Roche</li> </ul> |
| 10:30 am – 11:00 am  | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm<br>Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 1                                      | Plenary session<br><b>Reports From the Working Groups: Where Do We Go From Here? Setting Out Joint Activities in the Medium and Long Term</b><br>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Azra Ghandeharion, Prof. Dr. Roland Hardenberg  |
| 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm   | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm<br>Normative Orders<br>Building, EG 1  | Plenary session<br><b>Formulating the Collaborative Agenda for Isfahan and Beyond</b><br>Chairs: Asst. Prof. Dr. Masoud Kianpour, Dr. des. Katja Rieck   |
| 4:00 pm  | <b>Cultural program</b>  |



## PRESENTERS AND CHAIRS

**Ehsan Aghababae** holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Isfahan University of Isfahan (Iran) and is an assistant professor of sociology at University of Isfahan. His interests include the sociology of Iranian cinema and qualitative research methods.

**Rasool Akbari** is a Ph.D. candidate in Comparative Religions and Mysticism at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran. He is currently an invited researcher at Paderborn University, working with ZeKK (the Centre for Comparative Theology and Cultural Studies). His research has focused on the ambivalent interplay between religion, violence, and peace. His Ph.D. dissertation deals with religion as a *ResourceCulture* for peace and investigates comparative dynamics among Muslims and Christians in Mashhad and Paderborn.

**Nastaran Ameli** has been an M.A. student of sociology at the University of Isfahan since the autumn of 2017. She is interested in gender studies, sociology of literature and cinema, social problems, and qualitative research methods.

**Ahmadreza Asgharpourmasouleh** is an associate professor of sociology at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran. He graduated from Ferdowsi university of Mashhad with a Ph.D. in development and economic sociology. His research interests include social complexity, urban sociology, and economic sociology.

**Anna Maria Degenhart** is a student in the M.A. program Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Tübingen. She focuses on the Persian-speaking world and migration studies.

**Stella Dietrich** is an undergraduate student in anthropology and political sciences at Goethe University. Within her course of studies she attended a class on “Iranian Women’s Literature” taught by Leila Rahimi-Bahmany and a conference on contemporary Persian poetry at St. Andrews University in Scotland. Currently she is working on her B.A.-Thesis and learning Persian.

**Sahar Faeghi** holds a Ph.D. in cultural sociology from the Science and Research Branch University of Tehran (Iran) and has been a Post-Doctoral Researcher of Sociology at University of Isfahan since 2018. Her interests include cultural studies, sociology of culture, social inequality, and qualitative research methods.

**Jakob Famulok** is an undergraduate student of economics and business, with his primary focus on economics. Last year he participated in a Startup challenge at the Frankfurt TechQuartier called the “Hessian Israel Partnership Accelerator” (HIPA). Companies asked participants to

undertake FinTech based projects with the aim to create a product within three months. Afterwards, he spent a semester studying at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

**Masoud Fattahzadeh** is a Ph.D. candidate in economic sociology and development at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (FUM), Iran. His areas of interest are social trust, public opinion, social complexity, sociology of religion, agent-based social simulation and also economic sociology. Now, Masoud completed his coursework and is preparing to write his Ph.D. thesis.

**Katharina Forster** studied cultural anthropology (Ethnologie) in Freiburg i. Br. and Frankfurt am Main and completed her Masters' degree in 2017. Her areas of specialization are anthropology of law (B.A.) and migration processes (M.A.). She conducted field work in Senegal and Mali. Currently, she is working as a trainee for a municipal department which deals with the integration of immigrants and facilitates multicultural coexistence in Frankfurt am Main.

**Azra Ghandeharion** has been an assistant professor of English literature and cultural studies at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad since 2013. Her research interests include contemporary Middle Eastern art and culture. Her emphasis is on 'Otherness', media studies, body politics, and literature of diaspora. Recent publications include: "Governmental Discourses in Advertising on Iran's State Television", "Shakespeare's Tragedies Recontextualized as Comedies in Iran's State TV Sitcom, Kolāh Ghermezī", "Ideology behind the Bestselling Book Covers in Iran: Female Narrators of War Literature", "Homi Bhabha and Iranian-American Literature of Diaspora: Is Firoozeh Dumas's *Funny in Farsi* Postcolonially Funny?"

