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Education

- Ph.D. University of Southern California, Political Science: Distinction
- M.A. University of Southern California, International Politics: Distinction
- M.A. University of Jordan, Political Science: Honors
- B.A. University of Jordan, Political Science / Economics and Statistics: Honors

Academic and Administrative Experience

- University of Jordan, Dean, School of International Studies and Political Science 2012 - present
- University of Jordan, Founder and Chair, Human Rights and Human Development Department 2006 - present
- University of Jordan, Associate Professor, Political Science Department, School of International Studies and Political Science 2005 - present
- University of Southern California, Teaching Assistant, Marshall School of Business 2003 - 2004
- University of Southern California, Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science 2002 - 2004
- University of Southern California, Research Assistant for Professor R.H. Dekmejian 2000 - 2004

Awards and Honors

- Middle East and North Africa Regional Representative, Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic 2012 - present
- Visiting Scholar at LUISS University, Rome. Taught Islamic Theorizing on Human Rights, Politics, and Ethics November 2011
- Member of the Steering Committee, Center for Ethics and Global Politics, LUISS Guido Carli, Rome, Italy 2010 - present
- Erasmus Mondus Award for Scholars Exchange, International Institute of Political Science, Masaryk University, Czech Republic 2010 - 2011
- Final Summer Dissertation Fellowship, University of Southern California, College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences 2004
- Distinguished performance on Ph.D. qualifying exams and dissertation proposal, University of Southern California 2004
- Teaching Assistantships, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business 2003 - 2004
- Teaching Assistantship, University of Southern California, Department of Political Science 2002 - 2004

Science

Languages

- Arabic: Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking
- English: Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking

Areas of Expertise

- Comparative politics: democracy, transition, and international politics
- Political theory / Islamic thought: politics, ethics, and Human Rights
- Research methodology: game theory, modeling, and quantitative and qualitative discourse analysis
- Comparative politics / Middle Eastern studies: international relations, conflict management, democracy
- Political theory / human rights

Courses Taught

Research Methodology in Political Science

Comparative Politics

Conflict Management and Resolutions

Theories of International Relations

Foreign Policy

American Foreign Policy

Theories of Human Rights

Politics of Human Rights

Islam and Human Rights

Contemporary Issues in Islamic Thought

Contemporary Issues in the Middle East

Arab-Israeli Conflict

Arab Spring

World Political Leadership

Terrorism and Genocide

Middle East Politics

Political Risk Analysis

Psycho-political Analysis

Political Sociology

Books

Seeberg, Peter and Zaid Eyadat. *Migration, Security, and Citizenship in the Middle East*. "The Modern Muslim World" series. Palgrave Macmillan, August 2013.

Al Masalha, Mohammad and Zaid Eyadat, translators. *Count Bernadotte's Mediation to Palestine 1948: Mediation and Assassination*. University of Jordan, 2011.

Eyadat, Zaid, and Mohammad Abd-ALKareem Mahafzah. *National Education (التربية الوطنية)*. Hashemite University, 2010.

Book Chapters

"Minorities in the Arab World: Faults and Faults Lines" in Eva Pföstl and Will Kymlicka, ed., *Multiculturalism and Minority Rights in the Arab World*. Oxford, Oxford University Press. Forthcoming: March 2014.

"Political Islam in the Arab Spring" in Eva Pfostl, ed., *Religion and Politics*. APES. Forthcoming: February 2014.

"Hegemony, Islamic Activism, and the State: Islamic Movements and the Arab Spring in Jordan" in Massimo Campanini, ed., *Islam and the Arab Revolutions*. Bologna, il Mulino, September 2013.

"The Arab Revolutions of 2011: Revolutions of Dignity" in Stephen Calleya and Monika Wohlfeld ed., *Change and Opportunities in the Emerging Mediterranean*. Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta, Gutenberg Press, 2012, 3-19.

Journal Articles

"Fiqh Al-Aqalliyyât and the Arab Spring: Modern Islamic Theorizing." *Philosophy and Social Criticism*. SAGE Publications (October 2013).

