



Expert on Middle East and Terrorism

Guido Steinberg holds a doctorate in Islamic Studies. Before joining the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, SWP) in Berlin, he has worked as a research coordinator at the Free University of Berlin and an advisor on international terrorism in the German Federal Chancellery (2002-2005).

Since 2006, he has served as an objective expert witness in all major trials against Islamist terrorists in Germany, and has also testified in Austria, Denmark, the Czech Republic, and the United States. He regularly comments on Middle East affairs and terrorism on German and international media, most frequently on Deutsche Welle TV in German, English, Arabic, and Spanish.

In his academic work, Guido Steinberg focusses on Saudi Arabian and Gulf history and politics, Islamism and Salafism as well as Islamist Terrorism. He has published widely on these topics, including: German Jihad. The Internationalization of Jihadist Terrorism. Steinberg knows many of the countries of origin of Jihadism well. He is particularly familiar with the situation in Syria and Iraq. Turkey and Iran are also part of his expertise.

As a sought-after Middle East expert and Islamic scholar, Dr Guido Steinberg is also frequently in the German and international media. Among other things, he regularly appears as an expert in the international programmes of Deutsche Welle TV.

In his lectures, Guido Steinberg sheds light on the overall situation in the Arab world and deals in particular with the upheavals in the course of the Arab Spring. He uses vivid images to convey the background to the current crises and presents complicated contexts eloquently and comprehensibly. In this way, he provides his listeners with a new perspective on a topic that is preoccupying the world.

Topics (Selection):

- War and Terror in the Middle East
- The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria
- The Islamic State - where it comes from and what it wants