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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, PhD in Sociology

Research interests: Alternative social movements between late 20th and 21st century Lebanon

Graduation Date:

Expected: 2027

09/2020

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), MSc in Comparative Politics

Dissertation topic: Study of counter-hegemonic discourse and functions of particular social groups during Lebanon's pax-Syriana era

Relevant courses: African Political Economy (focusing on aid), Transnational Politics in the Middle East, Popular Politics in the Middle East, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Civil Wars and Case Studies, Populism

American University of Beirut (AUB), BA in Economics, Minor in Political Studies

GPA: 3.96, High Distinction with the prestigious Penrose Award

Relevant courses: Theories and History of the State, Globalization and Culture, Development Economics II, Macroeconomics, Economics in the Middle East, Applied Econometrics

09/2016 – 06/2019

Rawdah High School, Lebanese Baccalaureate in General Sciences with "Honorable Mention"

Relevant activities: Advising and training school students in the Model United Nations and Model Arab League, a program designed for public speaking and diplomatic action. The school subsequently won 5 awards

09/2013 – 06/2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer and Investigative Reporter

Analytical focus on Lebanese and wider MENA affairs, particularly on social and political policies

- Contributing to [The New Arab](#), [Raseef22](#), [Al-Nahar English](#), [Beirut Today](#) (publications found via hyperlinks)

06/2019 – 8/2022

Research Intern, Issam Fares Institute (IFI)

- Researching Syrian refugee regulation policy, accounting for criteria such as rights, duties & feasibility
- Contributing to the [IFI Refugee 101 Facts & Figures](#) by surveying news articles and investigative reports
- Collecting a database of literature concerned with micro-businesses run by refugees in Jordan and Lebanon
- Taking part in a plethora of workshops & conferences concerned with the socio-economic rights of Syrian refugees in the North

06/2018 – 08/2018

Researcher, Megaphone

- Collecting quantitative & qualitative data and assessing the literature on the historical development of the Lebanese economy
- Organizing the research based on the content of the documentary and the KPIs of producers
- Writing a synopsis on tax policy proposed to Lebanon in the past decades by various international financial institutions

06/2019 – 09/2019

Trainee Editor, Megaphone

- Locating certain news trends & providing professional hard-hitting commentary on particular events on the socio-political scene
- Proofreading commentary and growing accustomed to specific journalistic styles

07/2020 – 08/2020

Researcher, Samir Kassir Foundation

- Focusing on particular projects, including but not restricted to as digital safety, inclusive media, and independent media groups
- Conducting focus groups with interested participants in projects which require a form of in-depth qualitative research
- Conducting monitoring analyses of social media currents in the pursuit of collecting data on citizen perceptions of marginalized groups
- Publications found [here](#).

10/2020 – 08/2022

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Researcher, Media Accountability in the MENA region: Lebanon

- Conducting interviews with stakeholders in Lebanon's media industry based on structured questionnaires
- Collecting the necessary data from the available secondary literature; outlining a comprehensive literature review
- Publication found [here](#).

07/2020 – 9/2020

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Research Syndic Team Member, MADA Youth Network**07/2016 – 9/2020**

- Preparing alternative policy report submitted to the Ministry of Education concerning tuition plans and student contracts
- Contributing to drafting the group's structure and goals, a benchmark for national student initiatives
- Coordinating between independent student groups and communicating with external civil society organizations
- Assisting in organizing a wide range of demonstrations and protest-based activities, such as the annual migrant workers march

President, AUB Secular Club**06/2016 – 06/2019**

- Running the Campus Choice independent elections campaign, arriving at high-end elected positions in two faculties
- Moderating advocacy channels on the level of the local councils in each faculty and leading on all local representatives
- Leading communication channels with various civil society groups on nationwide reform initiatives on a local and national level
- Elaborating on a plethora of causes, including inclusiveness, feminism, social justice, & the protection of marginalized groups
- Institutionalizing the club's administrative work and creating efficient bureaucratic procedures

Public Speaking Tutor, Migrant Community Center (MCC)**07/2018 – 09/2018**

- Contributing to the setup of the MCC branch in Saida, Lebanon
- Assisting migrant workers in their Arabic public speaking techniques
- Organizing workshops and work sessions, drafting meeting agendas, and preparing presentations/logistics

AWARDS AND HONORS

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)**2019****Dean's Honors List, Faculty of Arts and Sciences**, American University of Beirut, (AUB)**2016 – 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 (AUB)**2019****SUMMARY OF SKILLS**

Languages: Fluent in English and Arabic**Computer Skills:** MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Stata**Technical Skills:** Surveying (particularly in-depth interviewing), methods for qualitative and quantitative research, report writing