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EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D. Political Science specializing in International Relations, Department of Political Science, McGill University
- 1998 M.A. Political Science, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, American University of Beirut
- 1994 B.A. Political Studies and Public Administration, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, American University of Beirut

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2013-present Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, Qatar University
- 2012-2013 Visiting Professor, Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris) – Campus Moyen-Orient Méditerranée
- 2005-2011 Faculty Lecturer, Department of Political Science, McGill University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2016 *Statecraft in the Middle East: Foreign Policy, Domestic Politics and Security*. London: I.B. Tauris.

Journal Articles

- 2017 “The State of Hezbollah? Sovereignty as a Potentiality in Global South Contexts,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics* (DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.546).
- 2017 “A Global South Perspective on International Relations Theory,” *International Studies Perspectives* 18(1): 2-3.
- 2016 “السياسة الخارجية الصينية من منظور "الثقافة الإستراتيجية" (Chinese Foreign Policy from the Perspective of “Strategic Culture”),” *سياسات عربية (Siyasat Arabiya)* 21: 26-41.
- 2011-2012 “La Libye, croisée des chemins ou sentier tortueux?” (Libya: Crossroad or Curbs?) *Afkar/Idées* no. 32.

- 2011 “Seasonal Effects of the Arab Spring,” *International Studies Association – Global South Caucus Newsletter* 1(1): 5-7.
- 2010 “Washington and Hezbollah: A Rare Convergence of Interests,” *Middle East Policy* 17(2): 82-104.
- 2010 “Is it Time for Political Change in Iran? Looking for Indicators in Society’s Activism,” *McGill Foreign Affairs Review* 2(1): 6–11.
- 2008 “Iran and Instability in the Middle East: How Preferences Influence the Regional Order,” *International Journal* 63(4): 941-964.

Book Chapters

- 2016 “Qatar’s Global Activism: Pursuing Ambition in the Midst of Domestic and Regional Transitions,” in Jacqueline Anne Braveboy-Wagner, ed., *Diplomatic Strategies of Nations in the Global South: The Search for Leadership*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2016 “A GCC-China Security “Strategic Partnership”: Its Potential and Contours,” in Timothy Niblock, Degang Sun, and Alejandra Galindo, eds., *The Arab States of the Gulf and BRICS: New Strategic Partnerships in Politics and Economics*. Frankfurt: Gerlach Press.

Web-Based Publications

- 2016 “Can China be a Pillar of GCC Security?” China and the Challenges in Greater Middle East Conference Report (Danish Institute for International Studies): 17-21.
- 2015 “Libya’s Transition,” *Academic Foresights*, no. 14.
- 2015 “The GCC States and the Viability of a Strategic Military Partnership with China,” The Middle East-Asia Project (The Middle East Institute), March 17.
- 2012 “South Africa and the Arab Spring: Opportunities to Match Diplomacy Goals and Strategies,” *Actuelle de l’Institut français des relations internationales*, April 19.
- 2011 “The Middle Powers Amid the Arab Revolts,” *Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP)*, September 29.

Other Publications

- 2012 “Why Dissension Needs to be Protected for the Arab Spring to Blossom,” *openDemocracy*, September 14.

- 2011 “Expect Delays: UN Security Council Reactions to the Syrian Chapter of the Arab Spring,” *openDemocracy*, September 10.
- 2011 “Wanted: Local Entrepreneurs to Help Imagine New Arab Futures,” *openDemocracy*, August 31.
- 2011 “U.S. Needs to Stay on the Sidelines of the Arab Revolution,” *The Montreal Gazette*, March 8.
- 2011 “The Arab World at the Tipping Point,” *The Montreal Gazette*, February 1.
- 2002 “In Reply to “Lebanon Unmasked,” *The McGill Daily*, November 11.
- 1997 “أزمة إقتصاديات شرق اسيا: الهيكلية المحلية والوظيفة العالمية” (The Crisis of East Asian Economies: International Functions and Domestic Structures), *النهار (An-Nahar)*, August 21.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2016 Workshop Grant, “International Relations of the Middle East: Security and Cooperation in the Contemporary Era,” Department of International Affairs, Qatar University, December 14-15.
- 2016 Exploratory Symposium Grant, “New World Making: China’s One Belt, One Road Policy and its Global Implications”, European International Studies Association, Rapallo, November 2-5.
- 2016 Presidential Recognition, Peking University and Qatar University Exchange Program, Qatar University.
- 2015 Workshop Grant, “The Perception of GCC Decision-Makers Towards Strategic Ties with China,” Department of International Affairs, Qatar University, December 10.
- 2014-2015 Start-up Research Grant, “Echoes of History: Understanding Agency and Contestation in Arab Societies,” College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University.
- 2009 Honourable Mention, Arts Undergraduate Society’s 2008-2009 Excellence in Teaching Award, McGill University.
- 2008 Alexander Mackenzie Fellowship in Political Science, McGill University.
- 2007 Centre for Developing-Area Studies Field Research Fellowship, McGill University and the Canadian International Development Agency.
- 2007 Research Group in International Security Scholarship, McGill University and Université de Montréal.

