

## TOBY MATTHIESEN

### EDUCATION

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- 2007-2011 PhD in Politics: *The Shia of Saudi Arabia: Identity Politics, Sectarianism, and the State* (passed with no corrections), School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
- 2009 Visiting Doctoral Student at the Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2006-2007 MA Near and Middle East Studies with Major in Politics, SOAS  
MA thesis *Islamic Social Services as an Arena for Politics: A Social Movement Theory Approach*
- 2003-2006 BA in Oriental Studies with Minor in Modern History (summa cum laude), University of Berne  
BA thesis *Civil Society in Syria: The Statement of the 1000* (with distinction)

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2013 Research Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- 2011- Research Fellow in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

### TEACHING

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- 2013- Cambridge University: Teaching and supervision of "The Middle East: Egypt and Saudi Arabia Compared", marking of dissertations
- 2009-2011 SOAS: Teaching Assistant on the undergraduate course "Government and Politics in the Middle East", teaching of tutorials, marking of exams and essays, supervisions

### RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2011 Gulf Analyst for the *International Crisis Group*
- 2006- Contributor to *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*

### PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2012 APSA (American Political Science Association) Aaron Wildavsky Award for the Best Dissertation on Religion and Politics
- 2010 - 2011 Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship for Prospective Researchers
- 2008-2009 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) PhD Scholarship
- 2008 The Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah Foundation BRISMES Scholarship

### MONOGRAPHS

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- *Shiism and the Politics of Sectarianism in Saudi Arabia* (under contract with Cambridge University Press, forthcoming in 2014)
- *Sectarian Gulf: Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and the Arab Spring that Wasn't* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2013)
- *Die Bleiche der Zeit: Ein Zürcher Oberländer Textilareal im Wandel* (Zürich: Chronos Verlag, 2010)

### ARTICLES

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- 'The Local and the Transnational in the Arab Uprisings: The Protests in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province' in: May Seikaly and Khawla Matar (eds.), *The Silent Revolution: The Arab Spring and the Gulf States* (Gerlach Press, forthcoming in 2013)
- 'EU foreign policy towards Bahrain in the aftermath of the uprising' in: Ana Echagüe (ed.) *The Gulf States and the Arab Uprisings* (Madrid: FRIDE, 2013), 77-85
- 'A "Saudi Spring?": The Shi'a Protest Movement in the Eastern Province 2011-2012' *The Middle East Journal* 66, no. 4, (Autumn 2012): 628-659
- 'Hizbullah al-Hijaz: A History of The Most Radical Saudi Shi'a Opposition Group' *The Middle East Journal* 64, no. 2 (Spring 2010): 179-197
- 'Diwaniyyas, Intellectual Salons and the Limits of Civil Society in Saudi Arabia' In *Viewpoints: Saudi Arabia 1979-2009: Evolution of a Pivotal State*, (Washington: Middle East Institute, 2009), 12-15
- 'The Shi'a of Saudi Arabia at a Crossroads' *Middle East Report Online* (May 6, 2009)
- 'Schiiten in Saudi-Arabien: Zwischen Ausgrenzung, Opposition und saudischem Nationalismus' *Schweizerische Gesellschaft Mittlerer Osten und Islamische Kulturen Bulletin* 30, (Spring 2010), 5-7

## MEDIA

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- 'Syria: Inventing a Religious War', *New York Review of Books Blog*, 12 June, 2013
- 'Saudi Royal Family Politics and the Arab Spring', *Foreign Policy*, 14 January, 2013
- 'Sable Rattling in the Gulf', *Foreign Policy*, 10 July 2012
- 'Saudi Arabia's Shiite problem', *Foreign Policy*, 7 March 2012
- 'Battling over the legacy of Bahrain's Pearl Roundabout', *Foreign Policy*, 13 February 2012
- 'Saudi Arabia: the Middle East's most under-reported conflict', *The Guardian*, 23 January 2012
- 'Bahrain Burning', *The New York Review of Books*, August 18, 2011

## PAPERS AND TALKS

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- *The Gulf States and the Arab Uprisings: Counter-Revolution and Sectarianism*, Exeter University, UK, 6 November 2013
- *Sectarian Gulf: How the Gulf Monarchies Responded to the Arab Uprisings*, SOAS, London, LMEI Lecture Series, 22 October 2013
- *Sectarian Gulf: How the Gulf Monarchies Responded to the Arab Uprisings*, George Washington University, Washington, DC, 15 October 2013
- *Sectarian Gulf: How the Gulf Monarchies Responded to the Arab Uprisings*, MESA, New Orleans, 12 October 2013
- *A Democratic Experiment and the Struggle for Local Administration in Saudi Arabia: Municipal Elections in the Eastern Province, 1954-1962*, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, 14 June 2013
- *Keynote Lecture 'In Search of Saudi Arabia – A Rock in a Stormy Sea?'*, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin, 13 June 2013
- *Sectarianism, the Gulf & the Arab Spring*, Middle East Centre, University of Oxford, 18 May 2013
- *The Gulf states and the Arab Uprisings: Popular protests, Counter-revolution, and the Sectarian Gulf*, LSE, May 2013
- *The Marjī'iyya and the Uprising in Bahrain 2011*, workshop on traditional authority and transnational religious networks in contemporary Shi'i Islam, St Antony's College, University of Oxford, 8 January 2013
- *The "Gulf Spring": The Uprising in Bahrain and Sectarianism in the Gulf*, 3rd Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, July 2012
- *Local Hawzas and Local Marajī' in al-Ahsa, Qatif, Bahrain and Kuwait*, final conference of the "Clerical Authority in Shi'ite Islam" project, University of Oxford, UK, 28 March 2012
- *The Uprising in Bahrain and the post-2011 Sectarian Reality in the Gulf*, BRISMES Annual Conference 2012, LSE, 26 March 2012
- *The „Gulf Spring“ and the sectarian counter-revolution*, International Symposium on 'The Arab Spring – one year on' organized by the Swiss Society for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at ETH Zürich, 24 March 2012
- *Being the Other in 21st Century Saudi Arabia: Shia Identity Politics, Nationalism and Saudi Paranoia about Iran*, LSE, 16 March 2011
- *Centre-Periphery Relations in Saudi Arabia: The Case of the Eastern Province*, pre-Conference workshop, Gulf Research Unit, University of Oslo, 7 October 2010 and Panel on 'Centre-Periphery Relations in the Gulf', MESA, San Diego, November 2010
- *Political Opposition in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia: Leftists and Islamists between Confrontation and Accommodation*, 1st Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, 9 July 2010
- *Between Notables and Revolutionaries: A Political Sociology of Shia Communities in Eastern Saudi Arabia*, Society of Arabian Studies Lecture Series, SOAS, 17 March 2010
- *Shiite Revolutionaries Turned Local Historians: Cultural Memories and Collective Identities in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia*, MESA, Boston, November 2009
- *Hizbullah Al-Hijaz: The History of the Most Radical Saudi Shia Opposition Movement*, Conference on "The State of Saudi Arabia", Princeton University, November 2009
- *Shiite Clerics from al-Ahsa and al-Qatif between the Hawza, the Jaafari Courts and the Politics of Notables*, BRISMES Annual Conference 2009, 6 July 2009, Manchester

## LANGUAGES

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English – very good oral and written, German – native speaker, Arabic, Spanish, French – good oral and written, Persian – basic oral and written – Italian – basic oral