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1. Who was your supervising tutor when you visited the University of Würzburg?

I started studying in Würzburg under the same premises as all other students, which meant that I did not have any supervising tutor. In spite of that I must mention two teachers Dorothea Lüddeckens and Barbara Bötsch who were two amazing teachers. They taught me to look at religion as a subject through different perspectives which has greatly enriched my knowledge within the subject.

2. We would be happy to get to know something about your academic/ professional career and it would be nice if you could describe your professional work in a few words.

I studied in Würzburg for three years. After I finished my Zwischenprüfung in science of Religion I decided to return to Sweden and become a teacher. I now teach history, Swedish as second language, drama and religion. In my spare time I work with different history projects, I'm on the board in the teachershistory association and during a couple of years I've been involved in a research project at Malmö Höskola. It's a project concerning immigrant-children and their identity in history. Today I work as a teacher at a school where all students speak Arabic as their mother tongue. It's a language school where all students learn Swedish, English and Arabic from first class.

3. Do you have any experiences with the cultural differences of your home country and India? What do you find most fascinating about it?

As a drama teacher I cannot resist being fascinated by all the amazing movies and colours in the movies produced in Bollywood. It would be interesting to see more fruitful cooperation between the filmindustry in Europe and Bollywood.

4. What do you think about the importance of Alumni in terms of the cultural, academical and economical exchange?

All kinds of collaboration over the continents are important. Alumni play's here an important part which can bring people together in a natural way. I'm very excited to get to know everybody and I am convinced that I will return home with new contacts and experiences from different countries.