"Islams: Between Dialoguing and Mainstreaming." *Philosophy and Social Criticism*. SAGE Publications, 38:4-5 (May/June 2012) 507-516.

"Islamic Feminism: Roots, Development and Policies." *Global Policy*. London School of Economics and Political Science, Wiley-Blackwell (November 2013).

"Public Reason and Islamic Reason in the Post –Secular." *Dirisat of Human and Social Sciences*. Amman, University of Jordan. Forthcoming

Eyadat, Zaid and Gwendolyn Schaefer. "Arab Revolutions of 2011: An Explanatory Model." *Dirasat of Human and Social Sciences*. Amman, University of Jordan, 40:1 (2013) 202-215.

- "The Rationality of Political Violence: Modeling Al-Qaeda vs. the United States." *IL Politico*. 216: 3 (2007) 220-238.
- "Psychosocial Theory and Political Violence." *Jordan Journal of Social Sciences*. Amman, University of Jordan (2009).
- "The Calculus of Consensus: an Alternative Path to Arab Democracy." *Oriente Moderno*. 26:2 (2007) 371-381.
- "Culture and Foreign Policy: an Explanatory Model." *American Foreign Policy Post 9/11*. *IL Politico*. University of Pavia, (2009) 163-178.
- "Sustainable Development: From the Economic to the Human: Means, Ends, and Results." *Rivista di Studi Sulla Sostenibilita*. Franco Angeli Edizioni. Forthcoming.
- "Breaking the Cycle: the Sanctity of Human Rights Amidst Atrocities." *Peace Human Rights Journal*. Universita degli Studi di Padova* Centro Diritti Umani. (2011) 85-98.

Current Research Projects

- "Modernizing Islamic political thought." This project aims at providing new scientific interpretations of the basic texts in Islam through discourse and hermeneutic analysis that emphasizes the rational aspects of Islam as a religion and its compatibility to modernity and to the dialogue between the West and Islam.
- "An Islamic ethical theory." This research project seeks to address the lack of a fully developed ethical theory in Islam by investigating faults in current Islamic ethical theories and proposing a comprehensive theory of Islamic ethics that is compatible with a modern conception of international human rights.
- "Islamic theories on politics and the state." This research project seeks to frame theories Islamic theorizing on politics and the state in general through building on notable scholars' writings and notions of politics and state in Islam. Significantly, this research aims to critically analyze and reconstruct Islamic thinking in the post-secularism, thereby reconciling the differences and contentions between these two realms.
- "Transition in the Arab world: theoretical perspectives." This research project seeks to analyze and interpret the transitions occurring in the Arab world from a variety of perspectives, building on well-established theoretical bodies in order to produce an inclusive assessment of the Arab World's current situation. This research will ultimately develop a theory on transition through the utilization of the Arab Spring case study countries and their causes, factors, and variables. This project will advance crucial understanding of why and how transitions and revolutions occur.

Funded Research Projects

- "Migrant workers' rights in Jordan." Funded by the International Organization for Migration and in collaboration with the University of Jordan. This project conducts research on migrant workers' rights in Jordan in order to provide and analyze facts and figures on the current situation of migrant workers. This research analysis will be used to produce recommendations to the Jordanian government, thus enabling it to better protect migrant workers' rights in Jordan.
- "Extremism and national security in Jordan." Funded by the Scientific Research Fund, the Ministry of Higher Education of Jordan. Amman, Jordan. This research is the first of its kind, focusing on a scientific explanation of extremism. The project will investigate the roots, causes and developments in extremism on an individual and group level, using Jordan as a case study. This research also addresses extremism and national security in the region and its findings will be applicable not only to the country but to the region as well in terms of implications and policy recommendations.

