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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- Oct' 17- present **DPhil, International Development, University of Oxford, U.K.**
- Oct '13-July '14 **MPhil, Development Studies, University of Cambridge, U.K.** High pass.
- Sept'11-May '13 **B.A., Columbia University, New York.**
Major in Economics and concentration in Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies. *Summa Cum Laude* and Phi Beta Kappa member.
- Sept '09-May '11 **B.A., Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), Paris.** The Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Undergraduate College of Menton.
Major in Political Science and concentration in Middle Eastern Studies. Honours.
- Sept '08-June '09 **French Baccalaureate, Lycée Français de Jérusalem (Jerusalem French High School), Jerusalem.**
Scientific section. Honours.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Oct '17-present **Rhodes Scholar, University of Oxford.**
- May '13-present **Lifetime member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society-General Studies Division of the New York Delta Chapter** – for excellence in the Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- May '13-present **Lifetime member of the Honour Society of the School of General Studies of Columbia University** – for academic achievement and a Grade Point Average above 3.9/4.
- Oct '13-July '14 **College Studentship at Churchill College, Cambridge University.**
A scholarship of 10,000 BPS to sponsor my MPhil studies.
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- Sept '11-May '13 **TOMS Scholarship, Columbia University-School of General Studies.**
A scholarship of 20,000 USD for the first year and raised to 30,000 USD for the second year – for academic excellence.

Sept '09-May '13 **Bourse Excellence Major, Agency of French Education Abroad (AEFE).**
Full scholarship for two years of my studies at Sciences Po, and extended for another two years of my studies at Columbia University—for academic excellence and admission in the Dual BA programme between Sciences Po and Columbia.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Aug '15- Aug'16 **Policy Fellow**, Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network, Palestine.
Author or co-author carefully researched and innovative policy briefs; organize, coordinate, and moderate roundtables and/or public talks and discussions; reach out to different institutions and individuals from the governmental sector, the academic community, and the donor community; and brief delegations of diplomatic missions and foundations visiting Palestine.
- Dec '16-Feb '17 **Economic Consultant**, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Palestine.
Worked on an economic mapping project of East Jerusalem.
- Mar '16-Oct '16 **Economic Analyst**, GIZ, Palestine.
Provided advisory services for the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on the economy and services sector in East Jerusalem, as part of an initiative to develop future development strategies for Jerusalem.
- Dec '15-Mar '16 **Economic Consultant**, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Palestine.
Wrote a 120-page report that critically examines the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their relevance in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.
- May '15-Dec '15 **Research Associate**, Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies (IALIIS), Birzeit University, Palestine.
Assisted in a research project on “Enhancing the political representation for Palestinian refugees living in the West Bank and Gaza Camps,” and took the lead in writing research and fundraising proposals for IALIIS.
- Sept '14-July '15 **Visiting Lecturer**, Al-Quds Bard College for Arts and Sciences, Palestine.
Fall 2014: Introduction to Macroeconomics.
Spring 2015: Introduction to Microeconomics.
Summer 2015: The Palestinian Economy.
- Aug '14-Aug '15 **Research Associate**, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Palestine.
Worked on different economic research projects, as part of a research team or on my own; conducted literature reviews; collected and analysed data; worked on two research proposals; conducted field interviews and maintained accurate records of them; and supervised interns.
- July-Aug '13 **Research Assistant**, UNCTAD-Division on Globalisation and Development Strategies (DGDS)-Assistance to the Palestinian People Unit (APPU), Geneva.

Worked on merging two policy papers that exposed difficulties faced by Palestinian shippers at Israeli ports and provided recommendations for facilitating Palestinian trade. The final product was an UNCTAD report, entitled: "Trade facilitation in the OPT: Restrictions and limitations."

