

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Male | Date of birth 01/06/1958 | Nationality Libyan

PREFERRED JOB

Consultancy, Academia & Research

WORK EXPERIENCE

(Sep. 2013 - Present)

Academic, Writer, and Political Security & Risk Analyst

Freelance

- Provide consultations and write specialised political risk evaluations.
- Designing political risk management and relevant security analysis.
- Analysis of security impact of political developments on political actors and institutions.
- Post-conflict studies with focus on governance and institutions.

Sector Security and political risk; post-conflict – North Africa & Middle East

(2017 - Present)

Consultant

Freelance & Contractor

- Produced and contributed to multiple publications working with international organisations.
- Participation in expert group meetings with the United Nations ESCWA.
- Leading thematic discussions and partial formulations of the Arab Governance Report III.
- Consultations on Libyan post-conflict, governance, socioeconomic dialogue & institutional development.
- Produced policy post-conflict roadmap of reforms for Libya.

Sector State Building & Governance – North Africa & Middle East

(2016 - Present)

Director of Studies

Centre for Arab Unity Studies CAUS

Hamra, Beirut, Lebanon

<https://caus.org.lb/ar/home/>

- Designing, implementing and managing MENA research activities.
- Reviewing manuscripts for publications, books and articles.
- Content acquisition including translation of books.
- Copyrights and publications contracting.

Business Think tank

(2012-2013) + (2016 - 2017)

Acting Director General

Centre for Arab Unity Studies CAUS

Hamra, Beirut, Lebanon

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- Responsible for designing and implementing the research programme.
- Managing daily business of the centre with involvement in finance, public relations and HR.
- Editor-in-Chief of the Centre's monthly Journal and the Executive Editor of its quarterly English journal Contemporary Arab Affairs published by California University Press.

Sector Think tank

(Oct. 1985 – Nov.2011)

Professor of Political & International Relations

University of Tripoli, Libya

- Teach political science and international relations at under- and postgraduate levels.
- Supervising and examining students research and theses.
- Research and publication.
- Faculty promotion role.
- Currently on unpaid leave.

Sector Academia

(Apr. 2007 – Feb. 2011)

Resigned in protest and support of uprising

Executive Director

Gaddafi International Charity & Development Foundation

- Leading political, legal and economic reform initiatives to upgrade political institutions, enable free press and human rights.
- Reviewing, concluding, and signing contracts and agreements.
- Managing daily business of the foundation and coordinating its constituents' societies.
- Led multiple aid and relief initiatives.

Sector Political reform and charity.

(Oct. 1995 – Nov. 2003)

Head of the Department of Political Science & Graduate Programme

University of Tripoli, Libya

- Provide academic leadership while conforming to university vision, policy and standards including HR and finance,
- manage and develop the department to achieves high standards of excellence in all its activities.
- Responsible for setting and advancing the academic strategy of the Department.
- Participate in managing the Faculty academic affairs.
- develop and sustain communication with the students and between them and the staff to ensure the best possible student experience.
- ensure all activities are carried out to the highest possible standards.
- Designing, implementing and advancing curriculum and research activities.

Sector Academia

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(1993 - 1996)

PhD, International Relations – EQF Level 8

University of Kent – United Kingdom

- PhD in Politics & International Relations.

(1977 - 1980)

BA, Political Science – EQF Level 6

University of Garyounes – Benghazi, Libya

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Arabic

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2

Communication skills

- Through participation in many seminars and conferences as well as leading a programme and delivering public lectures I developed the ability to listen and interact while focussing on delivering my message across.
- Managing researchers at a regional level at CAUS gave me the ability to develop my communication skills understanding individual and local context. My experience at NGO level and engagement with donors and the humanitarian environment widened my horizon and ability to comprehend different situations and enhanced my ability to analyse multi factor and multi- party issues.
- My role at CAUS & GICDF made me their public face with multi-level communications including with donors, communities, other NGO's, governments, recipients and the media. This helped me gain and develop essential interpersonal, communication, speaking and listening skills.

Organisational / managerial skills

- During my time at CAUS & GICDF I was involved in strategic planning, monitoring and evaluating outcomes related to objectives.
- Designing and implementing outreach programmes and advocacy.

Job-related skills

- Involvement in creating a vision for CAUS and GICDF.
- Direct involvement in resources allocation.

Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient	Proficient	Independent	Independent	Independent

Driving licence

Full Driving licence - category: B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications International Referred Journals

- Gaddafi's Legacy, Institutional Development, and National Reconciliation in Libya, Contemporary Arab Affairs, Vol. 13, No. 1, March 2020 (pp.46-68) DOI: 10.1525/caa.2020.13.1.23
- "Islamist and Non-Islamist Currents and the Struggle for Post-Gaddafi Libya", Contemporary Arab Affairs, Vol. 11 No. 1-2, March-June 2018; (pp. 87-106) DOI: 10.1525/caa.2018.00001A
- "Public Administration in Libya: Continuity and Change", International Journal of Public Administration, Issue 10, 09 November 2017, (pp. 807-819), doi.org/10.1080/01900692.2017.1387146
- "Security sector reform, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of militias: the challenges for state building in Libya", Contemporary Arab Affairs, Vol.10, No.2, (pp.171-186) , 23 March 2017, doi.org/10.1080/17550912.2017.1297564
- "Libyan constitutionality and sovereignty post-Qadhafi: the Islamist, regionalist, and Amazigh challenges", with co-author Jason Pack, Journal of North African Studies, Vol.18, issue 4, (pp. 523-543) 25 Oct. 2013, doi.org/10.1080/13629387.2013.838056
- "Security Challenges of the Arab Spring: from reforming institutions to a new security approach", Al Mustaqbal Al Arabi, No.416, October 2013, (Arabic Text)
- "The "end of Pan-Arabism" revisited: reflections on the Arab Spring", Contemporary Arab Affairs 5 (3), 2012,382-397
- "Post-Qadhafi Libya: interactive dynamics and the political future", Contemporary Arab Affairs, Vol. 5 No. 1, January–March 2012; (pp. 1-26) DOI: 10.1080/17550912.2012.650007
- "Knowledge and the Arab Renaissance Project", Al Mustaqbal Al Arabi, vol.35 no.403, Sep.2012 (Arabic Text)
- "The Analysis of International Relations", Arab Political Science Review, Vol.34, Spring 2012. (Arabic Text)
- "Challenges and Prospects in Post-Gaddafi Libya", International Affairs Review, Issue 5 Dec. 2011, the George Washington University's Elliott School.
- "Prospect of a Post-Gaddafi Libya", World Policy Journal, Issue Nov. 2011.
- "Arabs and democracy: an analysis of the findings of the survey of Arab public opinion towards democracy", Contemporary Arab Affairs, 7(3) July 2014, 351-362.
- "The United States and Libya: Turbulent History and Uncertain Future", E- International Relations,27/12/2014, <http://www.e-ir.info/2014/12/27/the-unit>

Conference Publications

- Justice and Peace in Libya: lessons from Latin America, paper presented at Seminar on' State Transformation in Latin America and the Arab World: Mapping Gaps and Bridges", University of Paris Descartes, Faculty of Law, France, October 4, 2019.
- Establishing the Baseline: Towards a Normative Agenda of the Libyan Socioeconomic Dialogue Project, UNESCWA Expert Group Meeting, Tunis, 6-7 June 2018
- Presentation at the Expert Group Meeting on Good Socio-Economic Governance for Conflict Prevention: socio-economic and political repercussions of macroeconomic reform policies in the Arab region, UNESCWA and Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Benguerir, Morocco, 25-27 June 2019.
- Role of Think Tanks and Research Centres in Promoting the Culture of Good Governance, organized by UNESCWA, and others, Tunis, 23-24 March 2018.
- Conference on "Libya from Revolution to State Building: Challenges of the Transitional Period", Doha, The Libya Center for Studies and research, 7-8 January 2012, paper title: "Democratic Transformation in Libya: Analysis of Economic and Political Challenges in Post-Gaddafi Libya".

