

KRISTIANE BACKER

TV Presenter, Journalist, Author



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Date of birth 13.12.1965
Place of birth Hamburg, Germany
Residence London, UK

Language skills

Bilingual English-German,
Conversational: French, Italian
Basic: Arabic

Profile

Kristiane Backer is a TV presenter and journalist based in London with a pan-European career. She hosts galas, conferences and corporate events around Europe and recently presented a monthly travel show for Travel Channel in Germany, 'Matters of Faith' for Ebru TV, and 'World Week' Watch for Press TV.

Since publishing her best-selling memoir 'From MTV to Mecca' in the UK in 2012 Kristiane has been on extensive speaking tours in the UK and abroad with Islam related topics. The book is has been published in Indonesian, Malaysian and Urdu with Arabic to come out soon as well.

At the age of 24 Kristiane became one of the leading presenters on MTV Europe where she interviewed many major artists and musicians of her time. She created her own youth show in Germany and presented a daily guide to culture and entertainment, "The Ticket NBC" on NBC Europe.

Kristiane won several awards for her TV work. She later studied natural medicine, qualified as a homeopath and presented a health program on RTL. For more information please visit her website www.kristianebacker.com.

Professional achievements

2015

In April Kristiane chaired the LISA Islam on Trial – Islamophobia conference in London where she was also one of the keynote speakers. She also performed at the Southbank as part of the Immigrant Diaries- Changing Britain Shows. She also chaired a number of sessions at the Prestel and Partner Family Office Forum in Wiesbaden.

In March Kristiane spoke at the House of Commons in London in front of various MPs and community leaders on 'British values and Islam'. In February she was part of a panel at SOAS discussing 'Pakistan beyond the Headlines and Homeland'. KB was the key note speaker at Sound Vision fundraising events in Chicago, Dallas,

Houston and Dayton speaking about the qualities of Mercy and Compassion exhibited by Prophet Muhammad when attacked. She is also developing TV programs with different stations.

- 2014 In December 2014 Kristiane spoke in front of 9000 people at MAS in Chicago about her journey to Islam. She has spoken in several US cities as part of the Sound Vision fundraising tour. In October Kristiane spoke at the House of Lords in London about the plight of the IDPs in Pakistan, she moderated the Family Office Forum at the Dorchester Hotel and hosted the latest Sami Yusuf album launch with a q n a session in London in September. She also presented her book in Pakistan at the Iqbal e Dagestan in Lahore as well as LUMS University and others across Pakistan. In February she was the honorary speaker at NorthEastern University, Boston and in January she toured Asia, speaking to sell out audiences in Borneo, Singapore and at the University of Hong Kong where she was one of the speakers at a conference exploring Religion and Power.
- 2013 Kristiane presented her book at a number of UK Universities - Cambridge, Oxford, SOAS, Liverpool and Portsmouth and gave key note speeches at several interfaith events throughout the country. She chaired the Cambridge University launch of the 'Narratives of Conversion to Islam' Report in London and hosted several Mawlid events and Graduation Ceremonies.
- 2012 Kristiane's book *From MTV to Mecca* was published in English in September. In December 2012 Kristiane spoke in front of 16,000 people at the RIS Convention, Canada. She gave the key note speech at the 'Legacy of the Torch' Event held at Eton College. She chaired a discussion at the House of Lords on the Arab Spring with Prof Tariq Ramadan. She spoke at the Congress of Leaders Of World and Traditional Religions in Kazakhstan, gave the opening speech at the think tank FIRD in London before the US First secretary as a 'friend of Pakistan', she also spoke to FIRDS's student body about 'How to achieve success and awaken the inner giant' and she spoke at several University ISOC events about Muslim issues. Kristiane also hosted an event for Takeda in Budapest.

