

## Curriculum Vitae

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Name: Dr. Necmi Sönmez

Date of Birth: 05.05.1968, Istanbul, lives and works in Mettmann

### Professional Experience

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#### Independent Curator & Art Historian

06.2008- now

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2020

**:mentalkLINIK BITTER MEDICINE #2**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
17.09.2020-30.01.2021

**Murat Germen Feyezan / Overflow**

Ferda Art Platform, Istanbul  
10.09.-31.10.2020

**Düş Suda**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
19.03.2020-19.03.2021

2019

**Proportional Line Kemal Seyhan Last Decade**

Ark Kültür, Istanbul  
26.11.2019-31.01.2020

**Boomoon: Bosphorus**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
09.03.-25.08.2019

2018

**Yagız Özgen-Merve Şendil**

Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf  
22.11.-30.11.2018

**İlhan Berk: Şiir Her Yerdedir**

Yapı Kredi Kültür Sanat, Istanbul  
20.11.-31.12.2018

**Üvercinka**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
15.09. 2018-17.02.2018

**Evrin / Evolve**

Positions, Questions on the Relationship Between Urbanism,  
Participation, Public, Memory and the Realities

Public Space, Galeri A, İzmir

:mentalkLINIK, Rafet Arslan, Oruç Aruoba, Zeynep Beler, Cansu  
Çakar, Ali M. Demirel, Ersan Deveci, Burak Dikilitaş, Sibel

Horada, Joana Hadjithomas & Khalil Joreige, Claus Föttinger,  
Murat Germen, Evrim Kavcar, Merey, Füsün Onur, Nuri Hamza

Rüstem, Serda Sönmez

02.-08.04.2018

**Alacakaranlık / Twilight**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
03.03.-19.08.2018

- 2017
- Annabel Daou, Ulrike Möschel, Alice Musiol**  
Trabanten, Düsseldorf  
21.09.-01.10.2017
- SARMAL / HELIX**  
Inauguration exhibition  
Yapi Kredi Kultur Sanat, Istanbul  
12.09.-31.12.2017
- Selim Turan Retrospective**  
Thesis – Antithesis – Synthesis  
Sakip Sabanci Museum, Istanbul  
30.05.-13.08.2017
- Ola Kolehmainen: Sinan Project**  
Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
04.03.-03.09.2017
- 2016
- Matthias Schamp, Johannes Sandberger**  
SPAM CONTEMPORARY, Düsseldorf  
15.07.-13.08.2016
- Deck Voyage / Güverte Yolculuğu**  
Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
3.03.2016–21.08.2016
- 2015
- Desire / Tutku**  
Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
5.09.2015–21.02.2016
- Klaus Jürgen-Fischer**  
**Beschmutze Deine Farbe**  
SPAM CONTEMPORARY, Düsseldorf  
4.07-8.8.2015
- ESSENTIAL MATTERS**  
**Moving Images from China**  
Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
4.04.-23.08.2015 Catalogue
- Stephan Baumkötter & Clemens Botho Goldbach**  
SPAM CONTEMPORARY, Düsseldorf  
23.05-27.6.2015
- 2014
- Björn Severin**  
**Urban Blend**  
SPAM CONTEMPORARY, Düsseldorf  
1.11.-6.12.2014
- Boris Becker & Murat Germen,**  
**Urban Landscapes KÖLNISTANBUL**  
Labor, Cologne  
18.9.-18.10.2014
- Bengü Karaduman**

"Ideas disperse in the universe in order to continue to live on other planets"

Galerie | PRISKA PASQUER, Cologne

15.03.-7.6. 2014

2013

**Paul Schwer, Spot on # 6**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul

15.09.2013-24.12.2013

**Bengü Karaduman, Spot on # 5**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul

24.05.2013-26.8.2013, Catalogue

**Untold Unwritten: Forth Show**

**Annual Exhibition of ArtCenter Istanbul**

Borusan Music House, Istanbul

**Aliye Arslan, Özge Enginöz, Aksel Zeydan Göz, Asena Hayal, Serenay Özen, Yağız Özgen, Meltem Sirtıkara, Berkay Tuncay, Volkan Yıldırım**

