

## **Peter Starr Full CV**

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Peter Jonathan Starr

### **Born 30.10.1967, London**

to Margaret Starr and Michael Starr.

### **School**

Primary schools overseas: King George V, Hong Kong, and Henry Martyn School, Hafez Ave, Tehran.

then Abingdon School, Oxfordshire (1979-1986).

4 'O' levels 1983, 8 'O' levels 1984, 4 'A' levels 1986.

### **Year after school**

Bar work in The Bell, Faringdon, Oxfordshire (1986).

Short-term mission teams, Operation Mobilization (Christian organization) (1986-1987).

## **University BA**

Emmanuel College, Cambridge (1987-1991).

Dept. of English Literature Tripos part 1 exam, grade 2:1.

Dept. of Arabic and Persian Studies Tripos part 1 exam, grade 1.

## **Years between BA and PhD**

Teaching English as a Foreign Language qualification (1991).

English language teacher, British Council, Batalsa Street, Alexandria, Egypt (1992-1993).

Work and learning German in Regensburg, Germany (1993-1994).

## **University Ph.D.**

Oriental Studies and Emmanuel College, Cambridge (1994-2000), Oriental Institute, Oxford, and Seminar für Orientalistik, Bochum, Germany (1996-1997). Doctoral thesis on ʿIsā ibn Zurʿa (m. AD 1008) (University of Cambridge, 2000).

## **Defense Ministries Translation, London (2000-2003)**

Arabic language translator.

## **Freelance Editor**

Books in Arabic and English, with Living Human Heritage Publications as main employer (2003-2008).

## **Teaching Assistant**

Çankaya University, Ankara, Turkey (2008-2013). Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

## **Assistant Professor**

Fatih Sultan Mehmet University, Istanbul, Turkey (October 2013-September 2019). Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin Institute for the History of Science in Islam.

Tasks include:

Teaching the history of science in Islam, especially the history of chemistry.

Teaching the history of philosophy in Islam.

Teaching languages, with a focus on Greco-Arabic.

Establishing the project for translating Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin's works from German into Turkish (2017).

Founder and co-administrator of the library of the Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin Foundation (2015-2017), then manager of the Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin and Dr. Ursual Sezgin Library for the History of Sciences, in Istanbul (2017-2018).

Secretary of the Organizing Committee of the First International Prof. Dr. Fuat Sezgin History of Science in Islam Symposium (2018-2019).

## **MA students (not complete list)**

Laden SAFAEI, Personal Integrity in a Changing World: Dorothea and social developments in 19th century Britain (2010).

Ezgi KIRAÇLI, Poetry to Save the Nation: Politics in the Poems of John Milton (2011).

Mohammed MAJED, I Am not What I Am: Iago as a diabolical manipulator in Othello (2012).

Gürsel AKSOY, Ps.-Aristo'nun Kitāb al-Aḥğār. Giriş, çeviri, yorum (The Lapidary of Ps.-Aristotle) (2016).

Hale GEYİK, İslam Dünyasında Bilim Eğitiminin Kurumsallaşması (Early Institutions for the Teaching of Science in the Islamic World) (2016).

Mervenur LİMON, Ali İzniki, Kitāb al-Asrār. Giriş, Arapça metin, çeviri, yorum (Ali İzniki's Book of Secrets) (2017).

Ibrahim Salim ABD AL-KHAFRAF, Malḥamat Danyāl (The Weather Divination of Daniel) (2018).

Muhammad Ashraf SARIP, El-İdrīsî ve Nuzhatü'l-Müştāk adlı eserinin Uzak Doğu ile ilgili bölümünün çeviri ve yorumu (The Far East in al-İdrīsî's Nuzhat al-Muštāq) (checking of Arabic) (2018).

Osman CİNER, El-Makdisî'nin Ahsenü't-Tekâsim fî Ma'rifeti'l-Ekâlîm isimli eserinin değerlendirilmesi ve Türkçe tercemesi (Al-Maqdisî's The Best Divisions for Knowledge of the Regions) (2018).

## **Academic Publications**

"The Life of Galen According to Ibn Abi Usaybi'a," Journal of Arts and Sciences, 9 (Çankaya University, Ankara, 2008).  
<http://dergipark.gov.tr/download/article-file/45288>

"Towards a Context for Ibn Umayl, Known to Chaucer as the Alchemist 'Senior'," Journal of Arts and Sciences, 11 (Çankaya University, Ankara, 2009).  
<http://jas.cankaya.edu.tr/gecmisYayinlar/yayinlar/jas11/05%20Peter%20STARR.pdf>

"Ishāq ibn Ḥunayn's Version of Περί φύσεως ἀνθρώπου: A 'Balance of Alternatives' in Translating ἑαυτοῦ," p. 659-667 in Between the Cross and the Crescent: Studies in Honor of Samir Khalil Samir, S.J. on the Occasion of His Eightieth Birthday. Edited by Paša, Željko. Orientalia Christiana Analecta 304. Roma: Pontificio Istituto Orientale, 2018.

## **Unpublished Conference Paper**

“Ibn Umayl’s al-Ma’ al-waraqī as a Witness for Lost Greek Alchemical Texts,” at the symposium "Verlorenes Gefunden?" University of Vienna, Institut für Orientalistik, 2015.

## **Research and Book Publication**

Nemesius’ On the Nature of Man: Edition, Translation, and Study of the Arabic Version (S. Swain). AHRC Research Grant (2012-2017).

[https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics-new-id7/research/dept\\_projects/](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics-new-id7/research/dept_projects/)  
(publication pending).

Ibn Umayl’s al-Ma’ al-waraqī edition, collaboration with Sharzad Irannejad  
(publication pending).

## **Social Engagement**

Member of a group for helping refugees, Saint Antoine parish church, Istanbul  
(2013 - present).

## **Foreign Languages**

French

Latin

Arabic

German

Greek

Turkish