

Dr. Ahmed Sheir

Short Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

Name: Ahmed Sheir

Nationality: German

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Highest Academic Qualifications

- **PhD (Dr. phil.) in History**
Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany, 2017-2021
- **MA in History**
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany, 2012-2014

Professional Certificates (Selective)

- Certificate of Strategies for Research Leadership, Advancing your Research Career (ARC) Programme, Trinity College Dublin (2023)
- Diploma in Psychosocial Counselling, Germany (2025)
- Self-Marketing Strategies for Academics and Senior Employees, Bildungswerk der Hessischen Wirtschaft e.V., Germany (2021)
- Academic Writing Course (C1–C2), Sprachenzentrum, Philipps-Universität Marburg (2019)
- German Language Certificate (C1), Marburg, Germany (2019)
- Syriac Reading Course, Semitic Studies Department, Philipps-Universität Marburg (2019)

Employment History

- **Assistant Professor in History**
University of Khorfakkan (UKF), Sharjah, UAE — 2026–present
- **Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (Research Associate Professor track)**
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), Germany — 2025–2026
- **ERC Postdoctoral Researcher / Associate Research Fellow in Mediterranean History**
Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland — 2022–2024
- **Postdoctoral Fellow / PhD Researcher in History**
Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS), Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany — 2017–2021

Professional Membership & Activities

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA), USA
- The Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East (SSCLE), London

- Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), USA
- Mediävistenverband (German Society for Medieval Studies), Germany
- Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (DAVO), Germany
- European Association for Jewish Studies, UK

Teaching Experience

Dr. Sheir's teaching spans several countries and three languages, moving through leading international universities — most recently LMU Munich and Trinity College Dublin — with a consistent focus on the premodern Mediterranean world and Islamic–Christian relations.

- **Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (2025–2026):** Encounter and Conflict in the Medieval Eastern Mediterranean during the Crusades; Medieval Christian–Muslim Relations; Jewish–Muslim Relations.
- **Trinity College Dublin (2022–2024):** Cultural Encounter between the Middle East and Europe; Eastern Mediterranean Islamic History: Abbasids to Mamluks; Jewish–Muslim Relations in the Premodern Mediterranean.
- **Philipps-Universität Marburg (2017–2021):** Jihad and Crusades — Concepts of Holy War in Islam and Christendom; The Crusades from an Islamic Perspective; Reading Arabic Manuscripts.

Conferences & Workshops (Last 5 years)

- 11th SSCLE International Conference, University of Porto, Portugal (2026)
- Workshop, Transmediterranean History (LMU) Meets Philosophy and History of Science of the Greek-Arabic-Latin Tradition (JMU), Germany (2026)
- Symposium des Mediävistenverbandes, University of Salzburg, Austria (2025)
- Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Conference (2023, 2024)
- International Workshop, University of Groningen, Netherlands (2024)
- 12th EAJIS Congress, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany (2023)
- Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Washington, D.C., USA (2022, 2023)
- Organiser and convenor of numerous conference sessions and seminar series across Germany, Ireland, the UK, and the USA

Research Interests

- Latin Christian–Muslim relations in the premodern Mediterranean
- The Crusades: historiography and cultural memory
- Jewish–Muslim relations and Cairo Genizah studies
- Maritime history, travel writing, and myth in the medieval world

Recent Research Publications (Books, Journals & Conference papers)

Monographs

- The Prester John Legend between East and West during the Crusades: Entangled Eastern-Latin Mythical Legacies. Budapest: Trivent Publishing, 2022.

Edited Volume & Special Issues

- **Edited volume:** *The Historiography and Memory of the Crusades in the Modern Arab World* (co-edited with Amar Baadj, foreword by Jonathan Phillips). Budapest: Trivent Publishing, 2025.
- Special Issue: *The Entangled Histories and Cultures of Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Premodern Mediterranean through Literary and Folk Sources* (co-edited with M. Imran Khan). *Entangled Religions* 15:3 (2024).

