

Dr. Saeed al-Qumairi's CV

❖ Personal Information

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❖ Biography

Dr. Saeed al-Qumairi is a highly experienced professional in academia and practice, specializing in generative linguistics and morphosyntactic dialectology of endangered languages, particularly the Modern South Arabian languages (MSAL); Mehri, Soqotri, Hobyūt, Shehri, Harsusi and Baḥari. He has a strong educational foundation with PhD in Applied linguistics, MA of Linguistics, BSc in English Education and Arts, and two credentials as projects in language documentation and ecopoetry in the Mehri language. He was an international research fellow at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom.

As an educator, Dr. al-Qumairi has taught a wide range of linguistic subjects in Hadhramaut University and Mahrah University. They are English skills, Syntax, Morphology, Semiotics, structure of English, English for specific purposes, and introduction to Semitics. He is the founder and the director of Mehri language centre, currently affiliated to Mahrah University in Yemen.

With a strong research focus, al-Qumairi has contributed to the field through the publication of several papers and book chapters on various aspects of Mehri and Arabic, including work on syntax, communicative gesture, narrative texts, ecopoetics and children's rhymes. His current research interest revolves around the Sustainable development and resilience through the documentation and revitalization of ecopoetics in al-Mahrah, Yemen. In addition to his scholarly pursuits, Dr. al-Qumairi actively engages in participating in UNESCO workshops, presenting papers in international conferences, and consultations in linguistic issues of MSALs.

❖ Qualifications

- PhD in Applied Linguistics – University Science of Malaysia, 2017.
- MA in Linguistics – University of Malaya, 2013.
- Bachelor in Education of English – Hadhramaut University, 2008.

❖ **Work Experience**

Employer	Years	Experience
Hadhramaut University -Yemen	September 2017 – October 2022	- Assistant Professor of Applied linguistics at department of English Faculty of Education - Dean Assistant for Students affairs at Faculty of Applied & Human Sciences.
Mehri Language Center for Studies and Research (MCSR)	October 2017 – November 2022	- Founder and director at MCSR before joining to Mahrah University.
Mahrah University - Yemen	October 2022- to date	- Assistant Professor of Applied linguistics at department of English Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences. - Director at MCSR
University of Leeds - UK	1 October 2017- 30 September 2019	Research assistant on a project ‘community documentation of biocultural diversity in the eastern Yemeni province of al Mahrah’ funded by Endangered Language Documentation Program (ELDP)
University of Leeds - UK	1 September 2023- 31 May 2024	Postdoctoral Research Fellow on a project ‘Sustainable development and resilience through the preservation and revitalization of ecopoetics in al-Mahrah, Yemen’ funded by British Council.

Hadhramaut University

❖ **Research interests**

- Generative linguistics
- Syntax
- Morphology
- Language documentation
- Language teaching
- Inter-cultural pragmatics
- Interaction of language and nature.

❖ **Professional memberships**

- Founder and member of Mehri language center for Studies & Research (MCSR), Mahrah University, Yemen.

- Member of Centre for Endangered Languages, Cultures, and Ecosystems (CELCE), University of Leeds, UK.
- Depositor at Endangered Language Archive (ELAR) and Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP), UK.
- Fellow of cultural and language diversity at British council, UK.
- Coordinator of the National Higher Education Research Institute – Malaysia.
- Member of the editorial team of the Southeastern Philippines Journal of Research and Development (SPJRD), University of Southeastern Philippines.
- Member of ARID Scientific organization, Malaysia.
- Reviewer at the Canadian of Science and Education (CCSE).
- Reviewer at 3L The Southeast Asian Journal of English Language Studies, UKM, Malaysia.
- Member of the Scientific Committee at the Conference of the Arab Cultural link between Yemen and Egypt.

