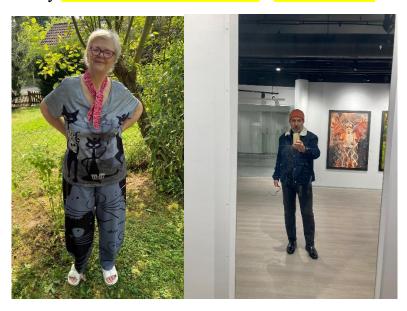
## **A Warm Political Conversation**

By Heike Michaela Sowinski & Azad Karimi



## **Explanation**

What you have in front of you is the result of a long conversation of almost two days (yesterday and the day before) between me and the German painter Ms. Heike Michaela Sowinski. She was born in East Germany. For your information, Germany was divided into two countries after World War II, but was united again in 1990.

Heike and I are very close friends and we are in regular contact through Facebook. Of course, I had an interview with her two years ago, which was one of the best interviews I did.

Heike is very kind, friendly and honest. Therefore, in addition to the feeling of friendship, I have a feeling of spiritual and emotional intimacy with him. I feel safe having Heike in this world.

This interesting conversation you are reading was born out of me sharing the photo above. ... This conversation was formed with Heike's first comment on this post.

The world of social media is very powerful. Frankly, it is very influential in the world of politics. Almost all of us have understood this. Because in the world of social networks, writings and speeches are recorded and stored, and more importantly than anything that is exposed to the public, it is analyzed and the reaction follows.

These are the blessings of life in this era. I would never want to go back to thirty-five years ago. I am satisfied with the current life, although its challenges are much heavier than in the past, but whatever it is, we are accustomed to live in this complex, strange, advanced and dangerous, but at the same time, interesting era. But "Living" is not important, but how to play a role and influence it is more important. And I think Heike is one of the people who knows herself role and understood herself impact. Please read his questions and arguments to understand what I mean. I wish you happiness.

Good luck!

Azad Karimi, Drammen, Norway

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Heike Michaela Sowinski: Is it so cold in Norway, or is it an older photo? Were you actually at Märtha Luise's wedding ? I couldn't see you in any of the photos ?

**Azad Karimi**: Dear Heike! After four days with the new flu that affects the lymph nodes under the tongue and ears, today I washed my bedsheets, clothes,

jacket and pants so that the energy of the illness can leave the house. Then I went to take a shower and had to wear a hat so that I wouldn't get sick again. Of course I was right because it is pouring with rain at the moment. I wanted to wear my olive green raincoat but regretted it because the season has not yet arrived. Yes, I took a photo tonight. Of course I forgot to look up the name of the artist because my goal was to take a celebratory photo to honor you, Diana and Karen and my other painter friends. Of course I am proud to say that the Queen of Norway, Queen Sonja, is your colleague. Her Majesty are a good painter. But our Princess Märtha Louise was married years before I immigrated to Norway.

**Heike Michaela Sowinski**: I wish you a speedy recovery, dear Azad! - but Märta married an African-American shaman last weekend. Don't you know that?

Azad Karimi: Thank you dear Heike... Please take care of yourself good. It is a weak but very insidious and unpleasant virus. Today I heard that many people are sick here. But as for Princess Märtha, believe me, I don't know. Yesterday or the day before yesterday, I looked at the Jerusalem post, and then my mother and one of my sisters called me, and I had no contact with the outside world for a few days. I did not watch TV either. But it is interesting that a shaman was able to make her heart fall in love with himself.

Now, I don't want to use this dialogue as a tool, but since two years ago, a group of Iranians abroad, whose number is very small, have surrounded Reza Pahlavi, the son of the Shah of Iran, and he is delusional and very arrogant. He says strange words against individual freedoms and group and identity freedoms,

which are fundamentally different from the democratic standards of the free world, for example, countries like Germany, Norway, and Denmark.

Reza Pahlavi's wife insults the opponents of the kingdom on her Instagram. While in the Kingdom of Norway, as a resident of Norway, I don't usually stay in the news because life in Norway is very personal, yes there is curiosity, but the royal family of Norway is basically humble and people. This is very interesting. A princess marries a shaman. In 1966, Queen Farah of Iran visited my hometown. Two very respectable ladies went to welcome him as the representatives of the women of the city. According to the culture of Kurdistan women in those years, they used a lot of jewelry for their makeup. Queen Farah had said to those two ladies that you are the mule for hanging so many jewels on yourself.... you look at the arrogance and ugly pride of the queen of Iran and the simplicity of the queen of Norway and her daughter and compare!

Heike Michaela Sowinski: Two weeks ago a water pipe burst in my apartment. When the plumber came, he brought a young man from Iran with him who is doing an apprenticeship here. He spoke very good German, but we didn't have a long conversation. Otherwise I would have asked him a lot of questions. I'm always interested in why people came here. Now Iran is at war with Jerusalem... ah! People are crazy. Stay healthy and optimistic! Good night, dear Azad!

