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###### EDUCATION

Ph.D., POLITICAL SCIENCE, 1995

The Graduate School of The City University of New York, NY

M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE, 1993

The Graduate School of The City University of New York, NY

M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE, 1988

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

B.Sc., POLITICAL SCIENCE/ECONOMICS, 1984

UAE University, United Arab Emirates

**EXPERIENCE**

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, AR

Fall 2005 – Present.

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, AR

Fall 2000 – Fall 2005.

**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, AR

Spring 1999 – Fall 2000.

* **Courses Taught:**

### A. Graduate Courses:

* Comparative Political Analysis
* Seminar in Middle East Politics: Different Theme Every Year
* Mid-East Political Topics

#### B. Courses Having Both Graduate & Undergraduate Enrollment:

* Islam and Politics
* The Middle East in World Affairs
* Political Economy of the Middle East
* Special Topics in Political Science: Contemporary Issues in the Arab World
* MEST Colloquium: Political Leadership in the Middle East
* MEST Colloquium: Protest, Politics & the Conflict in Syria

##### Undergraduate Courses:

- Politics of the Middle East

* American National Government
* Introduction to Political Science
* Introduction to Comparative Politics
* Introduction to International Relations
* Gateways to the Middle East
* **Extra-curricular Activities:**
* Serving as the faculty advisor for the Arab Student Association, (2000-2005)
* Serving as the faculty advisor for the University Model Arab League (1999-2012)

**SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE,** Syrian National Coalition (SNC), 2013-2018

* **Responsibilities include:**
* Representing the SNC in Washington & at the United Nations
* Advocacy work before the US government, Congress, and Think Tanks
* Working with the UN agencies & missions to pursue a political solution and lobbying for humanitarian assistance for Syrian refugees & IDP

**RESEARCH ANALYST** August 1995- September 1998

**& HEAD OF THE MEDIA UNIT** December 1995 - March 1997

The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies & Research, Abu Dhabi, UAE

* **Responsibilities include:**
* Producing policy papers on current issues
* Serving as the Editor of *International Studies* Series
* Supervising eight persons in the production of daily and bi-weekly newsletters for the country’s top decision makers
* Serving on the Center's Administrative Board

**PART-TIME LECTURER**, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, Fall 1994 - Summer 1995.

* **Courses taught:**
* World Politics (Summer 1992)
* America and the World (Two sections)
* Introduction to Comparative Politics (Three sections)

**ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR**, Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY), New York, Spring 1992 - Summer 1994.

* **Courses taught:**
* World Affairs (Two sections each semester)

**ADJUNCT LECTURER**, Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, NY, Spring 1993.

* **Courses taught:**
* American Government (Two sections)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**A. BOOKS:**

* *The Second Asad Regime: Bashar of Lost Opportunities.* Jeddah: Markaz al-Rayya, 2006 (Arabic)
* *Democratization and the Islamist Challenge in the Arab World: 1980-2000.*  Amman & Beirut: Dar al-Manar, 2002 (Arabic)
* Translation into Arabic of Lisa Wedeen, *Ambiguities of Domination: Politics, Rhetoric, and Symbols in Contemporary Syria.* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999) (*Asultal al-Ghamidha: Assiyassa wal Khitab wal Rumouz fi Souria,* Beirut: Dar Riyadh al-Rayes, 2010)
* *Democratization and the Islamist Challenge in the Arab World*. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1997

**B. SCHOLARLY ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS**

* Article. “The Syrian Refugee Crisis and the International Community,” Middle East Policy, Vol. XXVIII, No. 1, Spring 2021.
* Analytical Paper. “The Constitutional Question in Syria: A Political Approach”. *Omran for Strategic Studies*, Istanbul: Turkey, 2019 (English & Arabic)
* Analysis. “What Constitution Does Syria Need?” *Public Opinion Poll*, The Day After, Istanbul: Turkey, 2018 (English & Arabic)
* Book Chapter. “The International Community and the Syrian Refugee Crisis,” in, *Development and Stability in the Refugee Crisis.* (Doha: The Doha Forum, 2017, (Arabic)
* Book Chapter. “The GCC Relations with Syria,” in Abdulaziz Sager, ed., *The Gulf in a Year*, Jeddah: Gulf Research Center, July 2016 (Arabic)

