



KRISTIANE BACKER

Art Consultant



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Place of birth: Hamburg, Germany

Residence: London, UK

Skills

Languages:

Bilingual: English- German,

Conversational: French

Basic: Arabic, Italian

Expertise and experience

Business: Sourcing and facilitating sales of fine art and real estate, few developments, compliance and AML training as an AMP, deal structuring,

Media: TV, Radio and on-stage presenting, chairing debates, moderating panels, public speaking, journalism, communications, PR, copy writing, editing, organizing and hosting events, speaker training, media- coach, speech writing, social media engagement, simultaneous translations

Computer: Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, Power Point, Zoom, Teams etc.

Crypto: Bitcoin, USDT, Live Ledger wallet, assisting execution of safe transactions

Organizational skills: managing diaries, flights, logistics, arranging and coordinating meetings, conferences, exhibitions, organizing, hosting events, fundraisers

PROFILE

Kristiane Backer works as a fine art consultant and director of Baraka Consultants LTD in London where she facilitates private sales of blue- chip 19th and 20th century paintings – specializing in modern, impressionist and postwar art. She has an extensive international network of art market professionals, private collectors, museums, auction houses, galleries, art lawyers, conservators, and other specialists. FCS Compliance supports all aspects relating to AML, risk and compliance.

Kristiane studied art history and art business at Christies, Sotheby's and City Lit after her successful career as a pan European TV presenter and public speaker.

Kristiane has sold several properties in London K&C and represents an important portfolio for sales and rentals.

Fascinated by the global trend for digitalization, most recently of wealth, Kristiane realized the potential and delved deeply into the crypto space, trading and investing in Bitcoin as well as assisting NDM with corporate communication, the development of the Safe Zone and the structuring and execution of BTC/ USDT swaps.

Kristiane organized several extensive trips for international investors to Pakistan, sourcing business opportunities arranging and re arranging daily meetings with business leaders and government officials across the country and following the projects.

Kristiane started out her career in radio journalism. Aged 24 she joined MTV Europe where she was one of the leading presenters hosting a variety of TV and live shows for seven and a half years, followed by two years of anchoring a culture program called *The Ticket NBC*. She also created and hosted her own youth show in Germany for which she won several TV awards, including the prestigious Golden Camera Award. Kristiane later presented a travel show for Travel Channel and an Interfaith Program for Ebru TV.

She hosted a great number of music shows, corporate and cultural events as well as fundraisers and conferences.

In 2012 Kristiane published her best- selling memoir 'From MTV to Mecca' in the UK. She gave extensive book talks in the UK, Germany, the USA, Pakistan and Asia. The original book was published in German, Dutch, Arabic, Indonesian, Malaysian and Urdu.

Kristiane has been active in fundraising for charities and hosted galas, conferences and corporate events in the and became a public speaker. UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, USA, UAE and Pakistan

Professional achievements and activities:

Art Consultancy, Real Estate, Digital Assets as well as speaker engagements

Overview:

- 2025 Host and speaker at the Al Manaar Interfaith Iftar.
Speaker at the Imran Khan Cancer Appeal anniversary fundraiser, in Birmingham
Chaired several interviews with cultural leaders at Islamic Cultural Centre
- 2024 Interviewed the former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dr Mahathir at Al Manaar Mosque
Interviewed writers, artists and other cultural leaders at the Islamic Cultural Centre UK
Formed the digital consultancy company Orange Blossom1LTD, helped develop the NDM Safe Zone for safe transactions of BTC and USDT
- 2023 Created the Al Manaar Convert Club catering for the needs of Converts to Islam with a WhatsApp group and several events per year in collaboration with Al Manaar Mosque and Shaykh Haytham Tamim from the Utrujj Foundation
Spoke at several charity events to raise funds for orphanages in Turkey and Syria
- 2022 Continuing with the art advisory and crypto consultancy service
Spoke at the World Cup in Qatar via video link amongst others
- 2021 Sold a major Expressionist painting to a German collector
Corporate Communication and Public Relations for Nordic Data Mines
- 2020 Created an international weekly Zoom circle in collaboration with Al Manaar Mosque for new Muslims, with guest speakers from the fields of culture, science, finance, ecology, psychology and scholarship on relevant topics, to provide a virtual community and space to learn together and exchange ideas
- 2019 Sold an apartment in Notting Hill
Spoke at several interfaith events
Brought a business delegation to Pakistan sourcing investment and cooperation opportunities and arranged high level meetings with government and private sector decision makers in Karachi, Islamabad and Lahore.
- 2018 Sold several German expressionist paintings

Conducted the Opening Ceremony of the Global Donor's Forum 2018 with HRH Sheikha Aisha Al Thani
Presented the Award Ceremony at Mansion House in the presence of Alderman Alison Gowman and the First Lady of Turkey, HE Ermine Erdogan
Spoke at the IOD Lord Mayor's *'Business of Trust'* event at Mansion House
Topic: the Islamic perspective of ethics in business.
Keynote speaker at the City of London Eid event at London's prestigious Guild Hall
Chaired the Telegraph conference on Institutional Sexual Harassment – *Are Institutions Silent Witnesses?* for a #metoo campaign.
German Embassy UK: interviewed the artists at the art exhibition HUMAN and hosted the opening and closing ceremonies for the exhibition.

