

## Walaa Al-Husban

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### Personal Profile

*A compassionate humanitarian and an academic researcher.*

### Career Objective/Summary

**An analytical researcher with years of educational and hands-on experience in International politics, social change, and International Development. My main interest remains in the field of Global Humanitarian Development and key debates, specifically focusing on the politics and paradox of humanitarianism practices globally and in the MENA region.**

### Work Experience

**[October, 2023- current]**

**Department of International Development, Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Jordan.**

[Lecturer: Teach modules on topics: Research Methods in Political Science, Principles Of Political Science, National Culture, Foreign Policy, Political Sociology, Political Psychology]

**[August, 2021- September 2023]**

**Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan**

[Researcher and Interns Coordinator: assisting in carrying research, and writing proposal in areas covering geo-politics, security, defence and foreign policy, identity, religion, gender, youth and refugee issues]

**[September, 2017- 2020]**

**School of Sociology and Social Policy, Leeds**

[Teaching Assistance. Teach modules on topics: Quantitative Research Method, Qualitative Research Methods, Formations of Modernity, Ethnicity and Popular Culture, Crime, Race, and Ethnicity, Central Problems in Sociology, Gender Studies, Social Policy and criminology, Decolonial Thought]

**[February, 2014- May, 2016] Norwegian**

**Refugee Council, Jordan**

[Education Team Leader: Support the organizational fundraising actions by maintaining regular contact with donor representatives and by submitting project funding and appeals, Project managing, organizing and supervising field activity, evaluate and improve the planning, programming, implementation and monitoring]

**[January, 2013–February, 2014]**

**Norwegian Refugee Council, Jordan**

[Education Project Officer: Coordinating and supervising team activities, liaison between the Programme Headquarter and Jordan office, creating procedures for the day to day operations, Providing logistical support]

**[February, 2012 – September, 2012] University of**

**Jordan, Jordan**

[Teaching Assistance: Teach modules related to English proficiency: writing, speaking, listening and reading]

**[September, 2011 – February, 2012]**

**Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan**

[Teaching Assistance: Teach modules related to English proficiency: writing, speaking, listening and reading]

**[December, 2008-February 2009]**

**REGIONAL HUMAN SECURITY CENTER, Jordan**

[Translator: Assisting and translating research carried by York University, UK]

**[January, 2008 – September, 2008]**

**USAID (ERFKE Support Project), Jordan**

[Translator: Assisting, translating and editing research carried by USAID]

**Education**

**[2017 – 2021]**

**University of Leeds, United Kingdom**

**PhD in Sociology, International Development and Social Policy.** Thesis Title: The paradox of Humanitarianism and its politics. Supervised by Salman Sayyid and Rodanthi Tzanelli. Focusing on: Humanitarianism Discourse, Refugees and Migration, Humanity and Human Security, Discourse of Aids and Assistance, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights, Gender Equality, Politics and Refugee, Anthropology, Politics of Emotion and Suffering, (Post)colonial and Decolonial Thought.

## Education

[2008 – 2011]

### University of Jordan, Jordan

**Master in American Studies, International Studies.** Focusing on: United State History, American Economy System, American Philosophy and literature, American Social System, American Foreign Policy.

[2005 – 2008]

### Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan

**Bachelor in English For Specific Purposes.** Focusing on: Tourism, Mass Media, Politics and Diplomacy, Business, Phycology. Sociolinguistics, Phonetics, Translation, Literature.

## Achievements and Volunteerism

### Achievement:

- Nominated for The Leeds Partnership Awards Under the category of Postgraduate Researchers Who Teach or Demonstrate, **University of Leeds, 2019.**
- Designing and editing manual handbooks for 2/3 years' students and Teaching Assistance for modules related to Central Problems in Sociology, Crime, Race & Ethnicity, Key Debates in Social Policy, **University of Leeds, 2020.**
- Designing MA program in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, Al Albayt University.

### Volunteerism:

- Providing logistics assistance for (ISA) RC21 Urban Studies conference, 2017.
- Mentoring first year Ph.D students, 2018-2019.
- BRISMES Conference Coordination committee, 2019.
- PhD induction session for international and UK students, 2019.