* Book Chapter. “Contesting Authoritarianism: Opposition Activism under Bashar Asad,” in Raymond Hinnebusch and Tina Zint, eds., *Bashar al-Asad’s First Decade* Vol. I, (Syracuse: University of Syracuse Press, 2014)
* Book Chapter. “How Satellite TV Challenges State Media Monopoly: Al-Jazeera’s Coverage of Syria,” in Barry Rubin, ed. *The* *Middle East: A Guide to Politics, Economics, Society & Culture.* (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2012)
* Article. “Israeli-Syrian Relations: A Syrian Perspective,” *Middle East Observer,* Issue # 2, Vol. 1, April-May 2010
* Article. “The Islamic Movement in Syria and the Prospects of Democratization,” in *Al-Misbar,* September 2009 (Arabic)
* Article. “Challenges for the Obama/McCain Administration in the Middle East,” (Co caka Obamu alebo McCaina na Strednom vychode?), translated by Lucia Najslova, *Zahranicna politika,* No. 3, Vol. 12, 2008 (Slovakian)
* Book Chapter. “The Syrian-Israeli Negotiations: Progress & Missed Opportunities,” in David W. Lesch, ed., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945*, Volume 15, Second Series (Columbia, SC: St. James Press, 2004), pp.260-267
* Book Chapter. “Al-Jazeera: Expanding the Fourth Estate,” in David W. Lesch, ed., *History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945*, Volume 14, First Series (Columbia, SC: St. James Press, 2003), pp.28-33
* Book Chapter. “Political Islam: Inclusion or Violence?” in K. Worcestre, S. Bermazhon, & M Ungar, eds., *Violence and Politics: Globalization’s Paradox* (New York, NY: Routledge, 2002), pp. 90-106
* Article. “The New Asad: Dynamics of Continuity & Change in Syria,” *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 55, No. 4, Autumn 2001
* Reprint. “Political Islam and Violence,” Reprinted in, Robert J. Griffiths, ed., *Annual Editions: The Developing World 2000-2001* & *The Developing World 2002-2003* (Guilford, CT: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2001&02), pp.100-07
* Article. “Contesting the State Monopoly: Syria on Al-Jazeera,” *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 5, No. 2, June 2001
* Article. “Political Islam and Violence,” *New Political Science*, Vol. 22, No. 1, 2000
* Article. “Continuity and Change in the Syrian Regime,” *Al-Ahram Strategic File*, Vol. 6, No. 68, August 2000 (Arabic)
* Monograph. “Adrift in the Gulf: Challenges to the GCC States,” *UASR Occasional Papers Series*, No. 16, January 2000
* Article. “Islamists and Women in the Arab World: From Reaction to Reform?" *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, Vol. 12, No. 1, Spring, 1995
* Article. “Current Issues Among Islamists in the Near East,” *Middle East Affairs Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 2-3, 1995
* Article. “Arms Control in the Middle East," *Middle East Affairs Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 1, Spring, 1994
* Article. “The Jordanian Democratic Experiment," *Qira'at Siyasiyya* (Political Readings), Vol. 4, No. 2, Spring 1994 (Arabic)
* Book Chapter. “Islamic Movements, Democratization, and International Change,” in A. Yousef, ed., *The Islamic Movement in the Shade of International Change & Crisis in the Gulf*, (Herndon, VA: IIIT, 1991) Arabic, pp.157-183

**C. ESSAYS & BOOK REVIEWS:**

* ESSAY. “No Peace in Syria Without Justice,” *Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs,* September 10, 2015
* ESSAY. “New Syrian Brotherhood Leader: Continuity or Change?” *Arab Reform Bulletin,* September 8, 2010 (English & Arabic)
* ESSAY. “Disidencia Politica Bajo el Nuevo Régimen,” (Political Dissidence Under the New Regime), *Culturas,* Vol. 2, No. 8, September 2010 (Spanish)
* BOOK REVIEW, “Balancing Act: US Foreign Policy & the Arab Israeli Conflict,” by Vaughn P. Shannon. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 37, No. 2, 2005
* ESSAY: **“**Challenges for the Syrian regime & oppositions.” *The Arab file Magazine*, Vol. I, No. 2, July 2005 (Arabic)
* ESSAY. “Europa a Blizky Vychod (Europe and the Middle East), Translated by Lucia Najslova, *Listy SFPA* (Slovakian Foreign Policy Magazine), Vol. VIII, June 2004 (Slovakian)
* ENTRY. “The Organization of Islamic Jihad,” in Richard Martin, ed. *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World* (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003)
* REVIEW ESSAY. “Democracy or Self-Interest?” *Harvard International Review*, Vol. XXIV, No. 6, Summer 2003.
* ESSAY. “Al-Jazeera’s Coverage of Syrian Politics,” *ISIM Newsletter* (International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World) Netherlands, No. 8, September 2001
* REVIEW ESSAY, "The Clash of Civilizations and World Order," *Al-Mustaqbal al-Arabi* (The Arab Future), Vol. 20, No. 226, December 1997 (Arabic)
* BOOK REVIEW, “The Arab World: Society, Culture, and State,” by Halim Barakat. *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, Vol.11, No. 4, 1994
* REVIEW ESSAY, "Some Remarks on the Distorting Literature About Saddam Hussein," *Political Psychology*, Vol. 13, No. 4, December 1992
* BOOK REVIEW, “Leadership & Negotiation in the Middle East,” by Barbara Kellerman & Jeffery Rubin, eds. *The Arab Journal of International Studies*, Vol.3, No. 3 & 4, 1992 (Arabic)
* REVIEW ESSAY, "Asad: Sphinx or the Leader of the Middle East?" *Journal of Arab Affairs*, Vol. 10, No. 2, Fall 1991.
* BOOK REVIEW, “Religious Radicalism and Politics in the Middle East,” by Emmanuel Sivan & Menachem Friedman, eds. *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, Vol.8, No. 3, 1991
* ESSAY. "Toward a Civilized Arab Order," Arab International Studies Association, *Bulletin* No. 5, August 1991 (Arabic)