2017 German Embassy UK: moderated *'In Conversation'* with the British Abstract Artist Frances Blane and Syrian artist Darin Ahmad, hosted by the Ambassador. I also interviewed Artist Kimberley Gundle at the German Embassy. Mrs Ammon, the ambassador's wife, invited me to present my book at the German Embassy to a group of Ambassador's wives.
Spoke to students at Eton College, followed by a lengthy Q n A.

2016 Sold an important impressionist painting to a Museum Collector in Germany
Spoke at the Global Donours Forum in Istanbul on behalf of the American Media Production Company SoundVision
Presented my book at several functions throughout the UK.

Co- hosted the opening of the Diyanet Centre of America in Maryland, Washington DC, in presence of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan which was broadcast live on Turkish and international TV

2015 Sold a substantial house in Notting Hill
Travelled to Pakistan to support a women's charity *Honouring our Mothers* campaign. We visited hospitals and other projects in Lahore and Karachi and on our return, participated in TV and live fundraising events back in the UK
Hosted numerous Charity fundraising events
Spoke at the international law firm 'Herbert Smith Freehills' Diversity Event.
Keynote speaker in Chicago at the Sound Vision Conference.
Chaired several sessions at the Prestel and Partner Family Office Forum in Wiesbaden.
Performed at the Southbank as part of the Immigrant Diaries- Changing Britain Shows.
Chaired the LISA Islam on Trial – Islamophobia conference in London and was also one of the keynote speakers.
Visited Pakistan's Rahim Yar Khan and its surrounding areas with the charity *Save an Orphan* helping distributing food, spoke to various communities and back in London participated in TV fundraising throughout Ramadan.
Spoke at the House of Commons in London in front of various MPs and community leaders on 'British values and Islam'.

Key- note speaker for SoundVision at fundraising events in Chicago, Dallas, Houston and Dayton

- 2014
- Spoke in front of 9000 people at the MAS Conference in Chicago.
Joined a SoundVision fundraising tour through several US cities as key-note speaker.
Moderated the Prestel and Partner Family Office Forum at the Dorchester Hotel.
Moderated the Sami Yusuf album launch with a q n a session in London's Cadogan Hall in September.
Presented my book in Pakistan at *the Iqbal e Dagestan* hall in Lahore, LUMS University and other venues across Pakistan.
Honorary speaker at NorthEastern University, Boston
Toured South-East Asia, speaking to sell out audiences in Borneo, Singapore and at the University of Hong Kong where I joined the was speakers at a conference exploring Religion and Power.
- 2013
- Presented my book at several UK Universities:
Cambridge, Oxford, SOAS, Liverpool, Bristol and Portsmouth and gave key note speeches at several interfaith events throughout the country.
Chaired the Cambridge University launch of the '*Narratives of Conversion to Islam*' Report in London at SOAS and hosted several Mawlid events and Graduation Ceremonies.
- 2012
- Book Publication *From MTV to Mecca* in English, Arcadia and Awakening -
Book talks throughout London and the rest of the UK.
December 2012 spoke in front of 16,000 people at the RIS Convention, Canada.
Gave the key-note speech at the '*Legacy of the Torch*' Event held at Eton College
Chaired a discussion at the House of Lords on the Arab Spring with Prof Tariq Ramadan.
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 and addressed FIRDS's student body about '*How to achieve success and awaken the inner giant*'.
Spoke at several University ISOC events about Muslim issues.
Hosted an event for Takeda in Budapest.
- 2011
- TV Presenter '*Reise*', a travel show on Travel Channel Germany for three years.
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).
Spoke at the Progressive Muslims Forum and chaired the Launch of *Missing Pages EIF* event at the House of Lords.

