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SUMMARY

Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory

Qualified jurist

RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of law in 19th- and 20th-century Egypt; Islamic normativity; probate councils; Sharia courts ; positivisation; mixed courts in Egypt, Tangier and Syria

COURSE CONTENT

Summary of teaching

Year	Status	University	Subject	Type	Level	Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2025-2026• 2024-2025• 2023-2024	Adjunct lecturer	University of Bordeaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relations Between the State and Religion in Arab Countries• Religious Minorities in France	Lecture	University Degree in Law, Society, and Religion	1 group - 9 hours (13.5 FTE)
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2024	Guest Lecturer	Jönköping University	Conflict over Palestine	Lecture	Undergraduate course	1 group - 2 hours (3 FTE)
2024	Guest Lecturer	Jönköping University	Criticism of Sources	Lecture	Undergraduate course	1 group - 2 hours (3 FTE)
2024	Guest Lecturer	Jönköping University	Criticism of Sources	Tutorial	Undergraduate course	4 groups- 2 hours (8 FTE)

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2022	Guest Lecturer	Jönköping University	Conflict over Palestine	Lecture	Undergraduate course	1 group - 3 hours (4,5 FTE)
2022	Guest Lecturer	Jönköping University	Cosmopolitan Conflict Resolution	Lecture	Undergraduate course	1 group - 2 hours (3 FTE)
TOTAL						76 FTE

Teaching activities

Master's thesis (University Degree in Law, Society, and Religion).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

- 2021-2023 substitute teacher, Internationella Engelska Skolan, Jönköping (Sweden).
- 2019-2020 Policy Officer, BDPE, Directorate of Public Freedoms and Legal Affairs (DLPAJ), Ministry of the Interior, Paris
- 2016-2018 court clerk, Documentation, Research and Reporting Service (SDER), First Civil Chamber, Court of Cassation, Paris.

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

24 mars 2026 PhD in Law, specialising in "History of Law", University of Bordeaux

Thèse : *From Islamic normativity to positive law. The case of the interdiction of incapacitated persons before Egyptian probate councils (1873-1955)*, supervised by Dr Laetitia Guerlain and Dr Baudouin Dupret.

2015-2016 Research Master in Comparative European Law, research track, University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas (60 ECTS), with Honours

Research master: Equity in the Islamic legal tradition, the civil law tradition and the common law tradition: a comparative study, supervised by Mr Georges Khairallah

2014-2016 Master of Laws (LL.M) European Legal Studies, Cardiff University, United Kingdom (200 ECTS), with Distinction

Research master : *Refugees from Syria in Europe : How Effective are the European Responses?*, under the supervision of Ms. Bernadette Rainey.

2014-2015 Master Law, Economics and Management, specialising in Private Law and Criminal Sciences (Trilingual Lawyer Programme), University of Nantes, with Honours

2013-2014 Bachelor of Law, University of Nantes, with Merit

Internship report: *Family law decisions handed down by Arab-Muslim courts. Issues raised by the recognition and enforcement in France of a judgment handed down by an Emirati court.*

Juin 2011, General Baccalaureate, Science stream, Mathematics specialism, Lycée Aristide Briand (Saint-Nazaire), with Honours

COMMUNICATIONS ORALES

International and national conferences, workshops and symposiums

Bejermi A., « Positivisation de la norme islamique en Égypte », *La positivisation normative vue d'Afrique musulmane*, IRN Poseidonis, Journée d'étude, 16 octobre 2025.

Bejermi A., « Tarboosh & Suits : The Rise of Lawyers in Egypt (mid-19th / mid-20th) », 8th Biennial Conference of the ESCLH: Back to the Past and Building the Future, University of Szeged, 3rd July 2025.

Bejermi A., « Kashf ṭibbī: the use of forensic medicine as a probative knowledge in ḥajr case law in 20th century Egypt », *Knowledge in the Islamic Court: Evidence, Proof, Procedure*, Symposium at Netherlands Institute Morocco, Rabat, 15th May, 2025.

Bejermi A., « The judicial treatment regarding the property guardian (wālī al-māl) of the insane person (ma'tūh - majnūn) before the probate councils (majālis ḥisbiyyah) in Egypt: a research into the « positivization » of the Hanafī doctrine », 3rd Annual Ḥanafī School Workshop, Istanbul, 8th June 2023.