24.1.-6.03.2013, Catalogue

**François Morellet, Spot on # 4**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul

26.11.2012-20.5.2013, Catalogue

2012

**Performing Transition**

Screening Project for HIAP Curatorial Residency

30.07.2012, KIASMA Theater, Helsinki

**Anthea Behm, Emil Salto, Pilvi Takala, Magnus Thierfelder, Michael John Whelan**

**Gerwald Rockenschaub, "4to2floors"**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul

26.5.-2.9.2012, Catalogue

**Sol LeWitt, Spot on # 3**

Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul

26.5.-2.9.2012, Catalogue

**What I Love: Third Show**

**Annual Exhibition of ArtCenter Istanbul**

7.2.2012-7.3.2011, Catalogue

Borusan Music House Istanbul

**Zeynep Beler, Özge Enginöz, Asena Hayal, Evrim Kavcar, Burçak Konukman, Elif Öner, Gökçe Süvari, Berkay Tuncay, Yagiz Özgen, İlke Yılmaz**

2011

**Nil Yalter, "20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> Century"**

Galerist, Istanbul

24.11.-30.12.2011, Catalogue

**Elgiz Contemporary Istanbul: 10 Years**

Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul

20.09.-15.03.2012, Catalogue

**Segment #1**

Selection from the Borusan Contemporary Art Collection  
Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul  
18.9.-22.12.2011

**In the back of real**

ISCP Gallery, Brooklyn

**Uri Aran, Julien Bismuth, Katie Holten, Gereon  
Krebber, Luisa Rabbia, Tanja Roscic, Carolyn Salas,  
Ana Santos, Reed Seifer**

11.05.-30.05. 2011

**Considering the Circumstances: The Second Show  
Annual Exhibition of ArtCenter Istanbul**

4.2.2011-12.3.2011, Catalogue

Borusan Music House Istanbul

**Burak Bedenlier, Zeynep Beler, Engin Beyaz, Sibel Diker,  
Evrin Kavcar, Burçak Konukman, Elif Öner, Nejat Satı,  
Gökçe Süvari, İlke Yılmaz**

2010

**„PORT IZMIR 2 / SILENCE\_STORM“**

International Triennial of Contemporary Art, Izmir

Austro-Turkish Tobacco Building

27.09.-15.12. 2010, Catalogue

**Jan Albers, Durmuş Akbulut, Ertuğ Balkan, Maja Bajevic,  
Ramazan Bayrakoğlu, Burak Bedenlier, Joseph Beuys,  
Gianni Caravaggio, Ergin Çavuşoğlu, Süleyman Duman,  
Mehmet Dere, Ersan Deveci, Mounir Fatmi, Anna  
Fasshauer, Murat Germen, Ulrike Grossarth, Yu Hirai,  
Sema Kayaönü, Simin Keramati, Gereon Krebber, Markus  
Keibel, Mirjam Kuitenbrouwer, Mustafa Kunt - Özlem  
Günyol, Deniz Kurtel, :mentalkLINIK (Yasemin Baydar,  
Birol Demir), Nur Muşkara, Ulrike Möschel, Füsün Onur,  
Wolfgang Plöger, Hamza Rüstem Fotoğraf Atölyesi Arşivi,  
Sefa Sağlam, Nejat Satı, Erinç Seymen, Beat Streuli,  
Sabire Susuz, Duygu Süzen, Nezaket Tekin, Güneş Terkol,  
Fabien Verschaere**

**Unexpected / Unerwartet**

From Islamic Art to Contemporary Art

Von der islamischen Kunst zur zeitgenössischen Kunst

Kunstmuseum Bochum

12.06.-10.10.2010, Catalogue

**Hamra Abbas, Arahmaiani, Lara Baladi, Mounir Fatmi,  
Tarek Al-Ghoussein, Özlem Günyol & Mustafa Kunt,  
Arash Hanaei, Shady El Noshokaty Zineb Sedira,  
Nebosja Seric Shoba**

