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University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of Pittsburgh (Expected: 2027). Dissertation advisor: Dr. Mohammed Bamyeh
- MSc. Comparative Politics, London School of Economics (2020). *Merit*.
Thesis: *To what extent did non-sectarian activists challenge hegemonic structures and discourses in the making of Lebanon's "Independence Intifada"?* Advisor: Dr. John Chalcraft
- B.A. Economics, American University of Beirut (2019). *High Distinction, Penrose Award*.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social movements, Political sociology, Movement communities in the Levant, Gramscian optics, post-Arab Spring developments

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

- 2022 - *How Transsectarian "Political Workers" Induced Hezbollah's Temporary Decline*
- 2022/2023 - *What is a Political Worker? Leadership & Leaderlessness in Lebanon's Independence Intifada*

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY / OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Safieddine, K. (2024). Syria-Palestine Solidarity: [Resisting Geo Politicization and Identitarianism](#). (Syrian Studies Association)
- 2024 Safieddine, K. (2024). [The Strategic Choices of Lebanon's Anti-establishment Movement](#). (Arab Reform Initiative)
- 2021 Fengler, S., Kurkowsi, I., & Lengauer, M. (2021). [Media Accountability in the MENA region](#).
- 2019 + *Freelance analysis pieces - Daraj Media, Al-Modon, The New Arab, Beirut Today, Raseef22*
- 2019 *101 Facts & Figures on the Syrian Refugee Crisis, IFI (Issam Fares Institute), Contributor*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2022 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Everyday Life. Professor: Dr. Robert Slammon.
- Spring/Fall 2023 Teaching Assistant, Basic Statistics. Professor: Dr. Kristina Paris.
- Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant, Medical Sociology. Professor: Dr. Robert Slammon.

FUNDING AND AWARDS

2023	Non-Resident Fellow (Arab Reform Initiative) [\$5,000]
2022-2024	University of Pittsburgh Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship [\$3,000]
2023	Threatened Scholars Summer Fellowship (Scholars at Risk) [\$12,000]
2019	Wajih Ajouz Award, for co-leading MADA's active role in mobilizing private university students against tuition-dollarization policy decisions, Samir Kassir Eyes Foundation (SKeyes) [\$1,000]
2019	Penrose Award, awarded to an outstanding graduate of each faculty on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and contribution to university life, American University of Beirut
2016– 2019	Dean's Honors List, American University of Beirut, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2021	"Media Accountability in the MENA region: Lebanon", Karim Safieddine and Ayman Mhanna (September)
2023	Political Workers in Lebanon's Independence Intifada, Karim Safieddine, Arab Council for Social Sciences (ACSS)
2024	How "Political Workers" in Non-sectarian Alternative Movements in Lebanon Induced Hezbollah's Decline, Karim Safieddine, Institut français du Proche-Orient (Ifpo)
2024	13 Years After the Arab Uprisings: The Strategic Choices of Lebanon's Anti-establishment Movement, Karim Safieddine, Arab Reform Initiative (ARI)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022-Present	Researcher with the Samir Kassir Foundation, working on matters related to hate speech, disinformation, and political media
2020-21	Lead author and research on the Lebanon chapter for the project, "Media Accountability in the MENA region"
2019-2020	Original research for MSc thesis on Lebanon's "Independence Intifada" from the Gramscian perspective, utilizing in-depth interviews.
2019-2020	Researcher with Megaphone News; project is centered around a long documentary on Lebanon's political economy, before and after the crisis
2018	Research Assistant under Nasser Yassine, contributing to the IFI Refugee 101 Facts & Figures by surveying news articles and investigative reports

MEMBERSHIPS

Middle Eastern Sociology Association