Presentations: Lectures, Conferences, Workshops

- Delivered "Leadership Challenges and the Arab Spring" lecture to the Political Science Department, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, USA. 26 September 2013
- Delivered "Arab Spring, Political Islam, and New Trends in Middle Eastern Studies" seminar at the Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut. USA. 23 September 2013
- Panelist at the Contexts of Human Rights conference at the Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut. USA. 19-21 September 2013
- Presented "The Arab Gulf and Latin America; Non-State Actors: The Key to Unlocking Possibilities" paper at the 4th Gulf Research Meeting, Cambridge University. UK. 2-5 March 2013
- Presented at the Workshop for Multiculturalism and Minority Rights in the Arab, Istituto di Studi Politici "S Pio V." Rome, Italy. 1 - 2 March 2013
- Led program on "Peace and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East and Beyond." Amman/London Course. Organized by the Foundation for International Education (FIE) and AmidEast. July 2012
- Presented "The Promises of Democracy in Troubled Times" at the Istanbul Seminars 2012. Organized by Reset. Istanbul, Turkey. 22 - 24 May 2012
- Conducted training course with Creative Association on "International Principles for Electoral Policies and Practices." University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan. April 2012
- Panelist in the International Panel on Syria hosted by the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE). Santo Domingo, Dominican September 2012

- Republic.
- Hosted Karama Festival on Human Rights in the University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan. December 2011
 - Presented "The Arab Spring and the New Regional Challenges" paper to the International Conference on Security and Defense, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. October 2011
 - Fellowship on Election Administration, *Electoral Court of the Federal Judiciary of Mexico*. Organized by the International Electoral Education Council (IEEC). Mexico. September 2011
 - Led program on "Peace and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East and Beyond." Amman/London Course. Organized by the Foundation for International Education (FIE) and AmidEast. July 2011
 - Presented "Arab Revolutions of 2011: Revolution of Dignity" paper to the Euro-Med seminar. Organized by The MEDAC - Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta. Malta, Italy. May 2011
 - Presented "Dialoguing Islams: Alternatives and Prospects" paper to the International Conference on "Overcoming the Trap of Resentment." Istanbul, Turkey. May 2011
 - Presented "Reviving the Arab Peace Initiative" paper to the International Conference on The Arab –Israeli Conflict and the Future of the Middle East. Copenhagen, Denmark. January 2011
 - Presented "Islamic Theorizing on Politics" paper to the international conference on "Between Rawls and Religion: Liberalism in a Post-secular World." December 2010
 - Chair, international conference on "Human Rights and Human Development." Organized by the HDCA and University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan. 21 – 23 September 2010
 - Presented "Youth and Human Security" paper at regional seminar on Human Security "Building Alliances for Human Security in the WANA Region." Organized by the Regional Human Security Centre, Amman, Jordan and the Institute for Peace Studies. Alexandria, Egypt. January 2010
 - Attended final meeting for drafting the reform of the legal framework of the electoral process, which presented recommendations to reform the legal framework governing the electoral process in Jordan. Amman, Jordan. November 2009
 - Organized the first international conference of the Faculty of International Studies on "Jordan in Changing Regional and International Environment." University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan. June 2009

- Presented “Explaining Liberalization in Jordan” paper to the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. Washington, DC, USA. November 2008
- Lectured to the Centre of Armenian Studies to the Department of Political Science at the University of Southern California. Los Angeles, USA. June 2008
- Delivered lecture “Islam and Human Rights” to conference on Law of God and Law of Man in the Three Great Monotheistic Religions, Center for Human Rights, University of Padova. Italy. May 2007
- Presented “Toward an Integrated View of Human Development and Human Rights” paper to Workshop of Human Development and Human Rights, University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan. January 2007
- Delivered “Democracy and Arab Countries” lecture to Jura Gentium, working group of the Journal of Philosophy of International Law and Global Politics, Florence University. Florence, Italy. November 2006
- Panelist at the 4th Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia. Italy. September 2006
- Presented “Modeling Consociationalism as an Alternative Path to Democracy: Jordan, Kuwait, Iraq” paper to the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. San Francisco, USA. November 2004
- Panelist at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, University of California Los Angeles. Los Angeles, USA. Fall 2004
- Panelist at the Turath Symposium, Department of Political Science, University of California Los Angeles. Los Angeles, USA. 2004
- Panelist at the conference on The Political Economy of Terrorism, sponsored by the Center for International Studies, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, USA. 2004
- Presented “Hegemonic Consociationalism in Monarchical Systems” paper at the University of Southern California. Los Angeles, USA. January 2004
- Presented “Religiosity and Attitudes Toward Democracy: A Case Study of Turkey” paper to the Department of Political Science, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, USA. 2003
- Presented “Re-evaluating Religious Toleration in Islam” paper to the Department of Political Science, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, USA. 2002
- Presented “The Causal Factors of Democratization in the Middle East: A Comparative Study of Jordan, Egypt, Turkey & Algeria” paper to the School of International Relations, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, USA. 2002