- 2009 Curating site-specific works of **Peter Kogler, Vienna** and **Ayse Erkmen, Berlin-Istanbul** for the Borusan Corporate Collection, Istanbul
- Consulting curator for **ArtCenter, Istanbul** for the Artists Residency Program
- 2008 **Turkish Realities / Türkische Wirklichkeiten**  
Positions in Contemporary Photography and Video from Turkey  
Positionen der zeitgenössischen Fotografie und Video aus der Türkei  
Co-Curator: Celina Lunsford  
**Fotografie Forum, Frankfurt**  
12. 09.-26.10.2008, Catalogue
- Mazhar Sevket Ipsiroglu**  
Bicentennial Exhibition of First Turkish Modern Art Historian  
Yapi Kredi Art Center, Istanbul  
23.05.-15.07.2008, Catalogue

**Artistic Director Kunstverein Arnsberg, Germany**  
**05. 2006 – 06.2008**

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- 2008 **Anja Cuipka**  
**Passionate Single** Installations  
Kunstverein Arnsberg  
9.5.-15.06.2008, Catalogue
- Sabine Boehl**  
**„Nicht Mehr Als Fragmente Der Dinge Sind Die Dinge...Léger“**  
Kunstverein Arnsberg  
18.1.-24.02.2008, Catalogue
- Poetics of Space**  
**Öztoprak and His Generation**  
Josef Albers, Antonio Calderaia, Piero Dorazio, Julie Kniefer, Heinz Mack, Bridget Riley, Pierre Soulages, Zdenek Sykora, Ryszard Winiarski  
Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul  
12.12.2007-15.03.2008, Catalogue
- 2007 **Martin Dammann**  
**Repromancer** Painting-Video-Installation  
Kunstverein Arnsberg  
21.09.-11.11.2007, Catalogue
- Christoph Rodde**  
**L'autre côté du découpage** Installation  
Galerie Condé- Goethe Institute Paris  
25.4.-25.9.2007, Catalogue
- Florian Bach**

**Der Apparat** Installation-Performance  
Kunstverein Arnsberg  
Catalogue (German/English)  
29.6.-30.8.2007, Catalogue

**Marko Lulic**  
**Denkmalpflege und Bodywork** Sculpture-Video  
Kunstverein Arnsberg  
13.4.-10.6.2007, Catalogue

**Myriam Holme**  
**erdwärtsgespiegelte wege** Installation  
Kunstverein Arnsberg  
19.1.-11.3.2007, Catalogue

**MeltemofIstanbul**

**Emerging German and Turkish Artists**

Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul  
Ramazan Bayrakoğlu, Ragip Basmazölmez Tine Benz, Burak Delier, Nezaket Ekici, Friederike Feldmann, Özlem Günyol, Hayal İncedoğan, Yasemin Özcan Kaya, Mustafa Kula, Mustafa Kunt, Jonathan Meese, Ferhat Özgür, Lea Asja Pagenkemper, Johannes Wohnseifer, Iskender Yediler  
18.10.2006 –5.3.2007, Catalogue

2006

**„Verstehst Du das?“**

**New-Media-Art from Southeast Europe**

Kunstverein Arnsberg Cooperation  
Ausstellungshalle zeitgenössische Kunst Münster  
**Maja Bajevic, Danica Dakic, Esra Ersen, Peter Marifoglou, Stefan Nikolaev, Milica Tomic**  
28.10.-10.12.2006