## Keynotes and chairing

- Critically engaging with Syllabus: knowledge production and validation, **Challenging Academic Debates (CAD) conference, 2018.**
- Intersectionality Matters: Marginalised voices in Reframing the Project of Social Justice, **Challenging Academic Debates (CAD) conference, 2018.**
- The Power of Civil Society in the Middle East and North Africa: Peace-Building, Change, and Development, **British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) Conference, 2019.**
- Experimental Fictions, **British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) Conference, 2019.**

## Keynotes and chairing

- Spotlight on Saudi Arabia: Law, Sociology, and Policymaking, **British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES)** Conference, 2019.
- South-South Comparative Studies, BRISMES Conference, 2019.
- Engendering the Islamicate Modern, **British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES)** Conference, 2019.
- Critical Tourism Seminar, University of Leeds, 2022.

## Conference, Organisation and Income Generation

### [2018, University of Leeds]

Organizing Challenging Academic Debates: Situating Decolonial Science, Art and Faith in the Syllabus. promoting interdisciplinary dialogues during the Black History Month about having pedagogical strategies of decolonial/ activist spaces in the University through diversity and social justice. Keynotes: Dr Deborah Gabriel, Dr Kehinde Andrews, Dr Michael Benitez, Iyola Solanke. University of Leeds, UK, 25th–26th October 2018.

- Securing internal and external funds for the conference, a total amount of 3000 Pounds.
- Organizing panels, roundtable discussion and themes.
- Arranging and organizing venues, financial proposal and budgeting.
- Inviting the speakers, organizing their accommodation, assisting them with their visa.
- Managing the marketing plan: blog, and social media platforms and activities
- Organizing and liaising with the conference volunteers
- Arrange catering & other vendors
- Keynote and Chairing sessions.

### [2018, University of Leeds]

Organizing Critical Muslim studies workshop 2d: Critical Muslim Studies and Decolonial Methodologies: A Practical Guide Workshop, 9 March 2018.

- Organizing panels, roundtable discussion and themes.
- Arranging and organizing the venue.
- Selecting, Inviting the speakers and organizing their accommodation.
- Managing the marketing plan: blog, and social media platforms and activities
- Arrange catering & other vendors.

**Conference,  
Organisation and  
Income Generation**

**[2019, University of Leeds]**

Organizing Critical Muslim studies workshop 3rd: Criticality, Decoloniality and the Islamicate.

- Organizing panels, roundtable discussion and themes.
- Arranging and organizing the venue.
- Selecting, Inviting the speakers and organizing their accommodation.
- Managing the marketing plan: blog, and social media platforms and activities.

**[2021, University of Leeds]**

Organizing Critical Muslim studies workshop 4<sup>th</sup>: Genealogies, Critique and Horizon. Keynotes: Dr Nadia Fadil (KU Leuven); Professor S. Sayyid (University of Leeds); Mr AbdoolKarim Vakil (King's College London).

- Organizing panels, roundtable discussion and themes.
- Arranging and organizing the online platform.
- Selecting, Inviting the speakers.
- Managing social media online platforms and activities.

**[2021-2022, University of Leeds]**

Currently working on organizing The First International Conference on Critical Muslim Studies

- Organizing panels, roundtable discussion and themes.
- Providing support on preparing the financial proposal and budgeting
- Inviting the speakers, institutions and other potential organizations.
- Preparing the announcement and Call of Paper (CFP)
- Preparing the marketing and media plan for the conference.

**Languages**

- Excellent command of English
- Native speaker of Arabic.

## Trainings

### Professional trainings:

- Management and Leadership Skills Program
- Age Gender Diversity Mainstreaming
- Participatory Assessment AGDM/PA
- Gender in Humanitarian Action
- Interagency Network for Humanitarian Emergency
- Child Protection and Gender Based Violence from humanitarian view
- Main Principals in Planning Teaching and Assessment
- Inclusive Education, and how to support students with disabilities
- Child protection in Education
- Inter-Agency Network for Humanitarian in Emergency
- Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution

### Research training:

- Introduction to Effective Research Writing, University of Leeds
- Literature Searching For your Research Degree, University of Leeds
- Research Ethics for Business, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Leeds.
- Doing Field Work in Distance or Difficult Location, University of Sheffield.
- Reading Critically to Write Critically, University of Leeds
- Ethical Issue on Online Research, University of Leeds
- Giving Effective Seminar and Conference Presentation, university of York.
- Introduction to Research Impact, University of Leeds.
- Understanding the impact of research perspectives: The importance of metatheory, research methodology and reflexing in crafting qualitative research, White Rose Institute, University of Leeds.
- How to read a research article (LEAP), University of Leeds.
- SPSS Beginners (qualitative/ quantitative data), University of Leeds.