Professional Service

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE): Regional MENA Representative and Senior Advisor 2012 - present

Amman, Jordan

- FUNGLODE is an institution located in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. It is a pioneer in the realm of scientific research and specializes in the establishment and promotion of Latin American Studies in the Middle East.
- Internationalizing and promoting sustainable development, good governance, and human rights through peace promotion and educational and cultural exchange between Latin America and the Middle East

Dirisat: Human and Social Sciences:

Vice Editor in Chief 2011 - present

Editorial Member 2013-present

Amman, Jordan

Creative Associates International: Senior Academic Consultant, Senior Consultant on Electoral Policy, and Senior Consultant on Democracy and Development 2011 - present

Amman, Jordan

- Implementing the components of the International Electoral Education Program. Including: Electoral Governance Study Tours, Educational Courses on International Electoral Policy and Practice, Leader on Exchange and Dialogue Workshops, Non-Governmental Election Training Courses.
- Promoting democratic values and human rights.

Royal Hashemite Court, Department of Political Affairs: Director, Senior Researcher, and Advisor 2006 - 2010

Amman, Jordan

- Assured a direct line of communication with main stakeholders and other departments and units of the Royal Court.
- Evaluated and analyzed political indicators related to political structures, process and issues of Jordan.
- Analyzed and evaluated political development processes and issues.
- Coordinated, analyzed and evaluated the linkage between domestic and foreign issues and their impacts on stability, security and political processes.

- Analyzed all youth reports and policies and proposed the proper recommendations for the youth sector.
- Analyzed and proposed alternative policies covering political affairs, youth, human rights, and higher education.
- Analyzed and assessed the position and standpoint of Parliamentarians and Parliamentary Blocs and Parties on issues and laws.
- Analyzed and assessed the relationship between Government and Parliament.
- Analyzed and evaluated all issues related to human rights and the reports submitted by human rights monitors (local, regional and international) and proposed related policies and recommendations.

Jordan Youth Commission: Founder and Director

2006 - 2008

Amman, Jordan

- Provided plans, training programs and policies on capacity building both in soft and leadership skills.
- Designed policies and programs in political participation and civic engagement aiming at integrating youth in the political processes.
- Raised awareness and worked to open up the public sphere for youth participation and engagement.
- Built partnerships with major political and civic institutions to assure youth participation and advance the political development.
- Conducted research and surveys on major political and economic indicators and issues related to youth activities and programs.
- Designed program-related initiatives and instruments.
- Prepared budget programs for all youth activities.
- Organized youth-related data for further development as desk review study on youth development.
- Directed the planning, recruitment, orientation, training, evaluation, retention and recognition activities of all field volunteers and groups within assigned territories to meet objectives.
- Designed and implemented youth development programs for leadership and public engagement.

Affiliations/Memberships

- CEO of Arab Renaissance for Development and Democracy (ARDD). Amman, Jordan.
- Member of the Steering Committee in The Center for Ethics and Global Politics, University of Rome.

Rome, Italy

- Member in the Executive Council of Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA), Boston University. Boston, Massachusetts.
- American Political Science Association. Washington D.C.
- International Studies Association, University of Arizona. Tucson, Arizona.
- Member of the Faith and Human Development Section of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA), Boston University. Boston, Massachusetts.
- Middle East Studies Association of North America, University of Arizona. Tucson, Arizona.
- Member in the National Committee on Higher Education. Amman, Jordan.
- Member in the Council of University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan.
- Member of the Arab Thought Forum. Amman, Jordan.

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