**D. OP-ED ESSAYS:**

* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Islamists and the Curse of Governance,” *Alaraby Aljadid*, August 13, 2021.
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Syrians and the Palestine Question,” *Alaraby Aljadid*, May 20, 2021.
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Political Platform of the Sixth Candidate,” *Alaraby Aljadid*, May 8, 2021.
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Predicament of a Political Solution in Syria,” *Alaraby Aljadid*, March 19, 2021.
* OP-ED ESSAY. “A No-Fly Zone in Syria,” *The New York Times*, September 18, 2015

[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/18/opinion/a-no-fly-zone-in-syria.html?\_r=0](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.nytimes.com_2015_09_18_opinion_a-2Dno-2Dfly-2Dzone-2Din-2Dsyria.html-3F-5Fr-3D0&d=BQMGaQ&c=JL-fUnQvtjNLb7dA39cQUcqmjBVITE8MbOdX7Lx6ge8&r=M_V71WW5z0lR97REWTFSxdGwXiDmIfhWHilW3SiEc-U&m=MvmeG1i1Rl_IqA1QNpEqqhFVLn2aS-eoThnHzctxfuo&s=0RyCjm5ToGrhNkh9DxPaeciM6HaEb4tWQn-cJoCEtnc&e=)

* OP-ED ESSAY, with Ambassador Muhamed Sacribey. “Reckless Diplomacy Disguised as Caution Cost Lives in Srebrenica. And It’s Happening Again, This Time in Syria,” *Huffington Post*, July 9, 2015

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ambassador-muhamed-sacirbey/reckless-diplomacy-srebrenica-syria_b_7764116.html?utm_hp_ref=tw>

* OP-ED ESSAY. “Syrian Rebels Still Searching for Friends,” *USA Today*, March 15, 2015

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2015/03/15/syria-assad-conflict-international-community-column/24808135/>

* OP-ED ESSAY. “Syria’s Moderate Opposition,” *The New York Times*, August 22, 2014

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/23/opinion/syrias-moderate-opposition.html?_r=0>

* OP-ED ESSAY. “Assad’s Sham Elections,” *The Hill*, June 4, 2014 <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/foreign-policy/208268-assads-sham-elections>
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Departure of bin Laden and Its Impact on the US Administration,” *aljazeera.net*, May 21, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Libyans Want International Recognition and No-Fly Zone,” *middle-east-online.com* March 13, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Revolution of Infiltrators in Syria,” *middle-east-online.com* March 20, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Road to Peaceful Regime Change in Syria,” *middle-east-online.com* February 27, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Day of Rage in Syria IV: The Regional and International Context,” *middle-east-online.com* February 14, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Day of Rage in Syria III: Beneficiaries,” *middle-east-online.com* February 11, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Day of Rage in Syria II: Fear,” *middle-east-online.com* February 9, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Why Didn’t Syrians Show Up for the Day of Rage? General Observations,” *middle-east-online.com* February 5, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Republic of Hallucination and the Lessons of Grand Failure in Libya,” *aljazeera.net*, March 3, 2011 (it was translated and republished in Turkish)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Tunisian and Egyptian Revolutions and the Syrian Immunity,” *aljazeera.net*, & *Levantnews.com* February 2, 2011
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Rising Islamophobia in the US,” *aljazeera.net*, September 10, 2010
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Reading in the National Security Strategy of the Obama Administration,” *aljazeera.net*, May 30, 2010
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Syrian Role and the Regional Polarization,” *aljazeera.net*, March 5, 2010
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Analyzing the Qadafi’s Speech before the UN,” *aljazeera.net*, October 5, 2009
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Differences between G Street and AIPAC and its Implications for US Policy Toward the Middle East,” *aljazeera.net*, November 10, 2009
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Ambitious Obama’s Strategy Toward Afghanistan,” *aljazeera.net*, December 20, 2009
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Role of Money in the US Presidential Campaign,” *aljazeera.net*, March 15, 2008 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The American-Iranian Confrontation,” *aljazeera.net*, November 10, 2007 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Israeli Air Strike on Syria,” *al-Quds al-Arabi* (major Arabic newspaper), October 5, 2007 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Implications of the International Investigation on Syria,” *Al-Jazeera.net*, September 21, 2005 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Citizenship & Opposition in the Syrian Case,” *Al-Quds al-Arabi*, August 2, 2005 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Will the Syrian Regime Succeed in Nipping the Syrian Spring 2005?” *Elaph.com*, May 30, 2005 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The American View of the Syrian Role in Lebanon,” *Al-Jazeera.net*, May 5, 2005 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “American Pressures on Syria” *Al-Jazeera.net*, October 30, 2004 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Reading in the 9/11 Commission Report,” *Al-Jazeera.net*, July 27, 2004 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Arab Initiative for Reform: Suggestions & Requirements,” *Al-Jazeera.net*, March 20, 2004 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The US Initiative for the Greater Middle East” *Al-Jazeera.net*, February 24, 2004 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Preliminary Remarks on the Legacy of Saddam Hussein,” *Al-Jazeera.net*, December 17, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “A New Democratic Discourse: Analyzing Bush’s Speech,” *Al-Jazeera.net*, December 17, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The New Syria Government Between the Pressures of Occupation & Reform,” *Syriafuture.net*, September 27, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The War on Iraq: Justifications & Motives,” *http://english.Jazeera.net*, August 10, 2003
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction & the American Dilemma,” *Al-Quds al-Arabi*, June 6, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Media War in the War on Iraq,” *Al-Jazeera.net*, March 25, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Analyzing the American Vision of the Post-Saddam Era,” *Al-Jazeera.net*, February 21, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Professed and Real US Objectives in Iraq,” *Al-Quds al-Arabi*, February 7, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Syrian Opposition & the Upcoming Parliamentary Election,” *Thisissyria.net*, January 29, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “The Anti-War Movement: Where Are the Arabs?” *Al-Jazeera.net*, January 21, 2003 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “No to Hereditary Republicanism: the Syrian Case,” *Al-Quds al-Arabi*, June 20, 2000 (Arabic)
* OP-ED ESSAY. “Bashar al-Asad: From Bequest of Power to Legitimacy?” *Al-Hayat*, June 23, 2000 (Arabic)

