

Job experience

- since 2014 Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, CARPO – Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient
- 2013 – 2016 Project Leader, MICT – Media in Cooperation and Transition
- 2012 – 2015 Assigned Lectureship at the Institute for Social Sciences, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
- 2012 – 2013 Assigned Lectureship at the Institute for Social Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin
- seit 2009 independent political and business consultant on Iran-related affairs
- 2001 – 2006 Event Promoter, Radar Musik- und Unterhaltungs GmbH
- 1998 – 1999 Customer Relations Officer, Arthur-Brüggemann GmbH

Project experience (selected items)

- since 2019 “Iraq and its Neighbours” – an EU funded project implemented in cooperation with Stimson Europe that pursues the goal of improving Iraq’s bilateral and multilateral relations with its neighbours through confidential dialogue formats on track 2 and track 1.5 levels.
- since 2018 “Tafahum – Security Roadmap for West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula” – a CARPO project in partnership with the Gulf Research Center Foundation, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office with the aim of initiating a process towards regional security in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula through multi-level and multi-disciplinary dialogue channels.
- since 2015 “Iran-Saudi Dialogue Initiative” – a joint project of CARPO and Stimson Europe which was initially funded by the German Federal Foreign Office through Ifa/Zivik, and since 2019 by the Swiss Federal Foreign Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. This project is dedicated to establishing continued dialogue channels between Iran and Saudi Arabia on various levels.
- 2016 Book „Morgen in Iran“ – published October 2016 through Körber-Edition, Hamburg.

- 2014 – 2016 “Media Dialogue Iran” – an annually implemented MICT project series that brought Iranian and German journalists together for dialogue workshops and joint journalistic work.
- 2013 – 2015 “Correspondents” – implemented as Project Leader at MiCT with the aim to implement media development in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.
- 2010 “Bochum Symphony Orchestra meets Kayvan Saket” – a music project, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, bringing together an Iranian ensemble, headed by Tar player Kayvan Saket, and the Bochum Symphony Orchestra to perform a mix of traditional Iranian and traditional European compositions.

Media experience

Adnan Tabatabai is regularly featured in international media (TV, radio, online and print) with op-eds and interviews. His analysis appears on CNN, BBC World, Deutsche Welle, AlJazeera, WDR, DER SPIEGEL, Die Zeit, FAZ and more. Since 2020 Tabatabai produces the Podcast „Dige Che Khabar - Der Iran-Podcast“ jointly with radio journalist, Stephanie Rohde.

Education

Adnan Tabatabai graduated from school in 1998, obtaining his “Abitur” at the Luisen Gymnasium Düsseldorf. He then completed a BA Social Sciences program at the Heinrich Heine University Dusseldorf, and obtained his MSc. Middle East Politics degree at the School of Oriental and African Studies / University of London.

Language skills

Adnan Tabatabai is business fluent in English, German and Persian.