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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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**University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, Alabama **2018 – current**  
Richard L. Chambers Professor in Middle Eastern Studies  
Professor, Department of Political Science

**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, Greece **2024 – 2025**  
Visiting Scholar, School of Political Sciences

**Arab Center Washington DC** **2024 – current**  
Non-Resident Fellow

**Security in Context** **2023 – current**  
Senior Researcher

**American University of Beirut**, Lebanon  
Associate Professor, Political Studies **2011 – 2018**  
Director, Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies **2011 – 2016**  
Assistant Professor, Political Studies **2010 – 2011**

**University of California**, Berkeley, California **Spring 2017**  
Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies

**American University of Beirut**, Lebanon **Spring 2007 – Fall 2007**  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Studies

**Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, Maryland **2002 – 2010**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA  
Ph.D., Political Science

**February 2002**

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ  
A.B. Politics and Near Eastern Studies

**June 1990**

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Books**

*Middle East Security Beyond American Interests: A Critical Approach* (London: I.B.Tauris/Bloomsbury, forthcoming).

Co-editor and contributor, *New Conflict Dynamics: Between Regional Autonomy and Intervention in the Middle East and North Africa* (Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Studies, 2017).

*Beaches, Ruins, Resorts: The Politics of Tourism in the Arab World* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2008).

### **Journal articles**

"Tourism and the Making of the Modern Middle East." *Journal of Tourism History* 16, no. 2 (2024): 125-132.

"MERIP as a Model for Politically Committed Knowledge Production in Middle East Studies." *Review of Middle East Studies* 55, no. 2 (December 2021): 202-13.

May Darwich, Morten Valbjørn, Bassel Salloukh, Waleed Hazbun, Amira Abu Samra, Said Saddiki, Adham Saouli, Hamad Albloshi, Karim Makdisi, "The Politics of Teaching International Relations in the Arab World: Reading Walt in Beirut, Wendt in Doha, and Abul-Fadl in Cairo." *International Studies Perspectives* 22, no. 4 (November 2021): 407-438.

Samer Abboud, Omar Dahi, Waleed Hazbun, Nicole Sunday Grove, Jamil Mouawad, and Coralie Hindawi, "Towards a Beirut School of Critical Security Studies." *Critical Studies in Security* 6, no. 3 (2018): 273-295.

"The Politics of Insecurity in the Arab World: A View from Beirut." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 50, no. 3 (July 2017): 656-9.

"Assembling Security in a 'Weak State:' The Contentious Politics of Plural Governance in Lebanon since 2005." *Third World Quarterly* 37, no. 6 (2016): 1053-1070.

"A History of Insecurity: From the Arab Uprisings to ISIS." *Middle East Policy* 22, no. 3 (Fall 2015): 55-65.

"Itineraries of Peace through Tourism: Excavating Territorial Attachments Across the Arab/Israeli Frontier." *Peace & Change* 37, no. 1 (January 2012): 3-36.

"Revising Itineraries of Tourism and Tourism Studies in the Middle East and North Africa." *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change* 8, no. 4 (December 2010): 225-239.

"US Policy and the Geopolitics of Insecurity in the Arab World." *Geopolitics* 15, no. 2 (April 2010): 239-262.

"Modernity on the Beach: A postcolonial reading from Southern Shores." *Tourist Studies* 9, no. 3 (December 2009): 203-222.

"Images of Openness, Spaces of Control: The Politics of Tourism Development in Tunisia." *Arab Studies Journal* 15, no. 2/16, no. 1 (Fall 2007/Spring 2008): 10-35.

"Explaining the Arab Middle East Tourism Paradox." *The Arab World Geographer* 9, no. 3 (2006): 201-214.

"Globalization, Reterritorialization and the Political Economy of Tourism Development in the Middle East." *Geopolitics* 9, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 310-341.

"Rethinking Anti-Colonial Movements and the Political Economy of Decolonization: The Case of Tunisia," *Arab Studies Quarterly* 16, no. 1 (Winter 1994): 77-106.