**F. Works in Progress**

* Working project. “The Syria’s Conflict: The Struggle for Regime Change.”

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

# AT ACADEMIC MEETINGS

* “Trends in US Foreign Policy Toward Syria & the Region Under the Biden’s Administration,” *Mari Center for Research & Studies*, Azaz, Syria, December 30, 2020 (via Zoom)
* “The Constitutional Question in Syria,” at a joint workshop of the *Omran Center for Strategic Studies* and *the Day After*, Istanbul, Turkey, December 18, 2019
* “The Syrian Conflict and the Surrounding Countries,” at *the 14th Annual Enriching the Middle East’s Economic Future,* Doha, Qatar, November 13, 2019
* “Democracy and Good Governance in Islamic Thought” at the Democracy & Good Governance in Muslim Majority Countries: *the 20th Annual Meeting for the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy,* Washington, DC, September 12, 2019
* “Trump and Syria,” at *the 2nd Annual Conference of the Arab Center-Washington: Trump and the Arab World*, Washington DC, October 13, 2017 (invited)
* “The Role of the International Community in the Syrian Refugee Crisis,” at *the 17th Doha Forum: Development and Stability in the Refugee Crisis,* Doha, Qatar, May 14, 2017 (invited)

* “The Post-ISIL Syria and Iraq,” at *the Third ROK-EU International Conference on Middle East and North Africa Affairs (MENA)*, Seoul, South Korea, February 14, 2017 (invited)
* “The Political Context of Security Sector Reform in Syria,” at The Requirements of Security Sector Reform in Syria Seminar, *Omran for Strategic Studies,* Istanbul: Turkey, December 7, 2016 (invited)
* “The Conflict in Syria,” at Current Events Sessions, *Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference,* Denver, CO, November 23, 2015
* “The Plight of Syrian IDPs and the Prospects of a Political Solution After the Russian Military Intervention,” at Refugees and Migrants on the Move, *Columbia University/SIPA*, New York, NY, October 7th, 2015
* “Moving Beyond the Stalemate,” at Third Biennial Conference on Syria, *Centre for Syrian Studies: University of St Andrews,* St Andrews, Scotland, UK, July 3, 2015 (invited)
* “Pathways to Democracy in the MENA Region: Syria,” at *the 16th Annual Meeting: Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy*, Washington DC, May 14, 2015
* “More Mayhem or More Stability: Which Way is the MENA Region Moving?” at *the 10th Annual Conference Doha Forum,* Doha, Qatar, May 12, 2015 (invited)
* “ISIS and Domestic Implications,” at *The MENA Dialogue: Challenges in the Region,* Budapest, Hungary, February 28, 2015 (invited)
* “The Role of Non-State Actors: ISIL,” at Shift and Changes in the World System and Its Impact on the Gulf Region, at the 3rd International Conference on Strategic Studies, *Qatar Strategic Studies Center*, Doha, Qatar, November 25, 2014
* “The Strategic Landscape in Syria,” at Forging a Transatlantic Strategy Toward Syria, *The Atlantic Council & Heinrich Boll Stiftung*, Washington DC, October 31, 2014 (invited)
* “Geo-Political Dynamics: Syria,” at Framing and Charting the Region’s Issues, *23rd Annual Arab-US Policymakers Conference*, Washington DC, October 29, 2014 (invited)
* “The Escalating Shi’a-Sunni Conflict in Syria,” *The Stimson Institute*, Washington DC, October 28, 2014
* “The Impact of the Regional Conflicts on the Gulf: Syria,” at the Abu Dhabi Strategic Debate 2014, *Emirates Policy Center*, Abu Dhabi, UAE, October 19, 2014
* “The Syrian Challenge for the Arabian Gulf,” at the Arabian Gulf and the Security Challenges, *Institute of Diplomatic Studies & Gulf Research Center*, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, September 16, 2014
* “Political Priorities for the Syrian Coalition,” at *The Institute for Political Studies,* University of Tubingen, Germany, June 25, 2014 (invited)
* “The Requirements of a Political Solution in Syria,” at *The Middle East and North Africa: Change and Upheaval 2014*, Gstaad, Switzerland, June 22-23, 2014 (invited)
* “The Prospects of a Political Solution: Can Obama Save Syria?” at the Struggle for Democracy at Turbulent Times: *the 15th Annual Meeting for the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy,* Washington, DC, June 12, 2014
* “Global Leaders Featuring Dr. Najib Ghadbian,” at Global Leaders Forum, *New York University-Washington,* Washington DC, April 24, 2014 (invited)
* “A Syrian Perspective of the Refugee Problem,” at Policies for the Growing Refugee Crisis in the Levant, *The Aspin Institute,* Washington DC, March 5, 2014 (invited)