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
- Royal Invitation, Sharjah to meet HRH Sheikh Sultan and speak at Her Highness's Sheikha Jawahar's *Conference on Self Development*, hosted by the Sharjah International Forum for Muslim Women.
- The revised paperback edition of my book *From MTV to Mecca* was published by Allegria Verlag in Germany under the title, *Der Islam als Weg des Herzens*.
- Global Ambassador for the Exploring Islam Foundation: became one of the faces of the *Inspired by Muhammad* campaign in the UK, engaged with local and international media including BBC Question Time, Sky News, Al Jazeera and Die Welt, Die Zeit, Bild Zeitung, in order to challenge existing stereotypes and build bridges of understanding between Islam and the West. 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 at the Mica Gallery in London
- Hosted the EMWI Awards in Madrid.
- Speaker engagements:
- Prophet Muhammad's environmental teachings at Warwick University
- Common Identity at the German Reichstag Integration Conference
- Allegria Festival in Hamburg
- 2009
- Presenter: Travel program 'Reise' for Travel Channel, and Interfaith magazine 'Matters of Faith' for Ebru TV.
- Published my autobiography: *From MTV to Mecca* in Germany, Ullstein Verlag.
- 2007 - 2008
- Presented and co- produced a news analyses program and a chat show for Press TV, UK
- since 2005
- Reporter for German TV ARD, ZDF, Premiere, for UK events
- Guest speaker at various international events
- Commentator on health issues for BBC Radio and Sky TV.
- Guest presenter promoting a range of food supplements on QVC UK, Spirulina and Black Cumin Seed based products by the German company Natura Vitalis.
- Presented numerous international live events, conferences, award ceremonies, galas, debates, cultural festivals where I was also guest speaker on few occasions.
- 2002
- Voice over broadcast on Islam Channel – still on air every Ramadan at Maghreb time

TV – Radio Presenter:

2004 - 2018	Inflight show for Emirates Airlines
2004	Weekly health slot on RTL TV giving natural health tips
2003	News Anchor for ATV, international satellite TV channel, London
2001	Now.com internet TV, London
1996 - 1998	‘The Ticket NBC’ on NBC Europe, a daily guide to culture and entertainment. Arranged and interviewed international artists including Placido Domingo, Yehudi Menuhin, Peter Gabriel, Ute Lemper, Ben Kingsley, Gary Glitter, film directors Michael Radford and Peter Greenaway
1995- 2010	Voiceovers including BBC, Virgin Radio, MTV networks, Ufa, VW, Landrover, Tempo, Palm phones
1992 - 1995	Presenter of Youth TV Show ‘ <i>Bravo TV</i> ’, Germany on RTL 2
1989 - 1996	Presenter and reporter for MTV Europe, presenting a variety of shows within the channel including the ‘ <i>MTV Coca Cola Report</i> ’, ‘ <i>Braun European Top 20</i> ’, ‘ <i>MTV at the Movies</i> ’. Met and interviewed major artists of the time including the Rolling Stones, Prince, U2, David Bowie, Simple Minds, Bryan Ferry, Duran Duran, Annie Lennox, Peter Gabriel, Bob Geldof, Dave Steward, Sinnead O’ Connor, Seal, Neneh Cherry, George Michael, Take That, Chrissy Hynde, Guns n Roses, Lenny Kravitz, Die Toten Hosen, Heino, Nina Hagen and many more.

Affiliations & Charities

2023 – NOW	Founder, Organiser and Host of Convert Club Zoom and WA
2017 – NOW	Charity Begins @Home: Patron, early supporter, fundraiser and volunteer, also heading the media team
2020	Al Manaar – Created a support network and community with a weekly online zoom program, a WA group and several events per year
2018	Articulation – The Roche Court Education Trust Speaker training for art students
2015	London central Mosque – New Muslim circle
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 Organizer of a multicultural concert and art exhibition in Sarajevo as part of the political and cultural project ' <i>The Bridge</i> ' in association with Bosnia's UN ambassador Muhammed Sacirbey.
1996 – 2002	Executive member of the charity ' <i>Learning for Life</i> ' producer and organizer of fundraising events and shows

Awards

- Sharjah International Forum for Muslim Women, 2010
- Presidential Medal of the Sciences and the Arts from Egypt
- Progressive Muslims Forum Award
- International Islamic University, Islamabad,
- Karwan e Fikar Award of Excellence
- Golden Camera, 1995
- 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, architecture and design, Bitcoin, Natural Health, Travel, Charity, Current Affairs, Human Interest, Inter Faith Dialogue, Ecology, Hiking, Cooking

Training

2023/ 24/25	Compliance, AML, Risk, Sanctions
2018	Christie's Education Art Business
2017- 2018	City Lit Art History- Art Evolutions – Modernism, German Expressionism, what makes a Masterpiece
2016- 2017	Sotheby's Institute of Art, Art and Business, Art Law, Caring for one's Collection, Art History

- 1999 - 2002 Natural Medicine studies at Westminster University in conjunction with Neal's Yard
Specialization in Homeopathy: three years studies with Lakeland College of Homeopathy in London.
- 1987 - 1989 Education radio journalist and producer, Radio Hamburg. First major interview: graffiti artist Keith Haring, who presented me with a personal sketch after the interview

OTHER BRANDS I WORKED WITH:



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