Bejermi A., Defining « insanity » and « madness » in front of the Egyptian courts of the 20th century (1920-1931), ISLE/LAWALISI Summer School in Islamic Legal Studies 2022, University of Exeter, 29th June 2022.

Guest seminars

Bejermi A., « Taḥawwulāt tashrī' iyya wa-qānūniyya wa-taghayyurāt al-mu'assasāt fī Miṣr fī awākhir al-qarn al-tāsi' 'ashar wa-awā'il al-qarn al-'ishrīn », *Cairo Institute of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CILAS)*, 23 avril 2025.

Bejermi A., « How did I manage to avoid studying only French law », Filière Franco-Britannique, Université de Nantes, 25 October 2024.

Bejermi A., « The mixed courts experience in Egypt, Syria and Tangier during the interwar period (1918-1939): the role played by international judges and the mixed law applied », Departement Vogenaeur retreat, MPI-LHLT, 1st October 2024.

Bejermi A., « Muḥāḍara 'an al-maṣādir wa-al-adawāt lil-baḥth al-qānūnī wa-al-iqtisādī fī Faransā », *ESPESL*, en ligne, 7 septembre 2024.

Bejermi, A. & Dupret, B., « Dire la folie en situation coloniale. Les signes, les corps et les mots », Séminaire AMIAF, Université d'Aix-Marseille, 14 juin 2022.

Bejermi A., « La réception du Code civil des Français (1804) au Proche-Orient : l'exemple de l'Égypte », Institut de Recherches et d'Études Méditerranée Moyen – Orient, 10 mars 2018.

Organisation of conferences and academic meetings

Bejermi A. & Erpelding M., « The Mixed Courts of Egypt, 1876-1949: between imperial internationalism and shared legal knowledge », MPI-LHLT, 13 & 14 April 2026 (à venir).

Bejermi A., Erpelding M., Li J., & Odrich P., « The Hidden Heritage of the European Union », Research Group Launch Seminar, MPI-LHLT, 17 November 2025.

Bejermi A., et Tengour D., « Échanges et Conflits en Méditerranée (1492 - 1830) », Sorbonne- Nouvelle (Maison de la Recherche), Journée d'étude, 14 Septembre 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

Bejerimi A., « Kashf ṭibbī: Forensic Expertise as Probative Knowledge in Ḥajr Decisions of 20th-Century Egypt », *Islamic Law Blog*, 26th February 2026.

Bejerimi A., Nilsson M., « Changing patterns of media consumption: Palestinian diaspora and citizen journalism during the war in Gaza », *Journal of Arab & Muslim Media Research*, Volume 18, Issue 1, avr. 2025, p. 61 - 81.

Dupret B., Bejerimi A., Utriza Yakin A., « Faire du neuf avec du vieux ? Qualifier la prodigalité devant la justice égyptienne de la première moitié du xxe siècle », *Revue historique de droit français et étranger*, n°2, 2023, p. 225 - 242.

Dupret B., Bejerimi A., Utriza Yakin A., « L'aliénation mentale devant les juges égyptiens pendant la période de tutelle britannique », *Clio@Themis*, n°23, 2022.

Bejerimi A., et Pouillaude S., (traduction), Robert C. Post, « Tensions entre "droit au débat public" et "droit au déréférencement" regard d'Outre-Atlantique », *Revue internationale de droit comparé*, 2017.

Other publications

Bejerimi A., « La 'nakba' perpétuelle des réfugiés palestiniens », *Les Amis du Monde Diplomatique*, 2018.

Upcoming publications

Baida T., Bejerimi A., Belkadi A., Cherif N., Dupret B., « Law and Anthropology in Muslim Contexts », *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Law and Anthropology*.

Peer review for scientific journals and blogs:

- International Journal of Language & Law
- QAWAMI

Languages

- French (mother tongue)
- Arabic (father tongue)
- English (C2)
- Swedish (B2)
- Spanish (B2)
- German (A2)

Additional skills

Digital tools such as Zotero, eScriptorium, NodeGoat