## Conferences and Paper Presentation

- ESSL Graduate School Conference, LEEDS, 2017. Paper presenting: Gender Mainstreaming in the Humanitarianism Discourse: A Continuing Conversation between the West and the Rest
- Decolonial Black Feminism Summer School, Brazil, 2018. Paper presenting: Unpacking the Language of Humanitarianism: Principled Humanitarian Practice.
- Challenging Academic Debates: Decolonising knowledge Production, LEEDS, 2018. Arranging panel and Paper presenting: Herstories: Surviving White Spaces.

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- BRISMES conference, LEEDS, 2019. Arranging panel and Paper presenting: Engendering Humanitarianism: Politicising humanitarian practices
- Palestine expo London, 2019. Arranging panel and Paper presenting: Muslim Women as victims and recipient of the humanitarianism discourse: the politics of compassion and rescue.
- Decolonising Human Rights, LEEDS, 2020. Paper presenting: Decolonising Human Rights and humanitirinsm
- Building the Anti-Racist Classroom, Zoom,2020. Attending.
- France's Islamophobia: Religious "Separatism" or Disciplining Muslimness', 2020.Attending.
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- France's Islamophobia: Religious "Separatism" or Disciplining Muslimness', 2020.Attending.
- Two Viruses- Covid-19 and discrimination- Consumerism on Practices of Wellbeing and Resilience in Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Families and Communities(Co-POWeR), Zoom, 2021. Attending.
- Islamophobia: Changing the Conversation, Zoom, 2021. Attending.
- Reorienting the Post-Western: 1<sup>ST</sup> International Conference on Critical Muslims Studies, Leeds. 2022. Paper: Humanitarianism Politics of 'Care and Rescue': The system of Paternalism and Subject Position.

## Publications And Research Project

- The 'Trojan Horse' Scandal and the Problem of Equalities in Britain Today (2019). Northern Notes, School of Sociology and Social Policy (SSP), University of Leeds. Online access: <https://northernnotes.leeds.ac.uk/the-trojan-horse-scandal-and-the-problem-of-equalities-in-britain-today/>
- The Role of CSOs in Political Particiaption and Democratization in Jordan, CSS, University of Jordan. Online access : <https://jcoss.org/en/2314/role-of-csos-in-political-participation-and-democratization-in-jordan/>

## Publications

### And Research Project

- Editing and reviewing ‘Rethinking Human Rights’ (2020). Northern Notes, School of Sociology and Social Policy (SSP), University of Leeds. Online access: <https://northernnotes.leeds.ac.uk/decolonising-human-rights/>
- Editing and reviewing ‘Human Rights and Decolonial Thought: A Marriage of Two Contemporaries?’ (2020). Northern Notes, School of Sociology and Social Policy (SSP), University of Leeds. Online access: <https://hrj.leeds.ac.uk/2020/11/13/human-rights-and-decolonial-thought-a-marriage-of-two-contemporaries/>
- Co-editing and co authoring ‘Religion In public life’ book, the Center for Stratgic Studies- *Submitted for publication.*
- Co authoring ‘Identity(ies) Construction, Power and Legitimacy. The Case of Jordan’. (*Submitted for publication in National Identity journal- Taylor and francis Group*)
- Co authoring “Initiating, Convening, and Facilitating Local Co-creation of the Green Sustainable Development Goals”. *Submitted for publication in Environmental Policy and Governance.* November, 2023.

### **Reserch Project :**

- Governing green transitions (GOGREEN) research project (2022–2026), initiated by Roskilde University.
- Building a Shock-Responsive National Social Protection System (2023-2024), in collorbaton with *Social Policy Research Institute (SPRI) , Belgium.*

### Membership and Professional Association

- British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES)
- British Sociology Association (BSA)
- Centre for Ethnicity and Racism Studies (CERS)
- Critical Muslim Studies (CMS)- ReOrient Journal