## **Book chapters**

"American Illusions of Regional Order and the Emergence of Turbulence in the Middle East." In Marc Lynch and Simon Mabon (eds.), *Order and Region Making in the Middle East*. (Edinburgh University Press, 2025), pp. 62-84.

"Tourism Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean: Overtourism, Geopolitical Conflicts, and Sustainability." In *IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook 2024* (Barcelona: European Institute of the Mediterranean, 2024), pp. 268-272.

"China, the United States, and the Reconfiguration of Middle East Geopolitics: New Possibilities for Conflict and Order." In Firat Demir and Van Jackson (eds.), *The Global South in an Era of Great Power Competition* (Amherst: Security in Context, 2024), pp. 16-22.

"US Military Strategy in the Middle East and the Challenge of Demilitarization." In Imad K. Harb (ed.), *A US Pivot Away from the Middle East: Fact or Fiction?* (Washington D.C.: Arab Center Washington DC, 2023), pp. 23-32.

"Between Tragedy and Chaos: US Policy in a Turbulent Middle East under Obama and Trump." In Samer Shehata (ed.), *The Struggle to Reshape the Middle East in the 21st Century* (Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press, 2023), pp. 49-72.

May Darwich, F. Gregory Gause III, Waleed Hazbun, Curtis Ryan, and Morten Valbjørn, "International Relations and Regional (In)security." In Marc Lynch, Jillian Schwedler, and Sean Yom (eds.), *The Political Science of the Middle East: Theory and Research since the Arab Uprisings* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022), pp. 88-107.

Elif Kalaycıoğlu and Waleed Hazbun, "The Tourist Gaze, Visiting Mosques, and the Folds of Architecture." In Mohammad Gharipour and Daniel E. Coslett (eds.), *Islamic Architecture Today and Tomorrow: (Re)defining the Field* (Bristol, UK: Intellect, 2022), pp. 355-370.

"Aviation, Hijackings, and the Eclipse of the 'American Century' in the Middle East." In Daniel Bertrand Monk and Michael Sorkin (eds.), *Between Catastrophe and Revolution: Essays in Honor of Mike Davis* (New York: Urban Research/OR Books, 2021), pp. 223-247.

"Touring Exotic Lands." In Asef Bayat and Linda Herrera (eds.), *Global Middle East: Into the Twenty-First Century* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2020), pp. 225-239.

"Insecurity, Order, and Pluralism in the Middle East: An agenda for a critical approach to security studies." In Lorenzo Kamel (ed.), *The Middle East: Thinking About and Beyond Security and Stability* (Bern: Peter Lang, 2019), pp. 65-90.

"Tourism, Place-making, and Urban Transformations in Barcelona and Beirut." In Eckart Woertz (ed.), *Wise Cities in the Mediterranean? Challenges of Social and Environmental Sustainability* (Barcelona: Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, 2018), pp. 161-171.

"Beyond the American Era in the Middle East: An Evolving Landscape of Turbulence." In Rasmus Alenius Boserup, Waleed Hazbun, Karim Makdisi, and Helle Malmvig, (eds.), *New Conflict Dynamics: Between Regional Autonomy and Intervention in the Middle East and North Africa* (Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Studies, 2017), pp. 31-41.

"(In)security in an Era of Turbulence: Mapping post-statist geopolitics in the Middle East." In Lorenzo Kamel (ed.), *The Frailty of Authority: Borders, Non-State Actors and Power Vacuums in a Changing Middle East* (Roma: Istituto Affari Internazionali/Nuova Cultura, 2017), pp. 85-105.

"Beyond Petromodernity: Excavating pathways for *Khaleeji* Tourism Studies." In Marcus L. Stephenson and Ala Al-Hamarneh (eds.), *International Tourism and the Gulf Cooperation Council States: Developments, Challenges and Opportunities* (London: Routledge, 2017), pp. 258-263.

"The Uses of Modernization Theory: American Foreign Policy and Mythmaking in the Arab World," In Marwan Kraidy and Alex Lubin (eds.), *American Studies Encounters the Middle East* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016), pp. 175-206.

"The Folds of Place: Re-visiting questions of travel in Israel/Palestine." In Rami K. Isaac, C. Michael Hall, and Freya Higgins-Desbiolles (eds.), *The Politics and Power of Tourism in Palestine* (London: Routledge, 2016), pp. 166-177.