**Azad Karimi:** Unfortunately, the wrong international political perceptions 46 years ago strengthened the idea in the free world that "aggressive Islamism" should be promoted to prevent the spread of communism. An example is the strengthening of Iranian Marxist Islamists such as Mustafa Chamran and their military training. Or Bin Laden in Afghanistan. But we saw that armed Islamism is much more dangerous than communism because it was rooted in the

thousand-year-old beliefs of the people of the region. Everyone laughed at him when a criminal like Khomeini emerged and began to antagonize Israel and the United States and the free world, but he ordered the capture of the American embassy and the hostage crisis began. Unfortunately, the wrong international policies made us all miserable. Think about someone like me, why should I spend 19 years of my youth in migrant camps, homelessness, displacement, loneliness and waiting for asylum and at the age of 49 I should be a lonely and stateless person and there are many hidden dangers facing me? There is no place like the homeland of man, dear Heike, but the compulsion displaced me. The Iranian regime is ideologically the enemy of Israel. Now someone like Josep Burrell comes and says no, it is not like that, if Khomeini or Khamenei are enemies of Israel, but Rafsanjani or the Pezeshkian are not enemies... these are completely lies and only to divert minds, so that, for example, by this argument the Middle East does not go to war. While the same Josep Burrell wants the war in Ukraine to intensify. That is why I say that it is more important for people like Burrell to preserve the Iranian regime, which is an ally of Vladimir Putin. He argues that the use of mullahs and IRGC who rule Iran has many benefits and to protect themselves, they are willing to divide Iran with Putin and Burrell to save themselvs. For this reason, engaging Israel in war and keeping in trouble, keeps Iran's regime. Let's take a close look at history: in the beginning, there were Palestinian Marxists who were incompatible with Israel, but suddenly the Islamists entered the field. Can anyone tell us where the Palestinian Marxists are now?

Heike Michaela Sowinski: This is very complicated! but communism is just another form of fascism. he is not an alternative to other systems. I don't know much to nothing about the history of the Middle East. I think she is a mosaic of very different nationalities, religions, worldviews, cultures. for an average

educated European it is difficult to place himself in the mentality and thinking of the people in the Middle East or even understand them, even the interconnections and interconnections are not manageable. I myself always see only the individual person, like you and the plumbing apprentice. I don't want to share your fate and what you suffered. Norway is of course not a home for you, but a harbor where your ship can somewhat rest, you are also surrounded by people who care and love you. that will help you bear the bitterness of your loss. I also like you in my motherly way. - now I hope that the translator translates my words understandably....

Azad Karimi: Thank you very much Lady! It makes me proud to have someone like you in this complicated world. It really makes me feel safe. By the way, you pay attention to the issues very interestingly and it is very important that you come from the Federal Republic of Germany. The experiences of a German are very different from the experiences of other Europeans, even Austrians. In the last hundred and ten years, Germany went through very difficult, really heavy and deadly experiences. I was surprised when I saw Germany in November 2015, and I am still surprised. I always say to myself, is it possible for a country to be so advanced? Germany revolutionized the modern history of the world in terms of the political attitude and historical philosophy of the current intelligent man. The United States, Great Britain, France, and Italy each revolutionized the world in some way in terms of law, medicine, industry, abolition of slavery, technology, and democracy, but Germany alone built, revolutionized, challenged, destroyed, and Rebuilding... Germany was divided and reunited... You see these only in Germany. Hitler made a large part of the German people his ally, he even brought a large part of the people of Europe and the world with him, but a large part of the German people did not unite with Hitler... this is important. It is very important to be German but not to surrender

to Hitler. Be German, but don't surrender to the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain in the Cold War. Be German and be against anti-Semitism. Be German and oppose fascism. Be German and believe in moral and democratic principles. This is the lesson you teach me and those who read our conversation. The Attorney General of Germany condemned the Iranian regime in the Mykonos restaurant case in the German criminal court in 1997 and forced the court to issue a verdict against Iran and Lebanon's Hezbollah. These are myths, brilliant history. Be sure that the Iranian regime will be destroyed much sooner than its friends imagine. These sufferings of ours are coming to an end, but in the court of conscience, I and others like us are proud.

Heike Michaela Sowinski: Dear Azad, you know a lot. I'm actually East German, so I was raised with communist ideology in my childhood. That's why I'm very sensitive to our current government, especially the Greens. They have made communist ideology their motto. But especially our interior and foreign ministers. I have no idea how things will continue here with the changed government parties. They all lie and cheat. It will be exciting like in America.... and yes, I'm not an anti-Semite, but I'm definitely anti-Zionist, because that's just another name for fascism/communism.

**Azad Karimi**: Communism, which happened to be theorized and introduced by a German Jew named Karl Marx, was the product of centuries of critical struggles of German thinkers, an example of which was Martin Luther in Christianity, who challenged the sovereignty of God, which was manifested in the Vatican.