**Gregor Schneider**

**Photography**

Kunstverein Arnsberg  
28.7.-30.09. 2006

**Ekrem Yalcindag**

**Bilder 1995-2006**

Kunstverein Arnsberg  
26.5.-9.7. 2006, Catalogue

**Independent Curator**

**02.2005 –04.2006**

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2005

**„Aux mystères dormants“**

**Jan Albers, Vincent Prud'homme, Christoph Rodde**

Forum d'Art Franco-Allemand, Château de Vaudrémont,  
11.6-30.08.2005, Catalogue

**Voices, Nightlong Arisen**

**Ramazan Bayrakoglu, Helmut Dick, Bülent Evren, Özlem Günyol, Markus Keibel**

Borusan Sanat Galerisi, Istanbul  
11.01.-12.03.2005, Catalogue

**Curator for Contemporary Art, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany**

**01. 2001- 01. 2005**

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- 2005 **Tiefbauarbeiten**  
**Saâdane Afif, Alexej Meschtschanow**  
10.12.2004 - 23.01.2005, Catalogue
- 2004 **„The right man at the right place“**  
**Absalon, Mircea Cantor, Claude Closky, Xavier Veilhan**  
Video Works from the FNAC Collection, 1.10. - 7.11.2004  
**„Das erinnerte Haus“**  
**Jan Albers, Parastou Forouhar, Berkan Karpat, Hüseyin Karakaya, Martín Mele, Neringa Naujokaite, Susa Templin, Nasan Tur, Jerry Zeniuk**  
9.7.-9.8.2004, Catalogue
- Reiner Ruthenbeck**  
**„Installationen“.**  
16.01.-14.03.2004, Catalogue
- Martin Gostner**  
**"Of Milk and Honey", Installationen**  
12.12.03-1.2.2004, catalogue
- 2003 **Sukûn/Stille**  
**Ragip Basmazölmez, Alfred Biolek, Christoper Dettmeier, Helmut Dick, Luka Fineisen, Dirk Fleischmann, Katharina Fritsch, Pierro Golia, Eva-Maria Kollischan, Thomas Locher, Henning Maier-Jantzen, Stefan Römer, Dirk Schlichting, Johanna Schwarz, Fabian Weinecke und Schüler der Gesamtschule Süd, Essen**  
23.9.-3.10.2003, Catalogue
- Renée Levi**  
**Sariyer Installationen**  
14. 06-10. 10. 2003, Catalogue
- Elisabeth Ballet**  
**"Vie Privée", Installation**  
10.05-13. 07. 2003, Catalogue
- New Workstrategien #2,**  
Young Artists presents their new works,  
The Arnheim Institute for the Arts, Arnheim,  
9.-10. 2003, Catalogue
- 2002 **Magische Expeditionen,**  
**Streifzüge mit rätselhaften Empfindungen.**

**Isidro Blasco, Markus Keibel, Uwe Max Jensen, Rosana Palazyan, Ekrem Yalcindag**  
5.7.-18.8. 2002, Catalogue

**Wolfgang Laib,**  
**Installation and Photographies**  
26.4.-6.7. 2002, Catalogue

**Surasi Kusolwong**  
**"Floating air market ( One Euro)",**  
14.5.-13.6. 2002, Catalogue

**Private Öffentlichkeit**  
**Thomas Bayrle, Guillaume Bijl, Reza Khaeef, Kirsten Krüger, Christiane Mobüs, Michael Reiter, Matthias Schamp, Anja Schrey, Kiki Smith, Julia Wirxel und Schüler der Gesamtschule Süd, Essen**  
17.6.-6.7. 2002, Catalogue

**Mira Schumann "Einwurf",** Installation  
31.1. - 19.3. 2002, Catalogue

2001

**New Workstrategien #1,**  
Young Artists presents their new works,  
6. 12.2001

**Tische der Kommunikation,**  
**Ayse Erkmen, Joachim Knobloch, Karl-Heinz Mauermann, Gerhard Merz, Neringa Naujokaite, Renate Neuser, Christiana Protto, Christoph Rodde, Claudia Sacher, Johannes Sandberger, Joerg Zboralski.**  
12.8.-14.10.2001, Catalogue

**Ulrike Kessl**  
**"Arbeiten für ein verstecktes Kind",** Installation  
21.7.-15.9. 2001, Catalogue

**Einsiedler-Vorübergehend,**  
**Martin Dammann, Heribert Friedl, Daniel Knorr, Annekathrin Schreiber, Susa Templin, Didier Trenet**  
11.3.-28.4. 2001, Catalogue

## **Publications (since 2013)**

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### **2018**

Editor of Kemal Seyhan Monograph, SKIRA, Milan (English)

Editor of P.G. Thelander Monograph, SKIRA, Milan (English)

Istanbul New Stories On Paola De Pietri's Photographs, Paola De Pietri, Steidl, Göttingen P. 98-101 (English)

Atif Akin, #38, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 166 (Turkish/English)

Mehmet Tekin, #37, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 165 (Turkish/English)

N. Toros Mutlu, #36, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 164 (Turkish/English)

## **2017**

Rafet Arslan, #35, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 163 (Turkish/English)

Etem Sahin, #34, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 162 (Turkish/English)

Merve Sendil, #33, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 161 (Turkish/English)

Zeynep Beler, #32, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 160 (Turkish/English)

Heribert Friedl, #31, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 159 (Turkish/English)

Ortadogu Collective, #30, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 158 (Turkish/English)