"Travel to Egypt. From the Nineteenth Century to the Second World War: Thomas Cook, the Mechanization of Travel, and the Emergence of the American Era." In

Marie-Charlotte Le Bailly (ed.), *Red Star Line: Cruises (1894-1934)*, (Luven: Davidsfonds/ Infodok, 2016), pp. 124-131. [Dutch and English editions].

"The Geopolitics of Knowledge and the Challenge of Postcolonial Agency: International Relations, US Policy and the Arab World." In Graham Huggan (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Postcolonial Studies* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 217-234.

"Inventing the frontier of wilderness in the Sinai." In Ahmad Hosni (ed.), *Go Down Moses: A book on South Sinai* (Cairo, Egypt: Blurb Inc., 2012), pp. 68-73.

"The Middle East through the Lens of Critical Geopolitics: Globalization, Terrorism, and the Iraq War." In Michael E. Bonine, Michael Gasper, and Abbas Amanat (eds.), *Is There a Middle East? The Evolution of a Geopolitical Concept* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011), pp. 207-230.

"The East as an Exhibit: Thomas Cook & Son and the Origins of the International Tourism Economy in Egypt." In Philip Scranton and Jan Davidson (eds.), *The Business of Tourism: Place, Faith, and History* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007), pp. 3-33.

"Mapping the Landscape of the 'New Middle East': The Politics of Tourism Development and the Peace Process in Jordan." In George Joffé (ed.), *Jordan in Transition, 1990-2000* (London: Hurst, 2002), pp. 330-345.

"Enclave Orientalism: The State, Tourism, and the Politics of Post-National Development in the Arab World." In Mike Robinson *et al.* (eds.), *Management, Marketing and the Political Economy of Travel and Tourism* (Sunderland, UK: Business Education Publishers, 2000), pp. 191-205.

### **Additional publications** (selected)

"Reconfigurations of Turbulence and American Visions for Regional Order." In March Lynch (ed.) *POMEPS Studies: The Middle East Regional Order after October 7* (Washington DC: Project on Middle East Political Science, forthcoming 2025).

"'This is a Story About Ruin:' Legacies of Biden's Vision for an Integrated Middle East." *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter* 8, No. 1 (forthcoming Spring 2025).

Editor, Special Issue on "Tourism and the Making of the Modern Middle East." *Journal of Tourism History* 16, no. 2 (2024): 125-217.

"The Spiral of Militarization in US Policy Towards the Middle East," *Pathways to Renewed and Inclusive Security in the Middle East (PRISME) Initiative* (Published as part of debate #3 of the SALAM project, Spring 2024).

"Visions and Mirages of Tourism in the Middle East," *Current History* (December 2022): 363-365.

Waleed Hazbun, Joe Stork, Judith Tucker, Zachary Lockman, Ted Swedenburg, Norma Claire Moruzzi, Jacob Mundy, and Stacey Philbrick Yadav, "MERIP's Impact on Middle East Studies: Showcasing a MESA Roundtable." *Review of Middle East Studies* 55, no. 2 (2021): 214-229.

Editor, "Special Focus: MERIP and the Politics of Knowledge Production in MENA Studies." *Review of Middle East Studies* 55, no. 2 (2021): 202-275.

Waleed Hazbun, Najib Hourani, Lisa Hajjar, Chris Toensing, "MERIP's Unfinished Mission." *Middle East Report*, no. 300 (Fall 2021). *Issue editorial*.

Co-Editor, "MERIP at 50." Special issue of *Middle East Report*, no. 300 (Fall 2021).

"Reimagining US Engagement with a Turbulent Middle East." *Middle East Report*, No. 294 (Spring 2020).

Co-Editor, "Exit Empire - Imagining New Paths for US Policy." Special Issue of *Middle East Report* No. 294 (Spring 2020).

Waleed Hazbun, Karim Maksidi and Coralie Pison Hindawi, "Writing about Insecurity and Global Politics in Beirut." *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter* 2, No. 1 (Spring 2019): 11-14.