- 2005 Research Group in International Security Scholarship, McGill University and Université de Montréal.
- 2004 Faculty of Graduate Studies Fellowship, McGill University.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2015-present Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Research Group on International Affairs and Security, Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Qatar University.
- 2015-present Principal Investigator, “A Theory of Shock and Rivalry: Findings from the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa” (with William R. Thompson).
- 2015-present Project Member, “Culture, Development, and Conflict Along the Silk Roads: Rethinking the “One Belt, One Road” (OBOR) Policy” (project leader, L.H.M. Ling).

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 “China’s (Non-)intervention Policy Towards the Syrian Conflict,” China’s Expanding Influence in the Middle East: Trade, Energy, Security, and Multipolarity, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Issam Fares Institute, American University of Beirut, Beirut, September 28.
- 2017 “Chinese Foreign Policy From a Gulf Cooperation Council Perspective,” China Foreign Policy and the GCC, Qatar Chair of Middle East Studies at Peking University, Qatar University, Doha, May 11.
- 2017 “Statecraft in the Middle East,” Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut, Beirut, February 16.
- 2016 “Statecraft in the Middle East,” Texas A&M University at Qatar, Doha, October 13.
- 2015 “Understanding China’s Security Relations with Gulf States,” Joaan Bin Jassim Joint Command and Staff College, Qatari Armed Forces, Doha, December 13.
- 2015 “Can China be a Pillar of GCC Security?” Keynote Address, China and the Challenges in Greater Middle East Conference, Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, November 10.
- 2013 “Geo-Political Influences on Arab Spring States: How Regional Security Institutions Impact Domestic Transformations,” International University of Monaco, Monaco, May 14.
- 2011 “State Building in the Middle East and North Africa: Legacies and

Challenges,” Envision Arabia Summit-The Arab Development Initiative, Montréal, October 7-9.

- 2009 “A Neoclassical Realist Analysis of Foreign Policy Strategies in the Israeli-Syrian Enduring Rivalry, 1950-1990,” Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, Montréal, September 18.
- 2007 “Iraq in Fragments: Commentary and Public Engagements,” Cinéma du Parc, Montréal, June 13.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences and Workshops Organized

- 2016 Organizer, “International Relations of the Middle East: Security and Cooperation in the Contemporary Era,” Department of International Affairs, Qatar University, Doha, December 14-15.
- 2015 Organizer, “The Perception of GCC Decision-Makers Towards Strategic Ties with China,” Department of International Affairs, Qatar University, Doha and Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C., December 10.
- 2015 Co-Chair, “Voices from Outside: Reshaping International Relations Theory and Practice in an Era of Global Transformation,” Second Global South International Studies Conference, Singapore, January 8-10.
- 2012 Chair, “Theorizing, Teaching, Research, and Publishing in International Relations (IR) on the Global South,” First Global South International Studies Conference, Menton – France, November 29-December 1.

Panels Organized

- 2017 “Whatever Happened to Interstate Rivalries in the Middle East?” (with William R. Thompson), The Pacific Century, International Studies Association Conference, Hong Kong, June 15-18.
- 2017 “The Arab Spring and Change in Middle East Foreign Policy Making,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22-25.
- 2016 “The Ethics of Knowledge Production and Dissemination in the Gulf,” International Ethics Summit, Texas A&M in Qatar, December 4-6.
- 2016 “The Meaning and Practice of Tribal ‘Belonging’ - Roundtable Discussion with Dale F. Eickelman,” Department of International Affairs and the Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Qatar University, Doha, October 18.
- 2016 “Perceptions, History, and the Way Forward: A Roundtable Dialogue Between Arab and Chinese Scholars,” China and the Arabs Conference, Arab

Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, May 21.

- 2016 “Ideas and Images of Peace, Conflict, and Competition in the Middle East,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16-19.
- 2015 “Rethinking the Contemporary Gulf,” Second Global South International Studies Conference, Singapore, January 8-10.