* “Policies and Solutions,” at Saving Syria’s Civilians, *Middle East Institute,* Washington DC, January 31, 2014 (invited)
* “Syria’s Impasse,” *The New America Foundation*, Washington DC, January 15, 2014 (invited)
* “The Regional Effects of the Conflict in Syria,” at the 4th Plenary Session: Iran, Syria and Egypt, *IISS Global Strategic Review Conference,* Stockholm, Sweden, September 20-22, 2013 (invited)
* “Challenges of Constitutional Design in Syria,” at The Day After: Supporting Democratic Transition in Syria*,* *SIAS*, Washington DC, October 18, 2013 (invited)
* “The Post-Chemical Deal and its Impacts on the Prospect of Geneva II,” at the *Council on Foreign Relations*, Washington DC, October 3rd, 2013 (invited)
* “The Elements of Political Solution for Syria,” Syria: No End in Sight? *Oslo Forum 2013: Annual Mediators’ Retreat,* Oslo, Norway, June 18, 2013 (invited)
* “The Frame of Reference for the Upcoming Geneva Conference,” at the Russian-Syrian Dialogue, organized by the *Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Center NOREF*, Oslo, Norway, June 2-3, 2013 (invited)
* “The Economy of Conflict in Syria,” panel, The Economy of Post-Arab Spring Countries: The Case of Syria, at the *Doha Forum,* Doha, Qatar, May 20-22, 2013 (invited)
* “In Need of a Compass? The New Middle East and North Africa,” at *Bratislava Global Security Forum: GLOBSEC 2013,* Bratislava, Slovakia, April 18-20, 2012 (invited)
* “A Syrian View on how to Promote Peace in the Future,” Promoting the Arab Peace Initiative, at *the Milken Institute*, Los Angeles, CA, April 30, 2013 (invited)
* “Vision for a Future Syria,” at Syria: Planning for Transition, *Foreign & Commonwealth Office*, Wilton Park, London, January 9-10, 2013 (invited)
* “The Evolving Syrian Attitudes toward International Intervention,” The International Community and Bosnia: What Lessons for Syria? *Foreign Policy Initiative BH*, Sarajevo, Bosnia, December 18-19, 2012 (invited)
* “Islamists in Power: The Challenges of Good Governance*,”* at The Challenges of Good Governance in the Newly Arab Democratizing Countries*,* *Hamad Bin Khalifa University*, Doha, Qatar, November 20-21, 2012 (refereed)
* “Challenges of Constitutional Design in Syria,” at The Day After: Supporting Democratic Transition in Syria*,* *Arab Forum for Alternatives*, Cairo, Egypt, October 21, 2012 (invited)
* “Electoral Reform and the Formation of Constitutional Assembly: A Preliminary Proposal,” Challenges of Democratic Transition in Syria*, ORSAM: Center for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies*, Ankara, Turkey, October 18-19, 2012 (invited)
* “Where Is Syria Headed?” MENA Uprisings and Transformation and Their Impact on Africa at the *Second Annual International Conference for the Afro-Middle East Center,* Pretoria, South Africa, August 27-29, 2012 (invited)
* “The Perception of Syrians of the Russian Role in the Current Conflict,” at the *Afro-Asian Solidarity Association,* Moscow, Russia, July 10, 2012 (invited)
* “Election Reform and Constitutional Design in the Day After Project,” at the *EUISS: European Union Institute for Security Studies*, Paris, July 5, 2012
* “Syrian Perspective on the Role of External Mediators,” Workshop on Negotiations and Mediation in the Syrian Crisis, *Humanitarian Dialogue Center*, Geneva, Switzerland, June 22, 2012 (invited)
* “The Syrian Revolution: From Peaceful Protest to Armed Struggle,” Panel on Syria, organized by the *Norwegian Foreign Ministry*, Oslo, Norway, June 19, 2012 (invited)
* “SNC’s Take on Proposed Political Settlements,” The Role of Mediators in the Yemeni and Syrian Crises, *Oslo Forum 2012: Annual Mediators’ Retreat,* Oslo, Norway, June 18, 2012 (invited)
* “Conflict Resolution in Syria,” at Regional Perspectives on the Syrian Crisis, *SETA: Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research,* Ankara, Turkey, April 3, 2012 (invited)
* “A Syrian View on how to Promote Peace in the Future,” Promoting the Arab Peace Initiative, at *the Conference of the Center for Democracy and Community Development*, Istanbul, Turkey, March 30, 2010 (invited)
* “Political Obstacles to Comprehensive Development,” Developing A Regional Vision for Reform, *CIPE: Center for International Private Enterprises Regional Workshop,* Dead Sea, Jordan, March 17-19, 2012 (invited)
* “The Sectarian Question in Syria,” at Minorities’ Attitude Toward the Syrian Revolution, *USIP Panel,* Washington, DC, March 9, 2012 (invited)
* “Determinants of a Prospective Democratic Political System in Syria,” at *The Alternatives for Post-Assad’s Syria,* Arab Reform Initiative & Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Tunis, Tunisia, December 21-22, 2011 (invited)
* “The Role of Global Actors in Supporting Democratic Transition in Syria,” at The Arab Democratic Wave: What Role for the Global Players? At the *2011 Annual Conference of the European Union Institute for Security Studies, Pairs*, France, November 22-23, 2011 (refereed)
* “Defending Arab Revolutionaries: The Role of the International Community,” at *The Arab (R)Evolution: What’s Next?* Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 10-13, 2011 (invited)
* “Syria’s Freedom Revolution: The Struggle for a Post-Assad Future,” *Fourth Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa,* Washington, DC, November 3-5, 2011 (refereed)
* “The Road to the Syrian National Council,” at *United States Institute for Peace USIP,* Washington, DC, October 13, 2011 (invited)
* “UN Role in Protecting Civilians: The Syrian Case,” Seminar Hosted by *the Center for Human Rights,* University of Pretoria, Pretoria South Africa, July 7, 2011 (invited)
* “The Syrian Revolution: A Continuation of the Arab Spring?” *Afro-Middle East Center,* Johannesburg, South Africa, July 6, 2011 (invited)
* Invited Participant in the MENA Group at the “Community of Democracies: Empowered, Energized, Engaged,” *The Fourth Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies,* Vilnius, Lithuania, July 1-3, 2011(invited)
* “Syrian-Russian Relations,” at the *Afro-Asian Solidarity Association,* Moscow, Russia, June 30, 2011 (invited)
* “The Syrian National Initiative,” at *Chatham House*, London, UK, June 15, 2011 (invited)
* “Saving Syria,” at *the European Council on Foreign Relations*, London, UK, June 14, 2011 (invited)
* “Reviving Peace Talks: The Syrian-Israeli Track,” *NESA Regional Strategic Forum: Coping with Change in Strategic Environment,* Amman, Jordan, April 26-29, 2011 (invited)
* “Continuity and Change Under Bashar al-Asad,” at *Asad’s Syria: Continuity and Change in the First Ten Years,* University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, January 28, 2011 (invited)
* “General Trends of Democratic Developments and the Syrian Case,” at *The Future of Democracy and Human Rights in The Arab World,* Center for Research and Humanities, King Hassan II University, Casablanca, Morocco, October 22-23, 2010 (invited)
* “Contesting Authoritarianism: Opposition Activism Under Bashar Asad,” at *Bashar al-Asad’s First Decade,* Lund University, Lund, Sweden, October 7-9, 2010 (refereed)
* “From Subjects to Citizens?” *Second Annual Workshop on Active Citizenship,* Amman, Jordan, July 22, 2010 (invited)
* Chair and Co-organizer of a Panel, “Who Do Elected Official Represent in Semi-Authoritarian and Authoritarian Regimes?” *MESA’s 43rd Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, November 23, 2009.
* “We Cast Your Vote For you: The 2007 Syrian Elections,” *Middle East Studies Association, 43rd Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, November 23, 2009
* “Islamists and Democracy in the Muslim World,” at the *Training Seminar on Islam & Muslim Communities,* Canadian Foreign Service Institute, Ottawa, Canada, January 20, 2009 (invited)
* “Demystifying the Positions of the Muslim Brotherhood toward Democracy,” *9th Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy*, Washington DC, May 14, 2008 (Refereed)
* “The Guy from Arkansas: My Experience with al-Jazeera,” *Al-Jazeera and the New Arab Media: The Annual Conference of the UCSB Center for Middle East Studies*, Santa Barbara, California, May 5-6, 2007 (Refereed)
* “Constitutional Reform in Syria: Comparative Study of the 1950 & 1973 Constitutions,” *The Second Meeting for Democracy & Political Reform in the Arab World,* Doha, Qatar, May 27-29, 2007 (Refereed)
* “The Political Program of the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood,” *Conference on the Muslim Brotherhood II,* National Intelligence Council, US Department of State, Washington DC, June 20, 2007 (invited)
* “Syria: The Muslim Brotherhood: Appealing Popularity and Opposition Alliances,” Conference of Engagement or Quarantine: How to Deal with the Islamist Advance. *The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Washington DC, June 28, 2006