"American Interventionism and the Geopolitical Roots of Yemen's Catastrophe." *Middle East Report* No. 289 (Winter 2018): pp. 32-37.

"In America's Wake: Turbulence and Insecurity in the Middle East." In Marc Lynch and Amaney Jamal (eds.), *POMEPS Studies 34: Shifting Global Politics and the Middle East* (Washington DC: Project on Middle East Political Science, 2019), pp. 14-17.

Waleed Hazbun and Morten Valbjørn, "The Making of IR in The Middle East: Critical Perspectives on Scholarship and Teaching in the Region." *APSA MENA Newsletter*, Issue 5 (Fall 2018), pp. 5-9.

"Regional Powers and the Production of Insecurity in the Middle East," *Middle East and North Africa Regional Architecture (MENARA) WORKING PAPERS* No. 11, September 2018.

Morten Valbjørn and Waleed Hazbun, "Scholarly Identities and The Making of Middle East IR: Lessons from the Global/Post-Western IR Debate." *APSA MENA Newsletter*, Issue 3 (Fall 2017), pp. 3-6.

Karim Makdisi, Waleed Hazbun, Sabiha Senyücel Gündoğar and Gülşah Dark, "Regional Order from The Outside In: External Intervention, Regional Actors, Conflicts and Agenda in The Mena Region," *MENARA Methodology and Concept Papers*, No. 5, November 2017 (Barcelona: The Middle East and North Africa Regional Architecture Project, 2017).

Rasmus Alenius Boserup, Waleed Hazbun, Karim Makdisi and Helle Malmvig, "Introduction: Regional Politics and Interventions in the wake of the Arab Uprising." In Rasmus Alenius Boserup, Waleed Hazbun, Karim Makdisi and Helle Malmvig eds. *New Conflict Dynamics: Between Regional Autonomy and Intervention in the Middle East and North Africa* (Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Studies, 2017), pp. 7-14.

"Arabian Tragedy or Noir?" Review essay about Farah Al-Nakib's *Kuwait Transformed: A History of Oil and Urban Life* (Stanford, 2016), *Jadaliyya E-zine*. (April 30, 2017).

Lorenzo Kamel, Karim Makdisi, Waleed Hazbun and Tariq Tell, "The Past: Terminology, Concepts and Historical Junctures." In Eduard Soler i Lecha, Silvia Colombo, Lorenzo Kamel, and Jordi Quero (eds.), *Re-Conceptualizing Orders in the MENA Region: The Analytical Framework of the MENARA Project* (Barcelona: The Middle East and North Africa Regional Architecture Project, 2016), pp. 7-32.

Shelley Baranowski, Christopher Endy, Waleed Hazbun, Stephanie Malia Hom, Gordon Pirie, Trevor Simmons, and Eric G.E. Zuelow, "Tourism and Empire," *Journal of Tourism History* 7, nos. 1/2 (2015), pp. 100-130.



"The Arab World after the Iran Deal." In Payam Mohseni (ed.), *Iran and the Arab World after the Nuclear Deal*. (Cambridge: Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, 2015), pp. 50-52.

"Why I majored in Politics," in Nancy Weiss Malkiel (ed.), *Major Choices* (3rd Edition), Princeton University, 2011.

Guest editor, "Tourism, Culture and Heritage in the Middle East and North Africa." Special issue of *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change* 8, no. 4 (December 2010): 223-337.

Arang Keshavarzian and Waleed Hazbun, "Re-Mapping Transnational Connections in the Middle East." *Geopolitics* 15, no. 2 (April 2010): 203-209.

Guest editor (with Arang Keshavarzian), "Transnational Connections in the Middle East: Political Economy, Security, and Geopolitical Imaginaries." Special section of *Geopolitics* 15, no. 2 (2010): 203-311.

"Beyond the Bush Doctrine," *Middle East Report*, No. 249 (Winter 2008): 38-44.

"Reading Culture, Identity and Space in US Foreign Policy," *Middle East Report*, No. 236 (Fall 2005): 44-6.