Books/Book Chapters

- "The New Arab: Contexts of Formation and Change", in, Henry Await(ed.)2019. Towards a New Arab Human Being, Arab Thought Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon.
- UNESCWA, 2019. 'Post-Conflict Institutional Development in Libya', Arab Governance Report III, New York & Beirut.
- International Relations Theories, 2017. Second Updated & Revised Edition, (Arabic Text), Al Maaraef Forum, Beirut.
- Empiricism and Its Application in Scientific Research, 2017. Al-Rawfed Culture, Beirut, (Arabic Text)
- "Minorities and Cultural Groups in Libya: The Case for Multiculturalism", in, Moha Ennaji (ed.) 2015. Multiculturalism and democracy in North Africa, Red Sea Press, Lawrenceville, United States.
- Arab Public Opinion Attitudes Towards Democracy: Analysis of Survey Results, Center for Arab Unity Studies, Beirut, 2014 (Arabic)
- Arab Public Opinion Attitudes Towards Arab Unity: Analysis of Survey Results, Center for Arab Unity Studies, Beirut, 2014(Arabic)
- Libya: Revolution and State-Building, Beirut, Center for Arab Unity Studies,2013(Arabic)
- The February 17th Intifada in Libya: Disposing of the Regime and Issues of State Building" In, Ricardo Laremont (ed.), Revolution, Revolt and Reform in North Africa: The Arab Spring and Beyond, Routledge, 2013
- "Dynamics of Continuity and Change", in, Jason Pack (ed.), the Libyan Uprisings and the Struggle for the Post-Qadhafi Future. Palgrave,2013.
- Co-edited with Ricardo Laremont, The Arab Spring: Revolt, Reform and Revolution, (Al Maaraef Forum, Beirut, 2013. (Arabic)).
- International Relations Theories, 2013, (Arabic), Al Maaraef Forum, Beirut.
- Co-edited with Abd Al Illah Belqaziz, Revolution and Democratic Transition in the Arab World: A Road Map (Centre for Arab Unity Studies, 2012, (Arabic).
- Revised and wrote an introduction to the Arabic Translation of
- S. Huntington, Who Are We? Published by the World Center, Tripoli, Libya, 2008.
- Contemporary Libya: Issues & Challenges, Tripoli, Libya, World Center, 2007, (Arabic Text).
- "The Future of the Arab Nation in Two Visions: The Arab Human Development Report and the State of the Nation Report", in, Emhemed Malki (ed.), the Arab Human Development Report, Conference Proceedings, Casablanca, Al Jadeeda Publishers, 2007 (Arabic Text).
- Edited, Empiricism in Social Science, Tripoli, World Center,2006.
- Co-edited with Kamal Manoufi, Democracy and Political Reform in the Arab World, Cairo University and World Center, Tripoli, 2006(Arabic Text).
- Edited, Reflections of African Scholars on the African Union, Tripoli, World Center, 2005.
- Arab Political Thought on Arab Nationalism and Unity, (Arabic Text) Beirut; Center for Arab Unity Studies, 2003.
- "Libyan Women's Political Participation" in, Hamdi Abdulrahman (ed.), Gender and Politics: Women Political Participation in North Africa, Cairo; University of Cairo, 2001, (Arabic Text).
- "Zimbabwe: A Case Study of the Use of the Veto Power in the United Nations' Security Council", in, Ali M. Shambesh (ed.) The Use of Veto in the Security Council, Benghazi, University of Gayuonis Press, 1984(Arabic Text).
- (Co-Author) Namibia: The Path towards Independence, Tripoli, Public Establishment for Publishing, 1983. (Arabic Text).

Other Publications

- Libya Under Gaddafi's Shadow: Will the Democratic Dream Ever Come True? Democracy in Exile, The DAWN Journal, <https://dawnmena.org/libya-under-gaddafis-shadow-will-the-democratic-dream-ever-come-true/>
- "Political Sarcasm in the times of Violence and conflict: Analysis of Text messages in Post-Gaddafi Libya", Al Mustaqbal Al Arabi, 476, October 2018 (Arabic Text).
- "Arab Education: Reality and Challenge", Ofok, Arab Thought Foundation, August 2018. (Arabic Text)
- "Bringing Religion Back into International Relations", Ofok, Arab Thought Foundation, March 2018. (Arabic Text)
- "Reform and the Restructuring of Libya's Economy: Challenges and Policies", Al-Iqtisad wa al-Ouloum al-Siasiyah, Vol. 2, 2004(Arabic Text).
- "Libya and the Challenges of African Migrants" Fadaat, vol. 18, April 2005, (Arabic Text)
- "Africa and Globalization: Impact & Challenges", in, Hamdi A. Hassan(ed.), Africa and Globalization, Cairo University,2004(Arabic Text)
- "A Critique of Western Political Science", Dirasat, vol. 1, nos.2-3, September 1999.
- "Globalization and Nationalist Cultures and Identities", Dirasat, vol. 1 no.1, 1998, Tripoli. (Arabic Text)
- "Europe and the Arabs: Partnership, What Conditions", Al-Dirasat Al- Uliya Journal of the Academy of Graduate Studies, Tripoli, Libya, autumn 1998.