## **2016**

Reshaping of Cityscapes: „Muta-morphosis“ and „Facsimile“  
Horizontal Diminution and Vertical Expansion as Metaphor in Murat Germen's  
Photography, in Murat Germen, edited by Necmi Sönmez, Skira, Milan, S. 89-92  
(English)

Elif Ayiter, #29, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 157 (Turkish/English)

Claus Föttinger, #28, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 156 (Turkish/English)

Merve Kilic, #27, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 155 (Turkish/English)

Peter Buggenhout, #26, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 154 (Turkish/English)

Inci Furni , #25, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 153 (Turkish/English)

Jinos Taghizadeh, #24, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 152 (Turkish/English)

## **2015**

Evrin Kavcar #23, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 151 (Turkish/English)

Siah Armajani #22, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 150 (Turkish/English)

Lale Delibaş, Fragmentation # 21 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 149, (Turkish/English)

Cihat Burak'ın Zamansızlığı, Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 148, Special Supplement, S. 2-4 (Turkish)

Tim Rautert, Fragmentation # 20 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 147, (Turkish/English)

Sceptic Irony, On Iskender Yediler's Sculptures, St. Regis Hotel, Isola di St. Clemente-Venice, S. 4 (English)

Hakan Kirdar, Fragmentation # 19 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 146, (Turkish/English)

Johannes Wohnseifer, Fragmentation # 18 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 145, (Turkish/English)

## **2014**

Sibel Diker, Fragmentation # 17 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 144, (Turkish/English)

Pep Agut, Fragmentation # 16 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 143, (Turkish/English)

Yağız Özgen, Fragmentation # 15 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 142, (Turkish/English)

Rinko Kawauchi, Fragmentation # 14 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 141, (Turkish/English)

Berkay Tuncay, Fragmentation # 13 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 140, (Turkish/English)

Magnus Thierfelder, Fragmentation # 12 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 139, (Turkish/English)

Özlem Günyol & Mustafa Kunt, Fragmentation # 11 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 138, (Turkish/English)

### **2013**

Flux and Current Issues in Murat Germen's Photography, in Murat Germen, edited by Necmi Sönmez, Masa Publications, Istanbul, Seiten 222-246 (Turkish/English)

The Unity of Opposites, On the Relationship of Colour and Form in the Works of Alexander Wagner, Edited by Abaseh Mirvali, Galeri Mana, Istanbul, S. 4-11 (Turkish/English)

Gereon Krebber, Fragmentation # 10 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 137, (Turkish/English)

Bülent Evren, Fragmentation # 9 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 136, (Turkish/English)

Barbad Golshiri, Fragmentation # 8 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 135, (Turkish/English)

Soner On, Fragmentation # 7 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 134, (Turkish/English)

Wolfgang Plöger, Fragmentation # 6 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 133, (Turkish/English)

Borga Kantürk, Fragmentation # 5 Sanat Dünyamız Bimonthly Contemporary Art Magazine, Nr. 132, (Turkish/English)

### **Education and Qualifications**

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1997-2001	<b>Doctorate (Degree: Dr. Phil.) in Art History,</b> Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany Doctoral thesis on „The Sculptures of Wolfgang Laib“, Mark: 1.5
1992-1997	Magister Artium (Degree: M.A.) in Art History

	Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany
	Magister thesis on "Albert Fürst: A German Abstract Painter", Mark: 1.0
1989-1991	Certificate in German Language
	Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany
1985-1989	BA in Journalism
	Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey

### **Grants, Fellowships and Residencies**

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2017	Curator-in-Residence, KIOSKH, Tehran
2012	Curator-in-Residence, HIAP Curatorial Residency, Helsinki
2011	Curator-in-Residence, ISCP, Brooklyn Grant from Borusan Cultural Foundation Istanbul
2009	Travel Grant for exhibition research in Iran, Egypt from Goethe Institute, Munich
2003	Fund for Publishing the PhD Thesis, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf
2000	Grant, Forum d'Art Franco-Allemand, Château de Vaudremont
1998-2001	PhD Grant, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf
1998	Internship Grant, MUMOK, Vienna
1997	Volunteer Grant, Museum Wiesbaden, Wiesbaden
1997	MA Grant, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz
1992	University Grant, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz