

KRISTIANE BACKER

TV Presenter, Author, Media Coach



TV presenter, event host, speaker

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 recently presented a monthly travel show for Travel Channel in Germany and “Matters of Faith” for Ebru TV, a program that deals with different aspects of faith and culture. She hosts galas, conferences and corporate events around Europe.

In 2009 Kristiane published her memoir “From MTV to Mecca” in Germany, which is being translated into Turkish, Arabic and English. Kristiane is a Global Ambassador for the Exploring Islam Foundation and an honorary advisor for CEDAR. She was recently honoured by the Arab Republic of Egypt with the Presidential medal of the Sciences and the Arts for her efforts in promoting understanding of Islam in the West.

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. In 2007 she presented and produced the interfaith program “Nexus” for Press TV. For more information please visit her website www.kristianebacker.com

Professional achievements

- 2011 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, presented ‘Reise 2011’ on Travel Channel Germany and was a speaker at the international accountancy firm Auren on ‘Self Development’. She was interviewed about the phenomenon of increasing conversions to Islam in the UK by BBC News, Channel 4, The Independent, The Daily Mail, The Sun, Khaleej Times, CBC Radio and Asian Express
- 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 between Islam and the West. She spoke to Muslim communities 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
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- 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

- 2011 Ambassador Progressive Muslims Forum, Faith Matters
- 2010 Global Ambassador for Exploring Islam Foundation. Honorary advisor of CEDAR
- 2010 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 As 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, University of West
minster , Lakeland College of Homeopathy

1998- 2000 Islamic Studies, Birkbeck - Muslim College