* “The Syrian Islamists,” Conference on the Muslim Brotherhood in the Arab World. *Bureau of Intelligence & Research, US Department of State*, Arlington, VA, June 12, 2006
* “The Influence of Lobbies on the American Decision Making,” at *the conference on US Decision Making and Its Impact on Moroccan-American Relations*, Rabat, Morocco, April 1st, 2006
* “Democratization and the Problem of Legitimacy in Saudi Arabia,” at *the conference on Shura, Democracy, & Good Governance,* Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, December 21, 2005
* “A New Syrian Policy toward Lebanon?” *Middle East Studies Association, 39th Annual Meeting*, Washington DC, November 21, 2005
* “Democratic Prospects in Syria,” *Middle East Institute*, Washington DC, April 1, 2005
* “Jurists & Sultans: Autonomy or Dependency?” at the conference, *Islam & Democracy: Perspectives & Prospects*, Tunis, Tunisia, December 15, 2004
* “Islamists & Democracy,” at the conference, *Islam & Democracy: The Experiment of Bahrain*, Manama, Bahrain, December 6, 2004
* “Old Guard Frost Nips Damascus Spring,” *Middle East Studies Association, 38th Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, November 21, 2004
* “The Secular States and their Prospects: Egypt, Syria, & Jordan,” A New Middle East? The War on Terror and Its Regional Impact, *Foreign Policy Research Institute Conference*, Bryn Mawr, PA, October 16, 2004
* “The Mellowing of Syrian Islamists and Their Evolving Concepts of Revolution & Democracy,” *Workshop on The Arab state of Islam. Center for Middle East Studies UCLA*, Los Angeles, CA, March 5, 2004
* “Obstacles & Prospects for Democratization in the Arab World,” at *Democracy in the Arab & Muslim Countries-The Experience of Jordan*, Amman, Jordan, January 20, 2004
* “Al-Jazeera’s Coverage of the War on Iraq (Comparison with Fox & CNN),” *The Eighth International Conference of the Arab-US Association for Communication Educators (AUSACE),* Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Oct. 13, 2003
* “Al-Jazeera: Framing the Iraq War for the Mideast Audience,” *Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication, 86th Annual Convention*, Kansas City, MO, August 2, 2003
* “Islamists and the State in Syria: From Confrontation to Reconciliation?” *Middle East Studies Association, 36th Annual Meeting*, Washington DC, November 25, 2002
* “Middle East Politics Discipline in the US,” at *the Middle East Studies in the US and Russia Seminar*, St. Petersburg State University, Russia, June 29, 2002
* “Islamic Extremism & Violence,” at the *3rd Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy: Democratization and Political Violence in Muslim Societies*, Arlington, VA, April 7, 2002
* “Inequality, Islam and Violence,” *42nd Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, Chicago, March 2001
* “Contesting the State’s Media Monopoly: Al-Jazeera’s Coverage of Syrian Politics,” at the *Middle East Studies Association, 34th Annual Meeting*, Orlando, Nov. 17, 2000
* "The Gulf in the Global System," *Command & Staff College*, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Dec. 17, 1997
* Panel discussant, "Challenges of the Communication Revolution for the Arab World," *Conference on the Impact of the Information and Communication Revolution on Society and State in the Arab World, ECSSR*, Abu Dhabi, January 4-7, 1997
* "Gulf Security: The View From Within," *37th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, San Diego, April 1996
* "Current Issues Among Islamists in the Near East," *Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, Arlington*, Virginia, September 29, 1994
* "Women and Islamists: The Sudanese Alternative," *90th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, New York, September 1994
* "Democracy in the Arab World: The Jordanian Case," *Seminar of the Association for Islamic Research & Studies*, Amman, Jordan, January 1993
* "Cultural Approach to Foreign Policy: The Case of Iraq," *33rd Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, Atlanta, Georgia, April 1992
* "The Democratic Agenda in American Foreign Policy Toward the Arab World," *CUNY Political Science Conference*, New York, March 1992
* "Democratization in the Arab World after the Gulf War," at *the Conference on Democracy and Democratization in the Third World*, Nassau, Bahamas, November 1991
* "Democratization and Islam in the Arab world," *87th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Washington D.C., August, 1991