❖ Skills

- **Academic skills;** I have experience in teaching syntax and morphology of English and Arabic languages. I am interested in generative linguistics, particularly the Chomsky’s Minimalist program (MP) which I have taught in my Master of linguistics. In my PhD thesis, I applied MP to analyze the clause structure of Mehri, an endangered language spoken in Yemen. This helps me to publish several journal articles on the syntax of Mehri and Arabic.
- **Language skills;** in addition to Arabic and English, I am the native speaker of Mehri. I have working knowledge with *Soqoṭri*, *Hobyūt*, *Shehri*, *Ḥarsusi* and *Baḥhari*. I also have basic information of Malay language.
- **Language documentation skills;** I am interested in documenting endangered languages using digital techniques such as Elan, Lamita, Saymore which I taught in Fall Berlin school organized by Endangered language Program (ELDP) in 2018. I am also the language depositor in Endangered language Archive (ELAR).
- **Community engagement skills;** during my work in Mehri language center, as its founder, I built strong relationship and trust with community members. This allowed me to organize and plane successful events.
- **Student affair skills;** As my previous position, the deputy dean for student affairs in Hadhramaut University, I worked cooperatively with my students to enhance and improve their skills, knowledge, and activities.

❖ Research projects

Title	Funder	Start Date	End Date
Cooperated with Janet Watson to establish project research on the ‘community documentation of biocultural diversity in the eastern Yemeni province of al Mahrah.	ELDP	1 October 2017	30 September 2019
Sustainable development and resilience through the preservation and revitalization	British Council	1 September	31 May 2024

❖ Research Contributions

• Journal Articles

- Al-Qumairi. Saeed, (2015). A Minimalist Analysis of the Animal Coding System in Mehri Language within Probe-Goal Matching Approach International Academic Research Journal (IARJ), 1(2), pp.177-191.
- Al-Qumairi. Saeed, and Shuib, Munir, (2018). Verbal Agreement in Mehri Word Order: A Feature -based - Inheritance Model, *Pertanika Journal Soc. Sci. & Hum.*, 26 (T), 57 78.
- Sultan, Fazal, Taha, Mohammed and Al Qumairi, Saeed, (2018). The Syntax of Applicative Constructions in Spoken Sudanese Arabic, *3L: The Southeast Asian Journal of English Language Studies*, 24 (2), 143-153.
- Al-Qumairi. S., Taha, M., Arifin, A. (2020). The Syntax of Possessive da- in Mehri.” *Lingua*, Volume 244, 1-14.
- Fakh, A., Al-Qumairi. S., Alzubi, A., (2023). The syntax of wh-questions in unaccusative and (Un)ergative structures in Mehri language: A Phase-based approach. *Plos one*, 18 (10), 1-30.
- Al-Qumairi. S., Watson, J., Boom A. (2024). Children's Rhymes and Nature in Mehri, a Modern South Arabian language., *Journal of Semitic Studies*, Oxford Press (in Press).
- Iglesia, J., Ingilan, S. & Al-Qumairi, S. (2024). The development of Kalagan and Isamal Linguistics: An archival research. *Southeastern Philippines Journal of Research and Development (SPJRD)* (In Press).

• Book Chapters

- Al-Qumairi. S., Shuib, M., Ghani, E. (2018). Language in Educational System: The Sustainability of Indigenous Languages in Yemen. In R. Bakar & A. Ismail (Eds.), *The Green Sustainability of Higher Education a Global Perspectives*, (pp. 135 160). USM Press.
- Watson J, Wilson J, Boom A, al-Qumairi S. (2022). Language, gesture and ecology in Modern South Arabian languages. In: Watson J; Lovett J; Morano R (eds.) *Language and Ecology in Southern and Eastern Arabia*. Bloomsbury Publishing.
- Watson, J., Al-Qumairi. S. (2024). Seven Texts in the Mehri of Bit al-Afār tribe, Habrūt. In Heessel, V. Tsukanova & M. Waltisbreg (eds), *Der Perlentaucher, Festschrift für Stefan Weninger zu seinem 65. Geburtstag am 6. August 20204*. Harrassowitz:Wiesbaden. (in Press).
- Al-Qumairi. S., Watson, J. & Morris, M. (2025). The crow and the frankincense harvester: A debate Mehri poem. In L. Logan, M. Bulakh et al (eds), *Soqatra, Mhrah, and Dhofar: A Modern South Arabian linguistic*

and folkloristic gathering to honor Vitaly Naumkin. Brill: Leiden. (in Press).