Selected Journal Articles

- "The Legendary 'Green City' in Marginal Narratives in Mamluk Historiography", *Religions* 17, no. 4 (2026).
- "Between War and Symbiosis in the Horn of Africa: Ethiopia's Position Between Red Sea Sultanates and Mamluk Egypt (1270–1543)." *Histories* 6, no. 1 (2026).
- "Hamilton Gibb and His Works on Islam and the Crusades: Between the Mirror of Orientalism and History." *Ostour for Historical Studies* 11, no. 23 (2025).
- "Shared Memory and History: The Abrahamic Legacy in Medieval Judaeo-Arabic Poetry from the Cairo Genizah." *Religions* 15, no. 12 (2024).
- "Fire and the Cross: Anti-Christian Polemic in Two Arabic Poems from the Cairo Genizah." *Entangled Religions* 15.3 (2024).
- "The Prophets of the Israelites (Banī Isrā'īl) between Popular Memory and History: A Reading of Arabic Poetry in the Cairo Genizah Papers at the University of Cambridge." *Al-Markaz: Journal of Arabic Studies* (Brill) 4 (2024): 179–212.

Book Chapters

- "The Frankish 'Ubbād al-Ṣulbān in Judaeo-Arabic and Arabic Texts from the Cairo Genizah." In *The Crusaded Eastern Mediterranean: Multivocality, Memory and Sources*, eds. M. El-Merheb & J. Wilson. Leiden: Brill, 2026 (forthcoming).
- "The Historiographical Memory of the Crusades in Nineteenth-Century Egypt." In *Memory and Historiography of the Crusades in the Modern Arab World*, eds. A. Baadj & A. Sheir, 21–54. Trivent Publishing, 2025.

Peer Review Activities

- Manuscript reviewer for *American Historical Review*; *Religions and Histories* (MDPI); *Al-Masāq: Journal of the Medieval Mediterranean*; *The Crusades* (SSCLE); and *Middle East – Topics & Arguments* (META)

Research, Teaching Grants

- **ERC Postdoctoral Project**, Arabic Poetry in the Cairo Genizah (APCG), Trinity College Dublin (2022–2025)
- **Individual Postdoctoral Project**, funded by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, CNMS, Philipps-Universität Marburg (2021–2022)
- **PhD Yousef Jameel Scholarship**, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany (2017–2021)

International Collaborations

- Series Editor, Premodern Arab History and East-West Encounters, Trivent Publishing, Budapest, Hungary (2023–present)
- SSCLE Bulletin Editor (The Crusades), Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East, London, UK (2025–2029)
- Co-editor, The Historiography and Memory of the Crusades in the Modern Arab World, Trivent Publishing, 2025
- ERC-funded collaborative project "Arabic Poetry in the Cairo Genizah" (APCG), Trinity College Dublin, with partner researchers across Ireland, the UK, and Germany (2022–2025)
- Co-taught hybrid-format modules with Prof. Georg Strack, Philipps-Universität Marburg, linking LMU Munich and Marburg course offerings (2024–2025)

Awards and Recognitions

- Research Award, Middle East Category, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Washington, D.C. (2023)
- Fritz Thyssen Stiftung Postdoctoral Research Award, Germany (2021)
- PhD Yousef Jameel Scholarship, Philipps-Universität Marburg (2017)
- MA Scholarship, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (2012)

Community Services

International: Co-organiser of the ERC-funded project seminar series: Arabic Poetry in the Cairo Genizah, Trinity College Dublin (2022–present); panel organiser at successive annual conferences of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Washington, D.C. (2022–2023).

Germany: Organiser of the online lecture series: Rethinking Memory and Historiography of the Crusades in the Middle East, Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Philipps-Universität Marburg (2022).

University service: Member, School Tutoring Committee, Trinity College Dublin (2023–2024)