## II. SELECTED GENERAL PRESENTATIONS

* “Global Trouble Spots: Syria,” *Houston Seminar,* Houston, TX, February 23, 2021.
* “US Foreign Policy Toward the Middle East,” *The American University of Cairo*, Cairo, Egypt, November 12, 2020 (invited)
* “Roundtable: The Vision of the Syrian Higher Negotiation Committee (HNC),” at *The Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, Atlantic Council,* Washington, DC, September 27, 2016 (invited)
* Keynote Speaker, “Syria,” at The Syria Awareness Week, *Elan University,* Elon, North Carolina, September 7, 2016 (invited)
* “Roundtable: A Discussion with the Leaders of the Syrian Opposition,” *Council on Foreign Relations*, New York, May 1, 2015 (invited)
* “Urgent Challenges: ISIL in Syria and Iraq,” at *Yellowstone Retreat: Google Ideas,* Yellowstone, Wyoming, July 17-20, 2014 (invited)
* “Discussing the Syria Conflict,” at *Fireside Chat at Google: Google Ideas/Google*, Google Headquarter, New York, July 16, 2014 (invited)
* “Impact of Connection Technology: Breakfast with the Syrian Opposition,” *Council on Foreign Relations*, New York, July 15, 2014 (invited)
* “Participant in Syria-Chinese Relations Workshop,” at the *Foreign Relations Institute*, Beijing, China, May 7, 2012
* “Challenges of Democratic Transition in Syria,” *The First Meeting of the Syrian Expatriates in Europa,* Vienna, Austria, December 7, 2011 (invited)
* “What’s Next for Syria,” *Syrian American Council Town-hall Meeting on Syria,* Los Angeles, CA, September 24, 2011 (invited)
* “The Future of Political Activism in Syria,” *First Meeting of the Syrian American Community,* Arlington, VA, July 24, 2011 (invited)
* “The Damascus Declaration,” at the working group on Syria,” *US Institute for Peace*, Washington DC, October 27, 2005
* CONGRESSIONAL TESTOMONY. “Challenges & Prospects of Political Liberalization in Syria,” Testimony before the *House Committee on International Relations*,” US Congress, Washington DC, April 21, 2005

<http://wwwc.house.gov/international_relations/fullhear.htm>

* “Post-War Iraq,” with Henry Mcleish, Mark Cory, Vincent Cornell, Don Kelly, Hoyt Purvis, & Steve Sheppard, International Law Society Forum, Fayetteville, April 23, 2003
* “Local Media Coverage of Middle East Issues,” *Society of Professional Journalists*, Fayetteville, October 24, 2001.
* “The New Palestinian Intifada: Beyond the Headlines,” with Ted Swedenburg & Joel Gordon, Sponsored by *the Middle East Studies Program*, Fayetteville, AR, Oct. 30, 2000
* “Media and Policy in the Middle East,” Brown Bag Lecture Series, *Center for the Study of Representation & Public Policy Ph.D.*, Fayetteville, AR, Oct. 27, 2000
* “Dancing on the Red Lines: Al-Jazeera’s TV Station,” *MEST Brown-bag Luncheon*, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, February 15, 2000
* "Populations of the Gulf: Transformations and Challenges," *Northwest Arkansas Teachers' Seminar*, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, December 1, 1997
* "Religion, Media, & the State in Egypt" (with Dr. Amany Khodair), *College Honors Program, Rutgers University*, Newark, NJ, April 24, 1995

# III. MEDIA COMMENTARY

* Commentator on current affairs for *Al-Jazeera’s* Satellite TV Station, 2000-now
* Commentator on current affairs for *The Arabic BBC,* 2002-now
* Commentator on current affairs for *Arabic Monte Carlo Radio,* 2002-now
* Commentator on current affairs for *Al-Arabiyya TV,* 2004-now
* Commentator on current affairs for *Al-Hurra,* 2004-now
* Several Interviews with local & national radio shows, including: *NPR, The Arnie Arnesen Show, Todd Feinburg Show, 920 KARN, & The Voice of America*
* Two interviews with the *BBC Hardtalk*, 2011, 2013
* Several Appearances on local NBC and Channel 5 News to discuss the Iraqi Question, September 11 attacks, and the Arab-Israeli conflict

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

* Nominated for the Fulbright Teaching Award, 2020
* Phi Beta Delta, International Scholars, 2000
* Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, 1988
* Valedictorian of the Class of 1984, U.A.E. University

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

* + American Political Science Association
  + International Studies Association
  + Middle East Studies Association
  + Middle East Institute