

## LILIAN M. KURZ

Master of Arts

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**Year of Birth** 1989

**Place of Birth** Helmstedt, Germany

**Nationality** German



## MAIN COMPETENCIES

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- **Designing, developing and implementing projects and initiatives** in the thematic fields of global development cooperation, Faith and Development (cooperation with and inclusion of faith-based actors into global development efforts),
- **Capacity building** of civil society organizations
- **Strategic networking within and across various stakeholder and actor groups**, notably the global development and humanitarian aid community, (faith-based) non-governmental and social-profit organizations, public institutions and bi- and multilateral actors, with sensitivity to the different “languages” depending on the organization
- **Raising funds for not-for-profit projects**, initiatives, organizations and religious communities active in the field of international (development) cooperation
- **Building and managing cross-cultural project teams within not-for-profit** with diverse interdisciplinary expertise
- **Supporting and advising of various actors, clients and partners** both in regular project management as well as in crisis and fragility context
- **Cross-cultural competencies** adjusting quickly to very different culturally, ethnic and religious societies and communities; good knowledge of the Middle Eastern context, religious and cultural traditions, high communication skills in various languages, building bridges across cultural differences, high level of religious literacy

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **Co-building up [PIRON Global Development](#)** as an independent, profitably and sustainably operating consultancy in the field of international development cooperation with three business departments (Faith in Development, Business for Development, Social Impact) and staff at three locations within Germany (Bonn (Headquarter), Berlin and Stuttgart)
- **Successfully planning and managing the “Bonn Salon – Christian Development Cooperation”** as an annual CEO-level networking and peer-learning event for the senior leadership of Christian development and humanitarian aid organizations
- **Editor of the FAITH IN DEVELOPMENT MONITOR ([FIDM](#))** as a bi-monthly news outlet specifically geared towards the global community working on or active in the thematic field of faith and development cooperation, faith and humanitarian aid, faith and environmental protection and faith and peace building
- **Co-Initiating** the World Evangelical Alliance’s (WEA) Permanent Representation to the UN in Bonn as well as its thematic World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center (WEASC)
- **Officially representing** the World Evangelical Alliance in the multistakeholder [International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development](#), co-leading the multistakeholder workstream on “Water, Environment and Climate Action” together with UN and faith-based partners
- **Advising** local Palestinian civil society organizations in program development, strategic donor communication and fundraising
- **Editing** of the 2nd Quadrennial Periodic Report on the UNESCO Convention for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions by the Federal Republic of Germany on behalf of the Federal Foreign Office and the German Commission for UNESCO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE / MAJOR STEPS IN CAREER

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- 09/2018 – now**                      **Lead Project Coordinator, World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center (WEASC), Executive Assistant to the Permanent Representative to the UN in Bonn, World Evangelical Alliance**  
*Responsibilities:* strategic liaison with UN agencies in Bonn and internationally, event and project management, communications and public affairs, representing the WEA at the multistakeholder International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development and at the Faith for Earth initiative of the UN environment Program
- 12/2017 – now**                      **Project Coordinator, PIRON Global Development ([www.piron.global](http://www.piron.global)), Bonn**  
*Responsibilities:* Consultant, capacity building, project management, fundraising and resource mobilization, donor/stakeholder relations, strategic stakeholder management (national/international), stakeholder mapping, public relations, public affairs, event management, workshop & conference management and facilitation (predominantly NGO and UN clients)  
*Focus Areas:* capacity development of faith-based NGOs working in development cooperation and humanitarian aid, needs assessments among faith-based NGOs (national/international), Organization and Management of the annual CEO conference “Bonn Salon – Christian Development Cooperation” and editor and author of the [Faith in Development Monitor](#)
- 09/2018 – 12/2018**                      **Advisor for project management and fundraising, Holy Land Trust and Sunna al-Amal, Bethlehem, Occupied Palestinian Territories**  
*Responsibilities:* Consultant, project development in the area of women empowerment and trauma healing, incl. interviews with the target group in and around Bethlehem; fundraising and resource mobilization vis-à-vis major German donor organizations as well as private donors in Germany
- 08/2013 – 10/2014**                      **Junior Professional, German Commission for UNESCO, Bonn, Germany**  
*Responsibilities:* project management within UNESCO programs on culture and communication in cooperation with the German Federal Foreign Office; planning and event management of the Federal Coalition on Cultural Diversity, monitoring the thematic field of culture, human rights and development

EDUCATION

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- 10/2013 – 11/2015**                      **Konstanz University, Konstanz, Germany**  
 M.A. International Administration and Conflict Management, final grade: A+  
*Focus:* Peace and Conflict Research, International Law  
*Thesis:* Faith-based Mediation in Internal Conflicts (A+)
- 10/2014 – 05/2015**                      **Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom**  
 ERASMUS-Exchange, final grade: A  
*Focus:* Conflict and Peace Theory, Regional Studies Middle East, Islamic Studies, International Law
- 09/2009 – 08/2012**                      **Maastricht University, Maastricht, The Netherlands**  
 B.A. European Studies (Honour’s Degree), final grade: A  
*Focus:* EU Foreign and Security Policy  
*Thesis:* The EU and NATO – The Future of Transatlantic Security Cooperation (A)
- 08/2011 – 12/2011**                      **San Diego State University, San Diego, United States of America**  
 University Exchange Program, final grade: A+  
*Focus:* International Security and Conflict Resolution

AWARDS

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- 2012** Honour's Program Certificate (best 5 % of students), Maastricht University
- 2011** Dean's List Honoree, San Diego State University

ADVANCED TRAINING

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- 09/2019** Ethical Leadership and Personal Development, Raise Leaders, Stuttgart (Germany)
- 05/2017** Methodologies of presentation and discussion management, German Commission for UNESCO, Berlin (Germany)
- 09/2016** Summer School: Leadership in a Digital Environment, German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum und Robert Bosch Foundation, Berlin (Germany)
- 05/2016** Project management and grant legislation, German Commission for UNESCO Bonn (Germany)
- 04/2013 – 06/2013** Negotiation Skills in an International Environment, German Atlantic Association, Berlin, Budapest, Bratislava, Bucharest

VOLUNTEER WORK

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- Since 01/2018** Team member of the 'School for Peace', Sant Egidio, Cologne (Germany)
- Since 06/2015** Interpreter (German-English), Protestant Church, Konstanz and Bonn (Germany)
- 06/2015 – 08/2016** Organization of social events for refugees, Protestant Church, Konstanz/Bonn (Germany)
- 06/2010** Member of the Delegation to European Model United Nations 2010, Maastricht (The Netherlands)

SKILLS

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- Languages** German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate), Dutch (basic), Arabic (beginner)
- IT** Microsoft Office, Typo 3 Web Content Management, WordPress, Adobe InDesign, Social Media (Hootsuite, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram), MailChimp, LexOffice

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