

## Curriculum vitae

- Family name: HOFMANN
- First name: Murad Wilfried
- Birthday / -place: 6 July 1931 in Aschaffenburg, Germany
- Nationality: German
- Marital status: married with Bülben Hofmann, née Uz, Turkish and German national
- Children: one son (from previous marriage with Elizabeth Ann Griffeth)
- Religion: Islam (Sunni); 1982 umrah; 1992 hajj
- Education:
- 1950-1951, Union College, Schenectady, New York (sociology, American civilization, economics)
  - 1951-1954 Munich University Law School
  - 1955-1958 Junior Barrister and Assistant Professor for Civil Procedure at Munich Law School
  - 1957 Doctorate in Jurisprudence, Munich
  - 1959 German Bar Exam
  - 1959-1960 Research Assistant for Civil procedure at Harvard Law School
  - 1960 Master of Law (LL.M.), Harvard Law School
  - 1961-1963 Diplomatic Schooling in Bonn and abroad
- Career:
- 1961 - 1994 Diplomatic Service, e.g. serving in Algiers (1961/62); Paris (NATO) 1967/68; Brussels (NATO) 1968 - 1970; Vienna (MBFR) 1973-1976; Belgrade (CSCE) 1976-1978.
- Last positions:
- 1979 -1983 Director, NATO and Defense Affairs, Foreign Office, Bonn
  - 1983 -1987 Director of Information, NATO, Brussels
  - 1987 -1990 Ambassador in Algeria
  - 1990 -1994 Ambassador in Morocco
- Honorary office:
- \* Member of the Board of Directors of the Ibn Rushd Islamic University of Andalusia in Cordoba, Spain
  - \* Corresponding Member of the Academy of Islamic Civilization Research in 'Amman, Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan
  - \* Free lance book reviewer for the Muslim World Book Review (Leicester, U.K.)

Decorations:

- \* Federal Cross of Merit (Germany)
- \* Commander of the Order of Merit (Italy)
- \* Grand Cordon (Marocco)

Publications

Book Publications: **Diary of a German Muslim** (German editions Cologne 1985 and 1991; English edition Cologne 1987; French editions Algier 1990 and Rabat 1991; Arabic edition Cairo 1993).

**Islam: The Alternative** (German editions Munich 1992 and 1993; English edition Reading 1993; Arabic edition Munich / Kuwait 1993)

**Islam 2000** (Arabic edit. Cairo 1995, English addition forth-coming)

Small publications: **A philosophical approach to Islam** (German edit. Cologne 1981, 1983, English edit. Cologne 1983, Los Angeles 1994)

**On the Rôle of Islamic Philosophy** ( German edit. Cologne 1984, English edit. Cologne 1985, Los Angeles 1994)

**Of Beauty and the Dance**, Dance Perspectives Vol.55, New York 1983

Forth-coming publications **Voyage to Makkah - How to practice islam** (German edit., Munich, spring 1996)

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Book Publications  
1985 and 1981; English edition Cologne 1987; Arabic edition  
Alger 1990 and Paris 1991; Arabic edition Cologne  
1985

Islam: The Alternative (German edition Munich 1982  
and 1983; English edition Reading 1988; Arabic edition  
Munich/Köln 1993)

Islam 2000 (Arabic edition Cologne 1995; English edition  
forth-coming)

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Cologne 1981, 1983; English edition Cologne 1983; Los  
Angeles 1984)

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Cologne 1984; English edition Cologne 1985; Los Angeles  
1984)

Of Beauty and the Dance (Dance Festivities Vol 88  
New York 1983)

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(German edition Munich 1986)