All of us more or less believe in justice-seeking thoughts and gaining equal privileges for everyone, which is the basis of communism, but the problem starts when this thought takes the title of the dictatorship of the proletariat and Stalin becomes its executor. The Zionist movement, like many nathionalist ideas in the early 20th century, was based on or had root in the ideology of the left. Like all nationalist and rightist movements in the Middle East, including the Kurdish national movement for the independence of the historical land of Kurdistan, where more than 95% of its residents are native Kurds. Therefore, when we admit the necessity of forming a country called Israel, we unconsciously admit the truth of Zionism. Therefore, Zionism had one goal in itself: the creation of a Jewish state in a Jewish land with a historical background. The rest of what exists about parties and ideologies, yes, they are all political games to gain power, and this is a joint-stock company, and it goes back to the science, wisdom, and technique of running the country.

Heike Michaela Sowinski: Dear Azad, thank you very much for your instructive history lesson. We both mean the same thing, but you are much better at backing it up with facts. Yes, Karl Marx and Stalin dominated our lives. Of course only from the best or most embellished side. There was propaganda on every corner, we only found out about everything else much later. A lot of what I know about the Stalinist regime I know from literature. Most of it only came into my hands after 1989. But I also read Maxim Gorky and others. I was very fond of Russian literature in general. And the Russian soul. But that is another matter. The Kurds. My first landlords here in town were a young Turkish family who are still friends with me today. In conversation I once came across the subject of the problems between Turks and Kurds. They told me that the Kurds did not want to integrate into the Turkish state, but wanted everything "as their tradition demands". That was a little naive, especially when you

consider that the Turks do the same thing here. But I did not want to start a fight.

**Azad Karimi**: Thank you for your kindness, dear Heike! Please judge yourself a little more fairly. It is not necessary for you to know all the details about the Middle East, but now is the time, so the opportunity is there, and I will gladly answer your interesting questions to the best of my knowledge. I have a bachelor's degree in law. I was accepted in Iran Television Faculty in the field of "program production" for a bachelor's degree. Unfortunately, because I was a "Kurd", they did not allow me to enter, while I did not have any kind of prohibited political activities or judicial conviction. I learned to write stories and recite poems. I became inclined towards my mother tongue and decided to preserve my identity and my mother tongue. I published several literary books on social and political issues and was a news presenter on radio and television. I also worked for a while as a book auditor in the Ministry of Culture of Iraqi Kurdistan....I feel that the current German government and the German society in general have found a kind of negative belief, because they believe that if they pay attention to German nationalism, they will be accused of Hitlerism. But three generations ago, Hitlerism was widespread in Germany. Germans today know as much as three generations before me. Because he did not see them and only heard about the events of that time. Of course, there are many immigrants in Germany who unfortunately have not integrated into the German culture. In 2015, I saw many mosques in Germany and asked: Is this an Islamic country? Believe me, there is no mosque as big as Germany in Türkiye, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Regarding the Middle East, I must say that Saudi Arabia is part of the community of Arab countries and the community of Arab countries called the Arab world is part of the Middle East.

Therefore, Arabs are part of the Middle East. The Middle East consists of Arabs, Turks, Kurds, Iranians, Armenians, Syrians, Israelis, and Copts. Only in Iran

there are many ethnic groups, examples of which are Persians and some Kurds. After the First World War, Britain and France decided to advance the policy of creating multi-national countries in order to promote cultural integration.

They did exactly what became the model of cultural assimilation for Ataturk and Reza Shah in Turkey and Iran. Therefore, the French-British model of the cultural integration program of the two colonialist countries of that time caused the Kurds in the Middle East to suffer these disasters and thousands of them were killed by Iranians, Turks and Arabs. Kurds are the oldest people in the East, who have very ancient written works. Once here, a Norwegian friend asked me if the Arabs have the Koran, but the Kurds have nothing older than the Koran. Of course, he was one of those Europeans who criticized Christianity and Judaism, but praised Islam under the influence of his Muslim friends and without studying. I replied that there are thousands of copies of Pahlavi texts that are centuries older than the Quran. In Kermanshah, you can see the remains of Tisfun in Tag e Bostan, which are two thousand years before the Quran. It is good for a person to study and not accept anything without studying. Unfortunately, in Europe there is this kind of simplistic view, and that is why we see extreme unreasonable admissions and extreme rejections. Of course, I must say that the Middle East will not be balanced until the Kurdistan issue is resolved. Kurdistan is the key to solving the problems of the Middle East.

**Heike Michaela Sowinski:** Thank you very much for your openness and your information. I think I (my head) am a little exhausted from all the thinking... © The languages you are familiar with are Kurdish (?), English and Norwegian?

**Azad Karimi:** Thank you very much Lady! Yes, I can speak also Persian, and sometimes Arabic and Turkish.

You can read this conversation on the Qelam website through this link:

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