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Education

Joint Ph.D Program - Science Po, Paris France & Tel Aviv University, Israel

Academic Excellence Award -Tel Aviv University: 2011/12 & 2009/10

Tel Aviv University Junior Faculty Scholarship (2009-2013)

Title: Islam and Europe: reflections on European religion state relations by Muslim Intellectuals

In depth comparative analysis of the dual transformative nature characterizing Islam in Europe along cultural, religious, social and political lines. Analyzed social integration, political mobilization, Islamic finance, Islamic law and Islamic religious practice in the context of European political structures, religion state relations and Islam in the Middle East.

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

M.A. December 2004 - Dual Concentrations: Strategic Studies, International Law

Specialization: Quantitative Methods of International Economic Theory

University of California at Berkeley

B.A. May 2003 - Major: Political Science, graduated with honors

EXPERIENCE

Center for International Studies and Research (CERI), Paris October 2010-Present

Researcher at CERI/CNRS - a research unit at Sciences Po, Paris - Exploring Islam in Post-Westphalian Europe - in conjunction with dual Ph.D. program.

Lecturer "Perspectives of the Middle East" Oxford/Kivunim September 2009-Present

University of Oxford accredited yearlong seminar providing an in depth review of states, identities and inter-national relations in the Middle East. The first semester surveys the Israeli-Palestinian conflict emphasizing the role of the United States; the second elaborates the diverse history and cultural backgrounds of the broader Middle East emphasizing developments of the "Arab Uprisings."

The seminar includes three simulations: passing a bill in the Knesset, trilateral negotiations of Israelis, Palestinians and the international community and multilateral negotiation of the Arab Peace Initiative.

Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor, Prime Minister's Office, Israel April 2005- May 2009

Assist in preparing the Israeli Prime Minister for all matters relating to foreign policy with emphasis on the United States and European countries. Analyze data and write policy proposals for negotiations and foreign policy issues. Prepare the PM for official visits of foreign heads of state. PMO representative to Foreign, Finance, Defense, and Justice Ministries, National Security Council and foreign embassies in Israel.

Brookings Institution, Saban Center September 2003- May 2004, December 2004

Research Intern for Middle East policy. Assisted Ambassador Martin Indyk and Dr. Kenneth Pollack examining US foreign policy options towards, Israel, Iran and the Middle East. Contributed to conferences on Israeli-Palestinian relations and US-Israel Saban Forum.

Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy December 2002-May 2003

Research Assistant. Analyzed ways in which a biotechnology-driven economy might affect trade, markets, and economic policy-making by compiling and processing statistical data.

Intelligence Field Unit, Israeli Defense Force October 1995- May 2000

Special Forces unit of Military Intelligence. Responsible for training of soldiers.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Being Muslim in Europe without contradiction – Myth or Reality" Journal of Levantine Studies, Winter 2012, Vol. 2, no. 2, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

- "Islam, the State and the Law in Europe" Journal of Law, Religion and State, Expected Spring 2013 Vol. 2, no. 1. Brill Publishing.
- "Islamic Identity Politics within European Polity" in *Islam and International Relations: Diverse Perceptions* (Cambridge Scholar Publishing) to be published August 2013.
- Accepted for publication - Journal Article: "Islam in Post-Westphalian Europe" - Journal of Comparative European Politics, expected Winter 2013.
- "The quiet Muslim revolution in Europe" Haaretz.com, October 10, 2012
<http://www.haaretz.com/opinion/the-quiet-muslim-revolution-in-europe-1.469195>
- "Multiple Islamic Discourses Throughout European Diversity" CERI - Sciences Po, France; October 2011.
http://www.ceri-sciencespo.com/archive/2011/octobre/art_av.pdf
- "Muslim Veil is Political, Not Religious" Washington Times; August 24, 2010.
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/aug/24/muslim-veil-is-political-not-religious/print/>
- "Integration is Key" Haaretz; July 16, 2010.
<http://www.haaretz.com/opinion/integration-is-key-1.302323>
- "Test of Islamic Unity" Ynetnews; December 3, 2009.
<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3814672,00.html>

PRESENTATIONS, & ASSOCIATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS

- Member of the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration (IASEI)
- May 2013 (Expected) – Presentation on Islamic Policy Networks, Tel Aviv University Annual Workshop
- December 2012 8th Annual Graduate Conference, Jerusalem, Israel – Convened by Professor David Levy-Faur.
- June 2010 Participant: Princeton LISD conference on religion and diplomacy, Vienna Austria.
- April 27, 2010 Portland State University, Oregon USA
- August 2006 Bucerius Foundation Member for Global Governance, Hamburg Germany
- November 2005 – November 2010: IPNP member, Israeli and Palestinian group for learning tools of negotiation, Harvard University, starting May 2007, member of steering committee.
- January 2005 Initiated, led and raised funding for 10 participants on an "Educational Initiative" to Bahrain and Kuwait where we visited government and financial institutions

LANGUAGES AND INTERESTS

Fluent Hebrew, English (mother tongue), Passed Post-Proficiency Arabic, basic French.