"International Tourism and the Politics of Reterritorialization in the Middle East." *Précis: The Newsletter of the MIT Center of International Studies* 11, no. 2 (Spring 2002): 13-16.

"Lebanon Before and After Civil Conflict." In Nazli Choucri et. al., *Human Resources for Industrial and Technological Development in Lebanon* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Technology and Development Program, 1994).

### **Book reviews**

Patrick Bixby, *License to Travel: A cultural history of the passport* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2022). *Journal of Tourism History* 16, no. 1 (2024): 118-120.

- Lara Deeb and Mona Harb, *Leisurely Islam: Negotiating Geography and Morality in Shi'ite South Beirut* (Princeton University Press, 2013). *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 57, no. 4 (October 2015): 1087-9.
- Noel Scott and Jafar Jafari, (eds.) *Tourism in the Muslim World* (Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2010). *Journal of Tourism History* 5, no. 3 (November 2013): 356-358.
- Rebecca L. Stein, *Itineraries in Conflict: Israelis, Palestinians, and the Political Lives of Tourism* (Duke 2008). *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 28, no. 2 (Winter 2010): 160-2.
- Bruce K. Rutherford, *Egypt after Mubarak: Liberalism, Islam and Democracy in the Arab World* (Princeton University Press, 2008). *Perspectives on Politics* 7, no. 3 (September 2009): 702-703.
- Nigel Ashton, *King Hussein of Jordan: A Political Life* (Yale, 2008). *Middle East Journal* 63, no. 2 (Spring 2009): 334-5.
- Iain Chambers, *Mediterranean Crossings: The Politics of an Interrupted Modernity* (Duke, 2008). *Journal of North African Studies* 13, no. 4 (December 2008): 565-7
- Roxanne L. Euben, *Journeys to the Other Shore: Muslim and Western Travelers in Search of Knowledge* (Princeton, 2006). *Political Theory* 36, no. 1 (February 2008): 172-4.
- "Hashemite Politics," A review of Betty S. Anderson, *Nationalist Voices in Jordan* (Texas, 2005) and Russell E. Lucas, *Institutions and the Politics of Survival in Jordan* (SUNY, 2005). *Journal of Palestine Studies* 35, no. 3 (2006): 126-128.
- Globalization and Terrorism: The Migration of Dreams and Nightmares*, by Jamal R. Nassar (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005). *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 25, no. 3 (2005): 696-7.
- "Deconstructing the Algerian 'Nation,'" a review of Benjamin Stora, *Algeria 1830-2000: A Short History* (Cornell, 2001). *H-Africa, H-Net Reviews* (April 2004).
- Structural Flaws in the Middle East Peace Process: Historical Contexts*, edited by J. W. Wright Jr. (Palgrave, 2002). *Journal of Palestine Studies* 32, no. 3 (Spring 2003), pp. 107-8.

Mark Gottdiener's *The Theming of America* (Westview, 2nd edition, 2001), a contribution to a review symposium in *Urban Affairs Review* 38, no. 2 (November 2002): 282-4.

### **Opinion essays**

"Lebanon: pivotal point for regional geopolitics?" *Open Democracy*, May 28, 2012.

"From Lebanon, With Pessimism and Hope," *New York Times*, March 3, 2011.

"Speed, Democracy, Revolution: Tunisia, Egypt, and Beyond," *The Contemporary Condition*, January 2011.

"War Stories: Letter from Lebanon," *Baltimore Sun*, February 18, 2007.

"American security and Arab self-determination," *Jordan Times*, October 27, 2003.

"Tourism-Learning the mechanisms of competitive growth," *Jordan Times*, August 20-21, 1998.

### **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, TRAVEL GRANTS, COLLABORATIONS, AND AWARDS**

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Co-collaborator, "The Geopolitics of Knowledge Production," a research project conducted as part of the *Critical Security Studies in the Arab World* working group, supported by the Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS). 2016-2018.

Co-organizer, "The Making of Middle East International Relations," workshops in Aarhus, Denmark and Beirut, Lebanon funded by Aarhus University, Danish Institute in Damascus, and Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS). 2017-2018.