- Jan-May '13 **Teaching Assistant**, Econometrics, Columbia University.
Held weekly one-hour lectures for 15-20 students, and weekly office hours; and graded problem sets, midterms, and final exams, for two professors (Eduardo Morales and Chris Conlon).
- Sep '12-May '13 **Arabic Tutor**, Language Resource Centre at Columbia University.
Taught Arabic to three American PhD students.
- July-Aug '12 **Research Assistant**, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Palestine.
Assisted a senior researcher in an assessment of the Palestinian labour market and its needs in order to understand the causes of the mismatch between labour demand and labour supply for Palestinian fresh graduates.
- June-Aug '12 **Peace Fellow**, The Advocacy Project (USA) and The Democracy and Workers' Rights Centre (Palestine).
Participated in a project by the Palestinian Ministry of Labour to address child labour in the city of Ramallah; and wrote a blog on issues faced by Palestinian workers, especially in the informal sector.
- June '11 **Legal Advocacy Assistant**, BADIL Resource Centre for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, United Nations, Geneva.
Assisted in writing reports and statements for BADIL; and presented the organisation at different forums at the UN.
- Sept '10-May '11 **Arabic Tutor**, Sciences Po, Menton.
Assisted the Arabic language Professor by giving tutorials to international students.

PUBLICATIONS

Policy Papers

"**Economic collapse in East Jerusalem: Strategies for recovery**", *Al-Shabaka: The Palestinians Policy Network*, Nov 2016.

"**Between 'resilience' and 'sumud': Palestinian initiatives in East Jerusalem**", *United Nations Development Program*, Aug 2016.

"**الوضع الحالي للأسواق التجارية في البلدة القديمة في القدس**" (The political and economic conditions of commercial markets in the Old City of Jerusalem), *Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS)*, Aug 2016.

“Which Jerusalem? Israel’s little-known master plans”, *Al-Shabaka: The Palestinians Policy Network*, May 2016.

“How Israeli settlements stifle Palestine’s economy”, with Samia al-Botmeh and Leila Farsakh, *Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network*, Dec 2015.

“ICT: The shackled engine of Palestine’s development”, with Wassim Abdullah and Sam Bahour, *Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network*, Nov 2015.

“In Jerusalem, “Religious War” is used to cloak colonialism”, *Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network*, Feb 2015.

Commentaries and Newspaper articles

“Behind the headlines in Jerusalem”, *Al-Jazeera*, 11 August 2017.

“The myth of a ‘Palestinian economy’”, *Al-Jazeera*, 6 July 2017.

“The political alienation of Palestinian youth”, In: Cammack, P., Brown, N. & Muasher, M. (eds.). *Revitalizing Palestinian nationalism: Options versus realities*. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. June 2017.

“50 years of occupation: Ongoing colonial economic domination”, *This Week in Palestine*, 1 June 2017.

“Moving the US embassy to Jerusalem would destroy Palestine’s hopes of justice”, *The Guardian*, 10 Jan 2017.

“لننقذ القدس من المخططات الإسرائيلية” (Let’s save Jerusalem from Israeli master plans), *Al-Quds*, 18 July 2016.

“القدس تحت منظور الاحتلال في عامي 2020 و2050” (The occupation’s projection of Jerusalem for 2020 and 2050), *Al-Akhabar*, 1 July 2016.

“Senators miss the mark on Israel settlement labeling”, with Joanna Springer, *The Hill*, 19 Feb. 2016.

“Let Palestinians control their ICT resources”, with Sam Bahour and Wassim Abdullah, *Al-Jazeera America*, 2 Jan 2016.

“Résister à la fragmentation de l’économie palestinienne” (Resisting the fragmentation of the Palestinian economy), *Ballast*, 2 Dec 2015.

“Strangling the Palestinian economy”, *Le Monde Diplomatique*, 17 Nov 2015.

“القدس: فصل اخر من التهويد” (Jerusalem: A new phase of judaisation), *Assafir*, 3 Oct 2015.

“Benjamin Netanyahu wants bloodshed: A new, deliberately provocative right-wing incursion into sacred ground”, *Salon*, 30 Sept. 2015.

“Palestinian Bretton Woods”, *This Week in Palestine*, 1 June 2015.

“Baltimore, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem”, *The Hill*, 6 May 2015.

