

AGYA Alumni Lecture Series

# Reporting the Beirut Blast in German Media: Between Western Stereotypes and Local Pressures

12 May 2021, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (CET)

Online discussion via Zoom. Registration is required via <https://bit.ly/3ncKwsR>

Foreign news coverage is often accused of stereotypical and biased reporting. Yet, journalists have the difficult task of maneuvering between the research conditions provided in their host countries and the expectations of their editors and audiences in the home country. Last year's gigantic explosion in the port of Beirut is one of the events that created controversy on the media coverages.

**Christoph Reuter**, a prominent journalist for German news magazine DER SPIEGEL and a long-term correspondent on the Middle East, will give insights into his research and coverage of both reasons of and responsibilities for the explosion. He further will elaborate how he deals with biases, expectations, and conditions on the ground.

Christoph Reuter studied Islamic Studies and Arabic before becoming a journalist. From 2002-2011 he was a reporter for STERN magazine, located in Baghdad and Kabul. Since 2012, he is the Beirut-based correspondent of DER SPIEGEL, reporting from Syria, Yemen, and Lebanon. His book "The Islamic State and the strategists of terror" (2015) received the prize for best non-fictional book of the German radio station NDR Kultur.

The talk will be moderated by Prof. Dr. Carola Richter (Freie Universität Berlin) and Prof. Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury (Aarlborg University), both AGYA alumnae.

  
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