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Today NYU Abu Dhabi has a faculty of more than 300 faculty who are experts in their field and educators at the highest level. Our faculty are drawn to the University by the quality and passion of our students and by a favorable and innovative research environment. Ultimately, our faculty join the community to partake in the institution’s resolve to contribute significantly to the region and to shape a better world through education and research.
WOLE SOYINKA  
Arts Professor of Theater  
*Honorary Doctorate of Letters, University of Cambridge, UK*

Nigerian playwright, poet, political activist and nobel laureate, Wole Soyinka, is a towering figure in world literature. His works encompass drama, poetry, novels, music, film, and memoirs; he is considered among contemporary Africa’s greatest writers as well as a global artist and scholar. He was held as a political prisoner for 22 months during Nigeria’s civil war in the late 1960s. He has won international acclaim for his verse, as well as for novels, including works such as *The Interpreters*. He is the author of several collections of poetry including *Mandela’s Earth and Other Poems*, two novels, several books of essays and memoirs including *The Burden of Memory*, *The Muse of Forgiveness*, and numerous plays. Soyinka is the 1986 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Previously: Scholar-in-residence at NYU’s Institute of African American Affairs, US

ADEEL HUSSAIN  
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Adeel Hussain clerked at the Court of Appeals in Frankfurt and was a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, and the Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law. Hussain’s research focuses on jurisprudence, comparative constitutional law, international law, and the global history of legal and political thought. His two monographs were published by Oxford University Press.

Previously: Assistant Professor of Legal and Political Theory, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University, UK

CHINASA EZUGHA  
Assistant Arts Professor of LiveArt /Art as Social Practice  
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Chinasa Ezugha has a distinguished performance practice spanning over 10 years. Ezugha’s research focuses on glossolalia (speaking in tongues). Ezugha’s research aims to investigate glossolalia within the non-conventional, looking at its use within the personal life of the speaker. Investigating the use of autoethnography in documenting personal glossolalia, Ezugha’s current project titled *Tongues* was funded by Arts Council England in 2021 and showcased at the Satellite Art Show Miami, as part of Performance is Alive. Ezugha is a Co-director at Live Art Development Agency, a publicly funded arts organization and registered charity founded in London.

Previously: Co-Director Live Art Development Agency, UK
JONATHAN KWAN
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
PhD in Philosophy, CUNY Graduate Center, US

Jonathan Kwan was an Inclusive Excellence Postdoctoral Fellow in Immigration Ethics at Santa Clara University. His areas of interest include social and political philosophy, environmental philosophy, philosophy of race, feminist philosophy, decolonial philosophy, Chinese philosophy, and Buddhist philosophy.

He is the recipient of the Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention, the Humanities Alliance Teaching Fellowship, the Center for Place, Culture and Politics Doctoral Fellowship, and other awards and fellowships. He served as an Admissions Committee Member at the Health Care Ethics Internships, Business Ethics Internships, and Hackworth Fellowships, Markkula Center, and as the Managing Editor for the Journal of Social Philosophy.

Previously: Postdoctoral Fellow, Santa Clara University, US

HENRIETTE MÜLLER
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Henriette Müller is a political scientist who has conducted wide-ranging research on public and political leadership, pursuing both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Her research is located at the intersections of critical leadership studies, gender studies, and comparative politics with regional focuses on the European Union and the Arab Gulf region. She studies the role and exercise of public and political leadership as well as its theoretical foundations. Her research focuses on the development of leadership, including performance, communication, and representations of leadership in different political contexts and cultural regions (both Western and non-Western). She is the author of Political Leadership and the European Commission Presidency (Oxford University Press, 2020) and co-editor of Women and Leadership in the European Union (with Ingeborg Tömmel, Oxford University Press, 2022).

Previously: Visiting Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE

MITCHELL ATKINSON
Lecturer of Writing
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Mitchell Atkinson’s research interests include alterity, phenomenology, power relations, musical experience, trans and posthumanism, ethics, African-American studies, critical theory, and expectation. His work reflects an overarching desire to explore various disciplinary approaches; his method foregrounds lived experience. His education has spanned US, UK, and Polish institutional contexts. Atkinson teaches the construction of academic and philosophical texts at the undergraduate and graduate levels, helping young researchers read across discursive divisions.

Previously: Doctoral Candidate, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
LEE GURDIAL KAUR SINGH
Lecturer of Writing
*PhD in History, University of California, Riverside, US*

Lee Gurdial Kaur Singh has taught subject specific writing courses in dance and history in addition to a full series of first-year English composition courses at UCR. Singh’s research methodology blends a historian’s critical assembly of archival traces from the past with a dance studies scholar’s inquiry into how dancing bodies make meaning. Singh’s dissertation, *Cultivating Soviet Ballet: The Red Poppy* at the Bolshoi Theater, 1927-1960, investigates how ballet—an art form intimately associated with the Russian imperial family and European courts of centuries past—was made to epitomize Soviet socialist culture.