Forthcoming Publications

- Public Administration in Libya: Continuity and Change in, Shahjahan Bhuiyan (ed.) Public Administration in the Middle East and North Africa, Routledge/Taylor & Francis, Winter 2020.
- Arab Identity in Post-Arab Spring, Al Mustaqbal Al Arabi, Summer 2020

Research Projects & Grants

- Researcher, 'Law, Institutions and Reconciliation in Libya', University of Leiden Project, 2019.
- Coordinator and Team Leader, Reforming Libyan Laws and Legislations, Libyan Economic Development Board, 2010
- Team Member, Local Governance and Decentralization, Libyan Economic Development Board, 2010
- Coordinator and Team Leader, Foreign Policy & National Security, Libya Vision 2025 Project, General Planning Council, Libya (2009-2010)
- Coordinator & Team Member, Libyan Constitution Drafting Initiative, GICDF and Supreme Court, Libya, 2004-2010
- Coordinator and Team Leader, Upgrading Political Institutions Module, National Social& Economic Strategy, Libya Council of Ministers, (2006-2007)
- Team Leader and Principal Researcher, "Migration in Libya: The Legal, Institutional, Economic and Political Frameworks", International Organization for Migration, Libya, (2006-2007)
- Coordinator and Team Leader, Draft Civil Society Law, Libya, 2004
- Coordinator, Libyan –US Academic Dialogue, World Center, Tripoli, Libya, (2003- 2005).

Participation in Conferences Regional & International

- Arab Diaspora Conference 2020: Reclaiming the Public Narrative, Voices of the Middle East, Joint Chair in Women's Studies, University of Ottawa and Carleton University, Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ottawa, 22-24 February 2020
- State Transformation in Latin America and the Arab World: Mapping Gaps and Bridges", University of Paris Descartes, Faculty of Law, France, October 4, 2019.
- "Institutionality and governance in Libya: challenges of conflict phase and Case Studies", Paper Presented at UNESCWA, Technical Meeting: Presentation &Thematic Discussion of the Updated Three Baseline Studies, Libya Social Dialogue Project, Tunis, September 14-15, 2019
- Summer School on Post-Conflict Stabilization, organized by the Middle East Directions Programme and the School of Transnational Governance, the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 9-11 July 2018
- Seminar on Arab Region Trends of Military Spending "Security, Defence and Development", Jointly Organized by Swedish Institute Alexandria, SIPRI and CAUS, Alexandria 11-12 February 2018.
- "Libya: Prospects for Peace and Reconciliation", a Lecture at Exchanges on the Middle East III, (7 December 2017, De Rode Hoed, Amsterdam)
- Al Jazeera Seventh Forum, 16-18 March 2013: Speaker on "Security Challenges and the Reform of Security Sector in Post-Arab Spring Context".
- Symposium on "Revolution and Democratic Transition in the Arab World: A Road Map", Hammamt, Tunisia, February 2012, Swedish Institute in Alexandria and The Center for Arab Unity Studies, a paper on "Libya and the challenges of transition' Post-Gaddafi Libya".
- 'A Region in Flux', a conference organized by, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Istanbul, Turkey, November 18, 2011.
- Mediterranean Strategy Group, Genoa, Italy, May 10 – 12, 2009, US– German Marshal Fund Conference.

Memberships

- Vice President of the Arab Association of Political Science (2019-)
- Consultant, (part time) Libya's Economic Development Board, Libya (2009- 2010)
- National Consultant, UNDP, Libya, 2004.
- Chairman, Development Committee, Academy of Graduate Studies, Tripoli, Libya, (2001)
- Led and Organized a number of CAUS conferences and seminars (2012-2018)
- Member, Evaluating Committee, Arab Journalism Award (2008-2009, 2010- 2011) UAE.

Referee/Reviewer

- Member of the editorial board of the Arab Political Science review, 2020 – present.
- Peer Review of Clingendael Research "Bringing Greater Security in Libya about: the need for a new paradigm", April 2019
- UNESCWA, Consultant reviewer of the baseline studies on the governance aspects of Libya Social Dialogue Project, July-October 2019
- UNESCWA, 2019. Reviewer of the Arab Governance Report III, 2018 and contributed to the chapter on "Post-Conflict Institutional Development in Libya", Arab Governance Report III, New York & Beirut.
- Editor and member of the editorial board, Journal of Contemporary Arab Affairs, UCP, since 2016
- Member of the editorial board of Al-Mustaqbal Al-Arabi since June 2016, Beirut, Lebanon
- Editor-in-Chief, Al-Mustaqbal Al-Arabi, Beirut, Lebanon. (2012- May2013)
- Member of editorial board of the Al-Iqtisad wa Al-Ouloum Al-Siasiyah, (Economics and Political Science) a quarterly periodical, Faculty of Economics & Political Science, University of Tripoli, Libya, 2004-2007

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ANNEXES

1. PhD degree diploma. (Attached)
2. Testimonial of assignments/performance. (Attached)
3. Publications and research (accessible online)