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“Partners in the United Nation”*
Islamist Attitudes towards Coptic Egyptians in Post-Revolutionary Egypt (2011-2013)

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Anna Hager is currently a postdoctoral research fellow at the Transregional Institute. Previously she earned a Ph.D. in the field of Arabic Studies at the University of Vienna, Austria, on the subject of (Arab) Christian-Muslim relations in the context of the video “The Innocence of Muslims” in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinian Territories (September 2012). From September 2014 to May 2015 she received a grant from the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research to carry out research in Beirut, Cairo, Jerusalem and Amman. She completed a Master’s degree in Islamic Studies at the University of Vienna, as well as a Bachelor’s degree in Iranian Studies at the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, in Paris, and a Bachelor’s degree at Sorbonne University, in Paris.

*Following the revolution of January 25, 2011, Islamism in Egypt seemed to have experienced a new stage when a number of Islamist actors established political parties and tried to appear as serious, pragmatic and inclusive political contenders. In this context, their previously intolerant attitude towards Coptic Egyptians seemed to change and raised questions about the possibilities of them considering Coptic Egyptians equal citizens. This lecture focuses in particular on the positions of the Salafi Nur Party, al-Gamaa al-Islamiyya, and the Muslim Brotherhood between on the one hand religious and dogmatic stances and on the other hand political interests and their commitment to Egyptian national discourse.

A light lunch will be provided