*Previously: Lecturer, University of California, Riverside, US*

ARVIND RAJAGOPAL
Professor of Media Ecology
*PhD in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, US*

Arvind Rajagopal was a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford. Rajagopal’s books include *Politics After Television: Hindu Nationalism and the Reshaping of the Public in India* (Cambridge, 2001), which won the Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy Prize from the Association of Asian Studies and the Daniel Griffiths Prize at NYU, and *The Indian Public Sphere: Structure and Transformation*. He has won awards from the MacArthur and Rockefeller Foundations and has been a Member in the School of Social Sciences at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, and at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC. In addition to his scholarly writing, he has also published in forums such as the SSRC’s Immanent Frame and opendemocracy.net, and in newspapers and periodicals.

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BILAL ORFALI
Visiting Professor of Middle East and Arab Studies
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Bilal Orfali specializes in Arabic literature, Sufism, and Qurānic Studies. He co-edits al-Abhath Journal, al-Markaz: Majallat al-dirāsāt al-Arabiyya, Brill’s book series Texts and Studies on the Qur’an, and Handbooks on Islamic Mysticism. Orfali is Associate Editor for Journal of Arabic Literature, member of the editorial board of the Library of Arabic Literature at NYUAD, member of the scientific committee for the Abu Dhabi Center of Arabic Language, and serves on the advisory boards of many international Journals and academic projects in the Middle East, Europe, and the US. Orfali is the author and editor of more than twenty books on Arabic Studies.

*Visiting from: Professor, American University of Beirut, Lebanon*
GERARD QUINN
Visiting Professor of Legal Studies
Doctor of Juridical Science, Harvard Law School, US

Gerard Quinn is a leading authority on international and comparative disability law and policy and is a Professor of Law at the National University of Ireland (NUI), Galway. Quinn led the delegation of Rehabilitation International during the UN disability treaty negotiations and has recently published on the theory of intersectionality (Equal Rights Review, Vol 16). He has written on the lessons for elderly rights from the perspective of disability rights in Reubner et al (Eds) International & Comparative Law on the Rights of Older Persons (Vanderplass, Chicago) and he most recently spoke on the topic to Age Platform Europe. Quinn directs the Centre for Disability Law & Policy at NUI Galway.

Visiting from: Chair of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Wallenberg Institute, University of Lund, Sweden

ANDREAS VALENTIN
Visiting Professor of Art and Art History
PhD in Social History, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Andreas Valentin has worked for over fifty years with documentary and art photography as well as with experimental film and video. He has held solo exhibitions and participated in numerous group shows in Brazil and globally. Valentin researches the history of photography and is a curator. He studied and collaborated with Brazilian artist Hélio Oiticica and their films and photography have been shown at major institutions throughout the world. His current work is a book about the artist. Valentin's research interests include the Amazon, where he lived and worked for 15 years, publishing investigations on the folk culture of the Amazon. He is a member of the Associação Brasileira de Antropologia and in 2004 won the Pierre Verger Photography prize. In 2015 his Berlin Rio: Routes and Memories project was awarded the Marc Ferrez photography prize from Funarte, a major exhibition of this project was held at Berlin’s Haus am Kleistpark in 2018.

Visiting from: Associate Professor of Photography and Arts, Arts Institute and Teachers Training Institute, State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

SLAVICA CEPERKOVIC
Visiting Professor of Interactive Media
MDes in Strategic Foresight and Innovation, Ontario College of Art and Design, Canada

Slavica Ceperkovic is an artist who creates unique, user focused interactive digital experiences across multiple platforms. Her research interests in interactive screens include volumetric video in XR, speculative futures, photogrammetry, and telexistence spaces. Her contemporary art works have shown in museums including Palais de Tokyo, Grand Palais Museum, and Le Fresnoy, Studio National des Arts Contemporains. Ceperkovic has presented and published research papers at ISEA. Her artwork has been reviewed in Art Press, Liberation, Le Figero, Beaux Arts Magazine, and books published by MIT Press.

Visiting from: Professor, Seneca College, Canada
SUSAN OSSMAN
Visiting Professor of Movements and Places, Movement, and Cultural Practices
PhD in Anthropology, University of California - Berkeley, US

Susan Ossman has studied media, mobility, aesthetics, globalization, gender, and politics in North Africa, Europe, North America, and the Middle East. Ossman’s contributions to these diverse areas derive from an inquiry into the relationship of movement to forms of social life and subjectivity. A practicing artist as well as ethnographer, Ossman has pioneered methods that associate the arts and anthropology and is known for her innovative fieldwork designs and collaborations. She has led numerous international collective programs, notably the Moving Matters Traveling Workshop (MMTW). Her most recent book is Shifting Worlds, Shaping Fieldwork, A Memoir of Anthropology and Art (Routledge, 2021).

Visiting from: Distinguished Professor, University of California, US

JINAN BASTAKI
Visiting Associate Professor of Legal Studies
PhD in Law, School of Oriental and African Studies, UK

Jinan Bastaki is an international law scholar, and she focuses on human rights, refugee law and citizenship. Bastaki is particularly interested in the lived experiences of those impacted by the law, how the law regulates access and belonging, and what those experiences reveal about the law itself. In 2018, her paper on nationality-based detention of migrants won the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the International Committee of the Red Cross’ best essay prize. Her work has appeared in major publications including the Journal of Refugee Studies, Citizenship Studies, Refugee Survey Quarterly, and others.