**Anne-Sophie Grothe** studied "historische Ethnologie"(historical ethnology) at Goethe University in Frankfurt Main. She specialised in medical anthropology and wrote an M.A. thesis entitled *Discourses on Female Migration in Social Health Counselling. Theory and Practice from the Perspective of Medical Anthropology*. From 2015 to 2018 she worked in several refugee camps as an expert for health promotion and has recently taken a position at Freiburg International Academy, an organisation that supports the integration of international medical specialists.

**Behjat Hajian** is a Ph.D. student in "sociology of social problems of Iran" at University of Isfahan. Her research interests include the sociology of family and love, women's studies, and the sociology of sexuality.

**Roland Hardenberg** (1967) is Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Goethe University in Frankfurt (Main) and Director of the Frobenius Institute for Research in Cultural Anthropology. He is the author of *The Renewal of Jagannatha's Body: Ritual and Society in Orissa* (2012) and editor of the book *Approaching Ritual Economy: Socio-Cosmic Fields in Globalized Contexts* (2016). Together with Holger Jebens he acts as the editor of the journal *Paideuma – Journal of Cultural Anthropology*. His research activities focus on socio-cultural dynamics in South and Central Asia. He is interested in religious economies, resource cultures and materialities.

**Fatemeh Khajavian** has a B.A. in English Language and Literature. Currently she is a first-year student at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, where she is pursuing a Master's Degree in English Literature. Her areas of interest include—but are not limited to—English literature, comparative literature, and Greek and Roman mythology.

**Masoud Kianpour** holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Memorial University of Newfoundland (Canada), and has been an assistant professor of Sociology at University of Isfahan since 2011. His interests include social psychology, sociology of emotions, social problems and qualitative research methods.

**Kathrin Knodel** is a social and cultural anthropologist at Goethe University Frankfurt. She currently holds a position as a postdoctoral research fellow at the Collaborative Research Centre "Discourses of Weakness and Resource Regimes". Her study focuses on NGO-actors in Burkina Faso, their working- and life-worlds, as well as their role as brokers between local groups and international donors.

**Macario Lacbawan** is a graduate student affiliated with Goethe University's Institute of Ethnology and the Collaborative Research Centre "Discourses of Weakness and Resource Regimes". His research interests include political ontology, social movements, indigenous peoples, and Philippine studies. His current research project deals with the shifting politics of an indigenous rebel movement in Northern Philippines within the context of a changing resource governmentality.

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**Katharina Müller** is a social and cultural anthropologist, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tübingen, and part of the Collaborative Research Center 1070 "ResourceCultures" (at the University of Tübingen). Her research interests are: Iran, ritual economy, resources, values, religious charity, Shia Islam. She has completed several months of anthropological research about the Imam Reza Shrine in Mashhad and was kindly supported by the Ferdowsi University Mashhad.

**Shahnaz R. Nadjmabadi** is a social anthropologist affiliated with the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Asien-Orient-Institute, Tübingen University. She has been teaching anthropology at the University of Zürich, Heidelberg, and Goethe University Frankfurt Main and has worked at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Her research is focused on processes of social change and development among populations living in the Iranian border regions of Khorassan and Hormozgan. She is currently acting as regional expert for Iran at the Collaborative Research Centre 1070 "ResourceCultures".

**Azam Naghavi** is an assistant professor at the Department of Counselling, Faculty of Education and Psychology, University of Isfahan. She is currently working in the areas of disability, empowerment, and women's issues. She has conducted an ethnographic study on immigrant women, an autoethnography of vicarious trauma, and a thematic analysis of intimate partner sexual violence. Currently she is working on two projects: disability and empowerment of students with disability as well as the experience of compassion fatigue among mother caregivers of children with a disability.

**Sophie Roche** is a social anthropologist and currently deputy professor at the Goethe University Frankfurt Main. She completed her habilitation at the University of Heidelberg and her

dissertation at the University of Halle-Wittenberg. She is a specialist on the ethnography of Central Asia, particularly Tajikistan, and has more recently become interested in the ethnography of Iran. She has authored two monographs, several edited volumes, and more than forty articles and book chapters.

**Katja Rieck** is currently a lecturer at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Goethe University Frankfurt and Scientific Coordinator of the DAAD-funded project "The Social and Cultural Dimensions of Resources: Iranian and German Perspectives". She received her B.A. in politics and economics from Princeton University. Later, she went on to study social and cultural anthropology and Oriental studies at the Goethe University of Frankfurt, where she received her Ph.D. in socio-cultural anthropology in 2017. Her research interests include the anthropology of capitalism, (post)colonial modernities and, more recently, practices of charity and the ethnography of Iran.

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