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## Personal Profile

*A compassionate humanitarian and an academic researcher.*

## Reserch Interests:

- Politics and Ethics of Humanitarianism – examining power dynamics, the discourse of suffering, and the implications of aid politics.
- Decolonial Approaches to Development – interrogating dominant development paradigms through decolonial and postcolonial perspectives.
- Refugees, Migration and Humanitarian Governance – analyzing policies, practices, and institutional frameworks shaping displacement and mobility.
- Sustainability and Development – exploring the intersection of long-term development strategies and sustainable outcomes.

## 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- Sptember 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]

**[December, 2008-February 2009]**  
**Regional Human Security Center, Jordan**  
[Researcher]

**[January, 2008 – September, 2008]**  
**USAID (ERFKE Support Project), Jordan**  
[Researcher]

**[2017 – 2021] University of Leeds, United Kingdom**

## **Education**

**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.

**[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, Psychology. 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.
- 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. Keynotes: Dr Deborah Gabriel, Dr Kehinde Andrews, Dr Michael Benitez, Iyola Solanke. University of Leeds, UK, 25th – 26th October 2018.
- **[2018, University of Leeds]** Organizing Critical Muslim studies workshop 2d: Critical Muslim Studies and Decolonial Methodologies: A Practical Guide Workshop, 9 March 2018.
- **[2019, University of Leeds]** Organizing Critical Muslim studies workshop 3rd: Criticality, Decoloniality and the Islamicate.
- **[2021, University of Leeds]** Organizing Critical Muslim studies workshop 4th: Genealogies, Critique and Horizon. Keynotes: Dr Nadia Fadil (KU Leuven); Professor S. Sayyid (University of Leeds); Mr AbdoolKarim Vakil (King's College London).

## 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.
- 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 humanitirism
- 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

- Al Husban, Walaa. "The Impact of Integrating Sustainable Development Goals on Students' Awareness and Pro-Environmental Behavior: A Case Study of Jordan." Sustainability 17, no. 6 (2025): 2588.
- Al Husban, Walaa., Al Khatib, Walid. "Student Awareness and Institutional Barriers to SDG Localization in Higher Education: A multidisciplinary perspective". Dearest: Human and Social Sciences (2025).
- Bani Salameh, Mohammed., Abu -Dalbough, Walid., Al Husban, Walaa. Strategic Transformations in the Middle East: From Alliance Disintegration to the Redrawing of Power Equations. Dearest: Human and Social Sciences (2025).
- 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 Participation and Democratization in Jordan, CSS, University of Jordan. Online access : <https://jcss.org/en/2314/role-of-csos-in-political-participation-and-democratization-in-jordan/>.
- Branding humanitarianism: Bvlgari's Save the Children Jewelry (2020) . Northern Notes, School of Sociology and Social Policy (SSP), University of Leeds. Online access: <https://northernnotes.leeds.ac.uk/branding-humanitarianism-bvlgaris-save-the-children-jewelry/>
- 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 Strategic Studies- *Submitted for publication*.
- 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.

#### **Research Project :**

- Governing green transitions (GOGREEN) research project (2022–2026), initiated by Roskilde University.
- Building a Shock-Responsive National Social Protection System (2023-2024), in collaboration 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
- Jordanian Political Science Associations.

#### **Languages**

- Excellent command of English
- Native speaker of Arabic.