“Decolonizing Palestinian Economies”, *Open Democracy*, 8 Feb 2015.

“Four Burning Economic Spotlights in 2014”, *This Week in Palestine*, 1 Dec 2014.

Conferences and Invited Talks

“Mapping the Palestinian economy in East Jerusalem: Isolation and disintegration”. Paper presented at the “International conference on East Jerusalem after fifty years of occupation”, Al-Quds University, Palestine. 23 May 2017. [Invited speaker]

“The sources of the political alienation of ‘Palestinian youth’”. Talk given at the Palestine Workshop organized by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Amman. 12 Feb 2017. [Invited speaker]

“The Palestinian economy: From dependency to self-sufficiency”. Paper presented at the Jerusalem Youth Summit, “Jerusalemite Youth 2030”, East Jerusalem. 12 Dec 2016. [Invited speaker]

“A critical reading of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Development as a strategy of resistance”. Paper presented at the United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People, “Agenda 2030: Paving the way toward a peaceful, independent and sustainable State of Palestine”, Stockholm. 19-20 May 2016. [Invited speaker]

“Frameworks for promoting development in East Jerusalem (State of Palestine, UN, OIC)”. Paper presented at the “International Conference on the Question of Jerusalem,” jointly organized by the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Dakar. 3-4 May 2016. [Invited speaker]

“Building a ‘resistance economy’”. Paper presented at the conference: “Active citizens producing and consuming in a resistance economy today in Palestine,” Al-Najah University, Palestine. 8 Dec 2015. [Invited speaker]

“ICT sector development: Between colonization and de-politicization”. Paper presented at the conference “Palestinian Economy: Fragmentation and Colonization,” Birzeit University, Palestine. 14 Sept 2015. [Invited speaker]

MEDIA APPEARANCES

TV interview with *al-Ghad* on the economy of East Jerusalem, 28 June 2017.

TV interview with *BBC* on the two-state solution, 12 Jan 2017.

Radio interview with *France Inter* on the European Union’s labeling of settlement products, 3 Dec 2015.

Radio interview with *Radio France Internationale* on Israeli restrictions on the Palestinian ICT sector, 7 Jan 2016.

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TV interview for a documentary with *Itel / Canal Plus* on the impact of Israeli settlements on the Palestinian economy, 2 Feb 2016.

TV interview with *RTL Nieuws* on Airbnb in Israeli settlements, 4 Feb 2016.

TV interview with *Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen* on the impact of development aid in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, 17 May 2016.

SKILLS

Languages **Arabic:** Mother Tongue; **English** and **French:** Fluent; **Hebrew:** Intermediate; **Spanish:** Beginner.

Competences - **Strong communication and interpersonal skills.** Collaborated and communicated at several professional levels, and with people from diverse origins and cultures; self-reliant; well-built sense of responsibility; and strong organizing ability.
- **Adaptability.** Adapted to living abroad, learned perseverance and self-motivation.
- **Computer Skills.** Knowledge and experience of Windows XP, MS Word, MS Power point, MS Excel, and STATA.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Jan '17-present Board Member, Palestinian Art Court- al Hoash
Aug '15-present Member, NEWPal-“A New Generation; a New Perspective; and a reNEWed commitment to the Palestinian cause”.
April '15 Trainer and workshop facilitator, American Friends Service Committee, Palestine.
Aug '14-present Board Member and Public talks organiser, Pal Lectures (Nadawat Falastiniyyah), Palestine.
July '14-present Member, “Right to movement” group, Palestine; ran two half-marathons.
July '14-present Member, *Shat7a* hiking group, Palestine.
Oct '13-July '14 President, Cambridge University Palestine Society (CUPalSoc), UK.
Dec '08 Delegate, Model United Nations (MUN) Conference, Turkey. Represented Zimbabwe in the Disarmament Committee
Dec '07 Delegate, Model United Nations (MUN) Conference, Palestine. Represented Pakistan as its Ambassador in the Disarmament Committee.
Other interests Ballet dancing, piano, and reading.