



SIMA AL KANAWATI

Senior Architect

PROFILE

I am a passionate architect, I hold a master's degree in architectural design, and have a great interest in design and creating solutions to challenges facing the design process.

I won two local awards in architectural design in Syria and passed on my passion for architecture and design to the next generation of university students through my teaching design at the Faculty of Architecture in Damascus and Aleppo, in addition to practical practice through my private office Affiliated to the Syrian Engineers Syndicate

In 2015, I moved to Istanbul and, in partnership with my husband, founded **More Design** company for Architecture and Interior Design. We have implemented several projects between residential, commercial and offices.

In addition to my work in the company, I taught in the **Pearson BTEC international institution** and the Innovative Education program at the **Karam Foundation** in cooperation with the **NUVU School** for innovative Education in Boston USA

In Turkey, I participated in many conferences and events concerned with the education of Syrian immigrants. I also represented Syrian businesswomen in a number of local and international events and conferences in Turkey

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EDUCATION

University of Damascus- Faculty Of Architectural Engineering

2013 - 2015

Master degree in architectural design. With an overall average of 81.13%, with a very good rank

University of Damascus- Faculty Of Architectural Engineering

2000 - 2001

Certificate of a post-graduate diploma in architectural design. With an overall average of 80.55%, with a very good rank

University of Damascus- Faculty Of Architectural Engineering

1995 - 2000

Bachelor's degree in Architecture. With an overall average of 64,93%, with a good rank and ranking (6/142) Sixth out of 142 graduate students

WORK EXPERIENCE

Pearson BTEC international institution Istanbul- Türkiye.- Lecturer

Oct.2021–present (Part time)

([Higher National Diploma](#) in Business Administration RQF

International) program / Art & Design department. Authorized to [ABC Horizon institute](#) / Istanbul

Karam House \ Istanbul- Türkiye. supported by KARAM Foundation USA- Innovative Education mentor

Jul. 2018–Sep. 2023

Project coordinator in the institution and Innovative Education [mentor](#) in the [IE program](#) that is supported by [NUVU](#) School of Innovation, Boston, US

Osmanli University \ Istanbul- Türkiye - Lecturer

Oct.2017–Feb.2019 (3 semesters)

Curriculum designer and Instructor of architectural design studio and Islamic architecture in the faculty of architecture. Teaching language: English – Arabic.

MORE DESIGN Company \ Istanbul- Türkiye – Owner & Senior Architect

Oct.2015 – present

Cofounder and senior architect, working in Interior and furniture design, providing smart solutions for small spaces through smart and multifunctional furniture. Responsible for strategic planning and development.

Al-nada association (NGO) \ Damascus- Syria -Coordinator of public relations and media departments

Jun. 2011 – Jun.2014

Preparing strategies for both sections and organizing the events and programs to achieve the organization's overall outreach plan

Arab International University (AIU) \ Damascus -Syria – Assistant teacher

Oct. 2007 – Jun.2014

Teaching architectural design, interior design, free hand drawing and executive drawings. Involved in developing the curriculum. Teaching language: English – Arabic.

PERSONAL

Citizenship: Syrian.

Birth: June 4.th\1978- Damascus- Syria.

Address: Başak Mah. - 4. Etap -1. Kısım- blok B3- No.33- Başakşehir- İstanbul - Türkiye

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Native.

English: Second Language.

German: Intermediate.

Obtained a certificate in German language **Zertificat Deutsch** from (Goethe Institute – Damascus) 1999

Turkish: Intermediate

(A1, A2, B1) levels in **TÖMER** institute Sabahtin Zaim University in Istanbul

(B2) level in T.C. Millî Eğitim Bakanlığı Hayat Boyu Öğrenme Genel Müdürlüğü ve Birleşmiş Milletler Kalkınma Programı (UNDP)

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Auto Cad - 3DS-Max, Photoshop, Rhinoceros, Fusion, 3D printing, sketch up and MS Office

HOBBIES

Travelling – sketching- hand crafts- in nature adventures.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Private Office authorized in the Engineer's Union Damascus, Syria – Senior Architect

Oct.2006 - Mar.2015

Contracting & Consultations.

Al-Ma'moun center\ Damascus, Syria. Course Coordinator

Dec. 2005 – Jan. 2006

Trainer and course designer and coordinator in decoration and interior design diploma.

Private University of Science and Arts (PUSA)\ Aleppo, Syria- Assistant teacher

Oct. 2004 - Oct.2007

Teaching architectural design, theories of architecture, urban design and CAD in the Faculty of Architecture. Involved in developing the curriculum. Teaching language: English – Arabic.

Central Monitoring and Inspection Commission\ Damascus Syria- Expert

Oct.2003 –Jun. 2004

oversight expertise on a range of projects as a private mission

Ministry of Education, School Buildings Department, Damascus Syria- Architect.