Conference Papers

- 2017 “Building up a Middle East IR,” How scholarly identities ‘in here’ shape how we understand the role of identity in Middle East international relations ‘out there’, Aarhus University, Aarhus, November 3.
- 2017 “Competition as a state-building activity in the Gulf Cooperation Council,” Gulf Security in the Contemporary Era: Opportunities and Obstacles, Durham University and Georgetown University at Qatar, Doha, October 1.
- 2017 “The Appropriateness of Narratives in Neoclassical Realism: Explaining Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Policy Stability,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22-25.
- 2017 “The Arab Spring as a Peak in Contestations,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22-25.
- 2016 “Treading with Caution: China’s Expanding Security Presence in the Gulf,” China’s New Roles and Behaviours in Conflict-Affected Regions: Evolving Approaches to the Principle of Non-Interference, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, December 10.
- 2016 “Ideational Sources of the Peaceful Order in the Gulf Cooperation Council,” Collective Security in the Gulf: Prospects for Pan-Gulf Cooperation, 7th Gulf Research Meeting, Cambridge University, Cambridge, August 16-19.
- 2016 “Conceptualizing Peace in the Gulf,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16-19.
- 2016 “Strategic Rivalries in Comparative Regional Analysis,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16-19.
- 2015 “أهداف الصين الأمنية تجاه دول مجلس التعاون دراسة في الثقافة الإستراتيجية والسياسة الخارجية: الخليجي” (China’s Strategic Objectives with Regards to the GCC States: a Study in Strategic Culture and Foreign Policy), Gulf Studies Forum, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, December 5-7.
- 2015 “GCC States and a Potential “Strategic Partnership” with China: Why Not?” GCC-BRICS Relations, 6th Gulf Research Meeting, Cambridge University, Cambridge, August 24-27.

- 2015 “Do Gulf Cooperation Council Leaders see in China a Viable Security Partner?” Second Global South International Studies Conference, Singapore, January 8-10.
- 2015 “Growing Ambitions: Understanding Qatar’s Foreign Policy during Domestic and Regional Transitions,” Second Global South International Studies Conference, Singapore, January 8-10.
- 2014 “Delayed Blossomings: Mapping the Interaction Effects of the Arab Spring and Regional Rivalries,” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Ankara, August 18-22.
- 2012 “Circumventing Authoritarianism: How Arab Societal Actors Devise(d) Survival Strategies” (with Giulia El Dardiry), First Global South International Studies Conference, Menton, November 29-December 1.
- 2011 “Statecraft in World Politics: Narratives and Governance in Neoclassical Realism,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montréal, March 16-19.
- 2007 “Iran’s Status Anxiety and America’s Declining Strategic Initiative in the Middle East Regional Order,” International Security and Arms Control Section of the American Political Science Association at the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montréal, October 19.
- 2004 “Choosing the Form of Democratic Institutions: An Empirical Analysis of Competing Explanations” (with Mark R. Brawley), International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montréal, March 17-21.

Discussant

- 2017 "العلاقات العربية - الصينية" (Arab-Chinese Relations), "نموذج التنمية" (The Development Paradigm), Center for Arab Unity Studies, Beirut, February 20-24.
- 2017 “Recognition and Diplomacy,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22-25.
- 2017 “Understanding Change in World Politics: Intersections and Synergies Roundtable”, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22-25.
- 2017 “Middle Eastern Middle Powers and the International System,” Middle Power Politics in the Middle East, Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University, Doha, January 15-16.
- 2016 “رؤى عن الربيع العربي وقضايا الديمقراطية” (The Arab Spring and Democratization), (author Larbi Sadiki), “التحول الديمقراطي ومراحل الانتقال في البلدان العربية” (Democratic Transformation and Transition Stages in Arab Countries), Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, December 28.

- 2016 “Ideas and Images of Peace, Conflict, and Competition in the Middle East,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16-19.
- 2015 “Domestic Politics and International Relations in the Gulf Area: A Review of the Literature” (author F. Gregory Gause, III), State of the Art Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences for Qatar and the Arab Gulf Societies, Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Qatar University, October 22.
- 2015 “Hizbullah and the Lebanese State: Indispensable, Unpredictable – Destabilizing?” (author Peter Sluglett), Violent Non State Actors in the Middle East Conference, Gulf Research Center at Qatar University and the Middle East Institute at the National University of Singapore, Qatar University, Doha, October 14-15.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Qatar University

Capstone, graduation project (in Arabic)
 Area Studies (in Arabic)
 Diplomacy in Theory and Practice (in Arabic)
 International Relations Theory
 Political and Social Thought (in Arabic)
 Politics of Oil (in Arabic)

Committee Member, MA Thesis in Gulf Studies (The Effects of the Saudi-Iranian Rivalry on Politics in Lebanon between 2005 and 2016), Gulf Studies Program.