Co-collaborator in *Middle East and North Africa Regional Architecture (MENARA): Mapping Geopolitical Shifts, Regional Order and Domestic Transformations* research project coordinated by CIDOB - Barcelona Centre for International Affairs. Funded by European Union Horizon 2020 grant. 2016-2019.

Periodic Research Leave (AUB) to work on book manuscript about the global politics of aviation in the Middle East while Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle East Studies

at University of California, Berkeley, Spring and Summer, 2017.

World Wings International Inc. Research Grant for research in the World Wings International Inc. and Pan American Airlines collections at the University of Miami Libraries in Coral Gables, Florida, May 2016.

Short-term Faculty Development Grant (AUB) to present paper at University of Turin and attend EISA Workshop, Rapallo, Italy, November, 2015, and present paper at *Airports Culture(s)* conference, London, April 2016.

International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant & Short-term Faculty Development Grant (AUB) to attend International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in New Orleans, February 18-21, 2015.

Short-term Faculty Development Grant (AUB) to present two papers at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada, March 26-29, 2014.

Periodic Research Leave (AUB) to work on project on US policy and geopolitics of insecurity in the Middle East, Fall 2013.

Short-term Faculty Development Grant (AUB) to present two papers at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in San Francisco, April 3-6, 2013.

Short-term Faculty Development Grant (AUB) to attend and present paper at *Ethical Engagement with Globalization, Citizenship and Multiculturalism: First International Liberal Arts Conference*, Texas A&M University at Qatar, February 3-4, 2013.

CASAR conference travel grant (AUB) to attend and present paper at the American Historical Association 127th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA and consulting with director/producers of a Xmas Without China in Los Angeles, CA, December, 2012-January 2013.

Short-term Faculty Development Grant (AUB) to deliver at the 2011 Annual *Millennium Conference Out of The Ivory Tower Weaving the Theories and Practice of International Relations*, held at the London School of Economics on October 22-23, 2011.

A. LeRoy Bennett Prize, Best Faculty Paper presented at the 2005 International Studies Association-Northeast (ISA-NE). Annual Meeting, 2006.

Research Fellowship, American Center for Oriental Research (ACOR) in Amman, Jordan. USIA Fellowship for Fieldwork in Jordan and Israel/West Bank. December 1997 - August 1998

Research Fellowship, American Institute for Maghribi Studies (AIMS), Research Grant for Fieldwork in Tunisia and Morocco. January 1997 - June 1997

Language Study Grant, Center for International Studies, MIT, Title IV FLAS for summer Arabic language study at Middlebury College. Summer 1994

Writing Award, Ziad Asali International Student-Scholar Award, Arab-American University Graduates. October 1993

Writing Award, F.O. Kelsy Prize for Best Junior Paper, Program in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University. Spring 1989

Language Study Grant, Program in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University. Grant for summer Arabic study at UC Berkeley, CA. Summer 1988

## **WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED**

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Co-Organizer (with Margaret Peacock), "Middle East Studies Writing Colloquium," University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama May 17-20, 2023.

Organizer, Workshop on "Travel, Mobility, and Cultural Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa," Spring Meeting of the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS), University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama April 8-10, 2022.

Co-organizer (with Morten Valbjørn), Workshop on "The making of Middle East international relations: Teaching and Writing about IR in the Middle East," Beirut, Lebanon. June 22, 2018.

Co-organizer (with Morten Valbjørn), Workshop on "How scholarly identities shape the making of Middle East international relations," Aarhus University, Denmark. November 3, 2017.

Co-director (with Sandrine Gamblin), "Tourism Studies Workshop," at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) meeting, Denver, CO, November 21, 2015.

Co-director (with Arang Keshavarzian), workshop on *Mapping Transnational Networks in the Middle East: Local Logics & Global Processes* held at the 9th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, March 12-15, 2008.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Keynote Addresses

"Tourism, Climate, and Resource Challenges," (via Zoom) at *Diplomacy and (In)security in the Age of Tourism and Scarcity of Resources* conference, Institute of Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Emmanuel College, Boston, MA. March 8, 2025.

"Towards a Beirut School of Critical Security Studies" *The Making of Middle East IR / IR in the Middle East*, American University of Beirut, June 21, 2018.