- 2011 Kristiane presented the 'Reise' show on Travel Channel Germany for three years. Kristiane chaired the 'Hier and There' Cultural Event for the German Embassy in London as well as a panel discussion on 'Euro Islam' with Prof Tariq Ramadan for the Conference Beyond Multiculturalism- Islam in Europe at the University of Westminster (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung), she spoke at the Progressive Muslims Forum and chaired the Launch of Missing Pages EIF at the House of Lords, and hosted "The London Initiative" business networking dinner at London's Park Plaza, Westminster and was the keynote speaker at the international accountancy firm Auren on 'Self Development'.
- 2010 Publication of the revised paperback "From MTV to Mecca" in Germany. As Global Ambassador for the Exploring Islam Foundation Kristiane was one of the faces of the "Inspired by Muhammad" campaign in the UK and engaged with local and international media including BBC Question Time, Sky News, Al Jazeera and Die Welt in order to challenge existing stereotypes and build bridges of understanding between Islam and the West. She spoke to interfaith groups around the UK and Germany, hosted the Pakistan Achievement Awards in London, chaired a Radical Middle Way debate on Islam and the environment, launched the Muslim/ Swarovski fusion artist Nurjan for the Mica Gallery in London, and the EMWI Awards in Madrid, spoke on Muhammad's environmental teachings at Warwick University and on a Common Identity at an Integration Conference at the German Reichstag as well as moderating the Allegria Festival in Hamburg amongst others.
- 2009 Presenter "Reise" for Travel Channel, presenter of the interfaith magazine "Matters of Faith" for Ebru TV. Published autobiography: „From MTV to Mecca“ in Germany, currently translated into Turkish, Arabic and English
- 2007 - 2008 Presenter and producer of a news analyses program and a chat show for Press TV, UK

since 2005	Reporter from international events for German TV ARD, ZDF, Premiere, guest speaker at international events and commentator on health issues for the BBC and Sky TV. Guest presenter QVC UK for a range of food supplements, Presenter of international live events, conferences, award ceremonies, galas, debates, cultural festivals, guest speaker
since 2004	Speaker Inflight show for Emirates Airlines
2004	Presenter of weekly health slot on RTL giving natural health tips
2003	News Anchor for ATV, international satellite TV channel, London
2001	Presenter Now.com internet TV, London
1999 - 2002	Education as homeopath, London
1996 - 1998	Presenter of daily guide to culture and entertainment “The Ticket NBC”. Arranged and interviewed international artists including Placido Domingo, Yehudi Menuhin, Peter Gabriel , Ute Lemper, Ben Kingsley
1995- 2010	Voice -overs including BBC, Virgin Radio, MTV networks, Ufa, VW, Landrover, Tempo, Palm phones
1992 - 1995	Presenter of youth show “Bravo TV”, Germany
1989 - 1996	Presenter and reporter for MTV Europe, presenting different formats within the channel including “MTV Coca Cola Report”, “European Top 20”, “MTV at the Movies”, interviews with major artists including Lenny Kravitz and the Rolling Stones

Affiliations

2014	Save an Orphan Ramadan 2014 Campaign
2012	Patron TellMama Campaign, Faith Matters
2011	Ambassador Progressive Muslims Forum, Faith Matters

- 2010 Global Ambassador for Exploring Islam Foundation. Honorary advisor of CEDAR
- 1998 Chief Organiser of a multicultural concert and art exhibition in Sarajevo as part of the political and cultural project “The Bridge” in association with Bosnia’s UN ambassador
- 1996 – 2002 Executive member of the charity “Learning for Life” producer and organiser of fundraising events and shows

Awards

- Presidential Medal of the Sciences and the Arts from Egypt
- Progressive Muslims Forum Award
- Golden Camera
- 2 x Golden Otto

Lecturer

Guest lecturer at several colleges in the UK including the Foundation for International Education, the Cambridge Muslim College and the London Academy of Media, Film and TV

Interests

Arts and culture, current affairs, humanitarian, health, medicine, human interest, chat, religion - focus Islam, inter cultural, inter faith dialogue, ecology, cooking

Training

- 1987 - 1989 Education radio journalist and producer, Radio Hamburg. First major interview: graffiti artist Keith Haring
- 1998 – 2002 Natural Medicine, qualifying as homeopath, Universtiy of Westminster , Lakeland College of Homeopathy

1998- 2000

Islamic Studies, Birkbeck - Muslim College