Sciences Po Paris – Campus Moyen-Orient Méditerranée

Emerging Powers in World Politics
 Foreign Policy Making and Regional Security Systems in the Middle East
 Introduction to International Relations Theory
 The Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa

McGill University

Foreign Policy: The Middle East
 Impact of the Bonyads on Iran’s Foreign Policy
 International Politics: State Behaviour
 International Politics: Conflict, Crisis, and War
 The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Crisis, War, and Peace
 The Ideological Sources of Iran’s Foreign Policy
 The Kurdish Dimension in Turkish-American Relations
 The Role of Narratives in the Foreign Policy-making of Middle East States

New York University

Reader, MA Thesis in International Relations, Wilf Family Department of Politics, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, April 2014.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2017-present Area Advisor, Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations, Oxford University Press.
- 2016-present Member of Task Force for the Global South, International Studies Association.
- 2016-2017 Program Chair, Global South Caucus, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore.
- 2016-2017 Co-Chair (elected), Global South Caucus, International Studies Association.
- 2015-2016 Vice President (elected), Global South Caucus, International Studies Association.
- 2011-2015 Executive Committee Member (elected) representing the Middle East and North Africa, Global South Caucus, International Studies Association.
- Reviewer, *Sociology of Islam*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *Political Studies*; *Oxford University Press*; *Leadership Journal*; *International Journal*; *Pearson House Journal*.

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY

- 2016-2017 Faculty Member, Peking University-Qatar University Student Exchange Program, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Qatar University.
- 2016-2017 Faculty Member, Qatar University – Brookings Doha Center Fellow Selection Committee, Office of the Vice President for Academic Planning and Development, Qatar University.
- 2016-2017 Faculty Member, Department Council, Department of International Affairs, Qatar University.
- 2016-2017 Chair, Engagement and Activities Committee, Department of International Affairs, Qatar University.
- 2015-2016 Chair, Standing Committee on Research, Department of International Affairs, Qatar University.
- 2015-2017 Faculty Member, Recruitment Committee, Curriculum Committee, Department of International Affairs, Qatar University.
- 2014-2015 Faculty Member, Internship Committee, Quality of Teaching and Courses Committee, and Textbook Committee, Department of International Affairs, Qatar University.
- 2013-2014 Faculty Member, Academic Affairs Committee, Area Studies Committee, Student Admissions Committee, Student Affairs Committee, and Teaching

and Learning Committee, Department of International Affairs, Qatar University.

- 2013-present Faculty Liaison, Arabic Language Acquisitions, Qatar University Library, Department of International Affairs, Qatar University.
- 2012-2013 Faculty Member, Student Recruitment and Admissions Committee and Inter-Departmental Language Instruction Committee, Sciences Po Paris – Campus Moyen-Orient Méditerranée.
- 2011 Expert Host, Middle East and North Africa region, Student Study Abroad and Fieldwork Pre-Departure Orientation, McGill University.
- 2008 Special Project Officer for Outreach and Cooperation with Institutions of Higher Learning in the Middle East and North Africa, Office of the Vice Principal for Research and International Relations, McGill University.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011 Expert Analyst on the Middle East and North Africa, BCA Research, Canada.
- 2009 Senior Consultant on Policy Research Institutes in the Middle East and North Africa, Prodev Group, Lebanon.
- 2009 Micro-Finance Consultant, Prodev Group, Lebanon.
- 2006 Socio-Economic Development Consultant, Development Management International (s.a.r.l.), Lebanon.
- 2000-2001 Micro-Finance Consultant, Lebanese Association for Development – Al-Majmoua, Lebanon.
- 1998-2001 Researcher and Analyst, Lebanese Centre for Policy Studies, Lebanon.
- 1995 Chief Surveyor, Études et Consultations Économiques, Lebanon.

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

The British Broadcasting Corporation; the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; CTV Television (Canada); CJAD 800 (Montréal, Canada); NewsTalk CKOM (Saskatchewan, Canada); McGill Television (Montréal, Canada); l'Esprit Simple (Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada); Corriere Canadese (Italy).

LANGUAGES

Arabic, Modern Standard and Colloquial (fluent); English (fluent); French (proficient); Portuguese (working knowledge).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

2016-present European International Studies Association
2015-present The Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies
2014-present British International Studies Association
2004-present International Studies Association
2008-2014 Associate Faculty, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies,
McGill University & Université de Montréal