"The Middle East Area Studies Controversy in Context: Discussing Different Cultural-Institutional Perspectives," Keynote panel at *Formations of Middle Eastern Subjectivities*, Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark. September 22-24, 2016.

"Modernity on the Beach: Views from Southern Shores." Keynote address at *Resorting to the Coast: Tourism, Heritage and Cultures of the Seaside* conference, Blackpool, UK. June 25-29, 2009.

"Itineraries of Globalization: The Middle East and North Africa in the International Tourism Economy." Keynote address at the *Traditions and Transformations: Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Change in the Middle East and North Africa Region* conference, Amman, Jordan. April 4-7, 2009.

### **Invited (Solo) Presentations**

"The US Foreign Policy in the Middle East," Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. October 30, 2024.

"America's Role in a Turbulent Middle East," Croft Institute for International Studies University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. November 1, 2022.

"In America's Wake: Turbulence and Insecurity in the Middle East," Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. September 16, 2019.

"Beyond the American Era in the Middle East: An Evolving Landscape of Turbulence," Center for Middle East Studies (CMES), University of California at Berkeley. April 12, 2017.

"After the 'American Era' in the Middle East: A view from Beirut," Middle East Studies Program, Florida International University, May 19, 2016.

"Jet Set Frontiers: Tourism, Hijackings, Petrodollars, and the Politics of Aeromobility from Beirut to the Gulf," Presented at University of Miami, May 20, 2016; New York University, March 7, 2016; University of Turin, Italy. November 4, 2015; SOAS, University of London. October 13, 2015; University of Illinois at Chicago. March 17, 2015; Northwestern University, March 16, 2015.

"The Eclipse of the US 'Empire of the Air' and the challenge of the Gulf Airlines," Arab Crossroads Program, New York University-Abu Dhabi (NYUAD), October 28, 2015.

"The Jet Set Frontier in the Middle East: Hijackings, Petrodollars, and the Fragility of American Travel Networks," Center for Middle East Studies (CMES), University of California, Berkeley, CA. December 2, 2014.

"The geopolitics of insecurity and their social foundations: The long history of the Arab Uprisings," Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 4, 2013.

"The End of the American Era in the Middle East? The View from Beirut," Galatasaray University, Istanbul, November 12, 2012.

"Between 'the emerging future' and 'the decaying past': American efforts to navigate the changing the regional order in the Middle East," Netherlands Institute in Beirut, March 28, 2012.

"The US and the Arab Uprisings: Will the US be identified with the emerging future rather than the decaying past?" Liberal Arts Program at Texas A&M University at Qatar, November 23, 2011.

"Remapping Globalization: A critical geopolitics of the Middle East," American University of Beirut, April 23, 2010.

"Images of Openness, Spaces of Control: The Politics of Tourism Development in Tunisia," Department of Modern Languages, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, October 29, 2009.

"Exploring the Politics of Globalization in the Arab World through the Lens of Tourism," presentation at Workshop on *Approaches to Teaching the Middle East* at Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC. June 23, 2009.

"Beaches, Ruins, and Resorts: The Politics of Tourism in the Arab World," Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, April 20, 2009.

"Beaches, Ruins, and Resorts: The Politics of Tourism in the Arab World," Middle East Studies Center, Florida International University, March 24, 2009.

"Beaches, Ruins, and Resorts: The Politics of Tourism in the Arab World," Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University. February 19, 2009.

"The politics of modernization, American grand strategy, and Middle East Studies: A critique of the past and implications for the next administration," Council on Middle East Studies, Yale University, November 5, 2008.

"The Middle East Tourism Paradox: The rapid growth of tourism within the Middle East since 9/11," Center for Arab and Middle East Studies, American University of Beirut, May 22, 2007.



"Globalization and Reform in the Middle East: From the 'New Middle East' to the Dubai Controversy," Middle East Center, University of Maryland, College Park. April 13, 2006.

"Tourism, Terrorism, and Security: The fragility of global travel spaces in the Middle East," Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania. October 13, 2004.

"Landscape of Façades: The Tourist Commodification of Petra, Jordan," American Center for Oriental Research (ACOR), Amman, Jordan. April 18, 1998.