Feb. 2001 –Oct. 2004

School Buildings restoration and maintenance. Projects follow up. Preparing and supervising the implementation of tenders

Several institutions and engineering offices\ Damascus, Syria – Architect

Feb. 2001 –Oct. 2007

part time architectural designer and site engineer

TRAINING

Certificate in Mentorship

2022

T.C. Bogazici Universitesi - Istanbul

Small Business Management and Work Lows in Turkey

2020- 2023

Several trainings by INGEV and BUILDING MARKETS – Istanbul

Certificate in Program Management for Development Professionals

2020

IMAAR Training & Development – Istanbul

Certificate in Negotiation, Costumer Service, and Team Leading

2019

by Game-learning.com

Advanced Training Certificate in: **Design Technologies, Industrial Automation Technology, and Furniture and Interior Design Personal Development and Professional Communication**

2018

Awarded by NuVu Innovation School Boston- USA

Certificate of participant: **Teaching Arabic Language for Non-Arabs** workshop

2017

Aydin University - Istanbul

Certificate in **featured leadership**

2016

Knowledge Authority for Education and Culture- Istanbul

Certificate in **economic feasibility study**

2013

ELLAF TRAIN center Damascus - Syria

Certificate in **disaster relief work**

2012

NGOs platform in Syria

Certificate in **active learning**

2011

GLOBAL ACADEMY OF TRAINING AND CONSULTING - Damascus

Certificate in **preparing a business plan**

2011

Organized by JCI Damascus

Certificate in **project management (PMP)**

2011

The Dutch cultural center in Damascus- Syria

Certificate in **administrative skills development**

2011

AIDEAL CENTER, Damascus- Syria

Certificate in **business communication**

2010

The American language center **ALC**

Certificate in **renewable energy and power saving buildings**

2008

DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY and DAAD

Certificate in **team leading and team work in NGOs**

2008

ALNADA charity, Damascus- Syria

Certificate in **training of trainers** (TOT)

2006

The Arab web for NGO's

Certificate **practitioner in Neural Linguistic Programming** NLP

2004

INLIPTA institution

Certificate **diploma in Neural Linguistic Programming** NLP

2003

INLIPTA institution

ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS AND PUBLISHING

2017 / Article about "[The role of the university professor in the quality of the educational process](#)" in the Conference of investment in higher education and its impact on academic and cultural advancement hosted by the International Association of Universities. Istanbul 18- 20\07\2017

2014 / Article about "[symbolism in architectural space](#)" in the official magazine of Damascus University.

2009/ Fourth winner in the architectural competition (Social and Recreational club for engineers in suburb Qudsaya 2009 -Home for the elderly and an entertainment center), under the patronage of the Syrian society of engineers

2006/ Participation in the competition of the historical museum in Homs, under the supervision of General Directorate of Antiquities and Museums

2003/ Participation in the competition of the diplomatic quarter organized under the patronage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2002/ Fourth winner in the architectural competition of urban design of Bludan rural side under the auspices of the Ministry of Housing and Damascus Countryside Governorate

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Beside my interest in social work and training, I have benefitted from my abilities of coaching in leading architectural teams in most of the companies I have worked with. I also had the following activities:

Participating in MARUF/ Marmara Urban Forum 02.10.2021 as a [panelist](#) speaker. Program name: [Refugee entrepreneurs](#): Pioneers for development and social cohesion

Participating in BRAND WEEK ISTANBUL 08.11.2018 as a [panelist speaker](#)

Participating in **Migration, Refugees and Humanity** summit in Kartepe 28.10.2018 as a [panelist speaker](#) in a platform about: RESEARCH and EVALUATION: DIMENSIONS of SYRIAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP and DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (RE-ESTABLISHING LIFE and WORK)

Participating in a workshop about (The Educational Process) during the international conference for educating Syrians (pre university stage) in Istanbul 18-19/02/2017

Participating in the 10th [international conference](#) of the International Universities Union / investment in higher education, and its effect on academic advancement. Presenting a paper about **(difficulties and challenges facing the university teacher in the educational process)** in Istanbul 3-4/11/2017

Participating in educational activities in Istanbul for teaching Arabic language for Arab pupils in Turkish schools 2015-2018

Participating in preparing the course content of the first year for architectural design and free hand drawing for the summer course 2010-2011 and the first and second semester 2011-2012 in AIU

Prepared a project's business plan for al-nada association and won the first price under the patronage of JCI junior chamber international, Damascus 2011

Membership of Syrian Architects society 2009

Contributing in the further education course on NEW and RENEWABLE ENERGIES AND ENERGY SAVING BUILDINGS in the frame of the 3rd German Syrian environmental week 2008

Volunteer in Al-Nada association in Damascus and participating its different activities since 2006

Membership of Syrian engineers' union 2000

Expedition with the Faculty of Architecture to the Technical University of Dresden in Germany 1999 and attending a workshop in historical analyses of buildings.