- Watson, J., Al-Qumairi. S., al-Mahri, A., and al-Mahri, H., (2025). Water, clouds and wind among the Mahrah In L. Logan, M. Bulakh et al (eds), *Soqatra, Mhrah, and Dhofar: A Modern South Arabian linguistic and folkloristic gathering to honor Vitaly Naumkin*. Brill: Leiden. (in Press).

- **Books**

- Morphosyntactic Analysis of Clause Structure in Mehri (in Prep).
- Debate-Poems from Mehri oral literature (in Prep).
- Mehri Children e-books (in Prep).

- **Archive**

- al-Qumairi. Saeed, and Watson, Janet, (2018). Community Documentation of Biocultural Diversity in the Eastern Yemeni Province of Al-Mahrah, Yemen. *Endangered Languages Archive*, [Elar archive](#).

- **Links**

- <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4034-9640>
- Web of Science Research ID: JPX-3405-2023
- <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=7rt5gR4AAAAJ&hl=ar>
- <https://arid.my/0001-1106>
- <https://leeds.academia.edu/SaeedSAIQumairi>
- <https://www.researchgate.net/>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/saeed-al-qumairi-phd-637282294>

❖ **Conferences, Workshops & Seminars**

- N8 CIR's Introduction to Trees in Python workshop held in University of Sheffield, December 2, 2023.
- Two workshops on Mehri language and children rhymes held in University College of London (UCL), November 28, 2023.
- Seminar of Children's Rhymes in Mehri Language held by World Literature Center at University of Leeds, November 8, 2023.
- 3rd international Conference of Modern Scientific Accomplishments in the Human Science held by Sharqiah University, Sultanate of Oman, 5-6 May 2023.
- 4th Conference of the proficiency of teaching Arabic language and its culture held by Oriental institute, University of Leipzig 27-28 January 2023.
- UNESCO Workshop on community-based safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in Yemen held in Cairo, Egypt, 11-22 August 2022.
- The 5th International Conference of Social, Humanities, and Linguistic Sciences held in Pangi Resort Hotel, Selangor, Malaysia, 23-27 November 2019.
- UNESCO and Ministry of Yemeni Culture Conference of Oral Yemeni Heritage held in Embassy of Yemen, Cairo, Egypt, 5-9 July 2019.

- Endangered Language Documentation Program's Fall School in Theory and Method in Documentary Linguistics held in ZAS, Berlin, Germany, 11-20 October 2018.
- Global Higher Education Forum (GHEF) held in Penang, Malaysia in 5-7 April 2016, organized by Ministry of Higher Education and University Science Malaysia.
- international Conference on Humanities 2016 (ICH 2016), organized by a Postgraduate club in school of humanities, University Science Malaysia.
- International Conference on Creativity in Education and Humanities (NCC2017), organized by National Higher Education Research Institute (NaHERI) and School of Humanities, University Science Malaysia.
- Be Divergent: Creative Thinking Workshop, organized by school of humanities University Science Malaysia, 13 May 2016.
- Corpus Linguistics Research Postgraduate Workshop organized by school of humanities University Science Malaysia; 24 & 25 March 2016.
- Professional and Personal Development workshops in themes like: writing a thesis, literature review, academic publication, and research proposal writing, University Science Malaysia, 2014.

❖ Postgraduate supervision

- The impact of Mehri language on scholars' acquisition of Arabic language skills and their attitudes towards it, Ph. D. Thesis, Hadhramaut University.
- Agreement features of the verbal structures in Mehri Haswain Dialect: Morphological study, MA thesis. Mahrah University.

❖ Referees

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