"The Commodity of Tourism in Tunisia: Reflections on a Crisis of Mass Production," Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines à Tunis (CEMAT), Tunis, Tunisia, June 13, 1997.

## **TEACHING**

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- International Relations of the Middle East
- American Foreign Policy
- Geopolitics of the Eastern Mediterranean
- The Politics of Travel and Tourism
- Race and International Relations
- Planning and Policy Making in the Middle East (MPA)
- Theories of International Relations (PhD)
- Global Politics and the Middle East (PhD)

## **SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION (SINCE 2010)**

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### University of Alabama

Field Coordinator, International Relations Graduate Program, 2022- 2024, 2025-

Director, Program for Middle East Studies/Middle East in Global Affairs, 2018-

Chair, Chairperson Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2023-2024.

Chair, Cultures and Societies Subcommittee of the General Education Implementation Program, Office of the Provost. 2022-2023.

Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Department of Political Science, 2020-2024.

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, 2018-2019, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-23, 2023-24.

Chair, NTRC Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2022-3.

Academic Program Review Council, 2022-2024.

Chair, Instructor Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2022.

Chair, Committee for Revising the Tenure and Promotion Guidelines, Department of Political Science, 2020-21.

Master of Public Administration Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2021-2022.

Global Political Economy Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2020-2021.

Comparative Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2019-2020.

International Relations Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2018-2019.

Social Theory of Islam Search Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2018-2019.

*American University of Beirut*

Acting Director, MA Program in Public Policy and International Affairs, Spring 2018.

Program faculty, MA Program in Public Policy and International Affairs, 2015-2018.

Director and Chair of Steering Committee, Center for Arab and Middle East Studies (CAMES), 2012-2016.

Executive Committee, Center for American Studies and Research, 2011- 2016.

Faculty Advisory Committee, International Affairs Program, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, 2011-2016

Chair, Program Review Committee, Center for Arab and Middle East Studies, 2015-16.

Administrative Committee, Division of University Interdisciplinary Program, 2013-2015.

Member, Search committee for position in International Affairs, Program in Public Policy and International Affairs, 2014-15.

Member, Search Committee for Director and Edward Said Chair, Center for American Studies and Research, 2014-15, 2014-15

Chair, Middle East Studies Assistant Professor Search Committee, Center for Arab and Middle East Studies, 2013-14.

Chair, Middle East Studies Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, Center for Arab and Middle East Studies, AUB. 2012.

Member, Arab Uprisings Research Initiative Steering Committee, 2011-2013.

Chair, Program Review Committee, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, 2011-12.

Author, *Department Program Review Report (Self-Study)*, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, November 14, 2011, 202 pages plus appendixes.

Academic Advisor, Political Studies BA Majors, 2011-2012.

Academic Advisor, Political Studies MA graduate students, 2011- 2012.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Steering Committee, Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), 2019-2025, Member, POMEPS Working group on International Relations of the Post-Uprisings Middle East (2019-2021); Member, POMEPS Annual Conference Committee (2019-2020, 2020-21, 2023-24).

Co-Founder, *Tuscaloosa Takes on the World*, (public events series about international affairs) 2021-current.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Tourism History*, 2015-current.

Editorial committee, Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP), publisher of *Middle East Report*, 2010, 2020-2022.

Executive Board (elected), Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS), 2021-2022.

Editorial committee, *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change*, 2012-2020.

Co-founder and organizer, *Middle East and North Africa Tourism Studies Network*, 2015-current.

Middle East Representative (elected), Executive Committee of the Global South Caucus, International Studies Association (ISA), 2017-2019.

Member (elected), Nominating Committee, Middle East Studies Association, 2017.

Awards Evaluation Committee, *Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS)* 2015 Dissertation Award and Graduate Paper Prize.

Memberships (annual): International Studies Association (ISA), Middle East Studies Association (MESA); Memberships (occasional): Association of American Geographers (AAG), Cultural Studies Association, American Historical Association (AHA), Society of Historians of American Foreign Relation (SHAFR), European International Studies Association (EISA), American Political Science Association (APSA).