Visiting from: Associate Professor of Public International Law, United Arab Emirates University, UAE

LAILA SOLIMAN
Visiting Associate Arts Professor of Theater, Artist in Residence
MA in Theatre, Dasarts, Amsterdam University of the Arts, Netherlands

Laila Soliman is an Egyptian theater writer, director, dramaturg and costume designer based in Europe and the Middle East. Soliman’s work raises complex political questions about race, gender, embodiment, violence and citizenship. Her work seeks to illuminate our shared connections and compilments, private entanglements, and the difficult boundaries we’re called to cross, and she uses an experimental and collaborative process to foreground vulnerability as strength, make unimaginable traumas knowable, and defend multiplicity of narratives. Soliman’s work has been published in several publications including, Dear You ½’ published in 1000 Scores, Berlin (2021) and No Desert Rose published in Theater der Zeit, Berlinamong others.

Visiting from: Theater Adjunct Professor at the American University in Cairo, Egypt
HANNAH ELSISI ASHMAWI
Visiting Assistant Professor of Gender, Governance, and Society
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Hannah Ashmawi is a historian of the modern Middle East. Ashmawi previously taught Modern Middle East and Transnational History, and convened a special subject in the history of Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East and North Africa. Her research focuses on of gender, sexuality, capitalism, incarceration, and political violence.

Visiting from: Junior Research Fellow, University of Cambridge, UK

DOMNA BANAKOU
Visiting Assistant Professor of Practice of Interactive Media
PhD in Clinical Psychology and Psychobiology, University of Barcelona, Spain

Domna Banakou was a postdoctoral fellow at the EventLab, University of Barcelona and part-time lecturer at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya. Banakou’s research interests lie primarily in the use of virtual reality and embodiment techniques for studying perceptual, behavioral and attitudinal changes with the goal to promote prosocial behavior. She is currently focusing on the use of immersive technologies in physical and cognitive rehabilitation for patients with cognitive impairment (Alzheimer’s, dementia) and mental health disorders (schizophrenia). Her research has been published in distinguished peer-reviewed journals, is featured on major media channels and she has given keynote presentations in prestigious international conferences and scientific meetings.

Visiting from: Lecturer, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain

EDUARDO Lage-Otero
Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish and Digital Humanities
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Eduardo Lage-Otero has taught language and culture courses and ran Language Centers at Washington University in Saint Louis, US, Trinity College, US, and Yale-NUS, Singapore. Lage-Otero’s research interests are in the fields of second language acquisition, language policy, technology-enhanced language learning, and cognitive science. He has focused on the mediating role that educational technology plays in how language learners access and process information as they build their knowledge base in another language. His doctoral research included the interaction of multimedia annotations with learners’ individual differences and their effect on reading and writing in another language. He has also conducted research on language policy and its implications for language instruction in Southeast Asia. During his leadership as language center director he facilitated workshops on integration of technology in the language classroom.

Visiting from: Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of Language Studies, Yale-NUS, Singapore
ÁLVARO LUNA-DUBOIS
Visiting Assistant Professor, Literature and Creative Writing
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Álvaro Luna-Dubois is a scholar of twentieth and twenty-first century French and American minority literatures. Luna’s research centers on migration and diasporic writing, with an emphasis on US Latinx and Franco-Maghrebi cultures. He focuses especially on the relation of diasporic literature with literary theory and genres, the representation of place and space in literature of migration and diaspora, the application of migration theories to the study of literature, and how literature and visual art from the Global South respond to migration movements. Luna’s current book project examines Algerian French and Mexican American literature from the 1950s to the twenty-first century.

Visiting from: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Université de Limoges, France

SARA NIROOBAKHSH
Visiting Assistant Professor of Interactive Media
MFA in Art and Technology Studies, School of Art Institute of Chicago, US

Sara Niroobakhsh is an Iranian-born Canadian-based artist who is a great believer in the power of art and technology to carry creative storytelling into the future. She has spent the last decade integrating an academic education in new media with a hybrid professional practice marshaling unique combinations of technology and bio-art to engage the globalizing feminine psyche. She was an artist in residence in the Odin Bio Lab in Texas, US, and the Royal Astronomical Society in London, UK experimenting with a variety of multimedia projects involving living tissue, chemistry, virtual reality, and performance.

Visiting from: Teaching Assistant, The School of Art Institute of Chicago, US

MERRITT MOORE
Distinguished Artist in Residence, Adjunct Professor of Practice
PhD in Atomic and Laser Physics, University of Oxford, UK

Merritt Moore pursues a professional ballet career, previously with the Zurich Ballet, Boston Ballet, English National Ballet, and Norwegian National Ballet. She was awarded Forbes 30 under 30, and she was one of the 12 selected candidates to undergo rigorous selection on BBC Two’s Astronauts: Do you have what it takes? Her ballet and physics expertise has led her to programming and dancing with robots.

JAWAD AL MALHI
Adjunct Lecturer for Art and Art History
MA in Fine Art, Winchester School of Art, UK

Jawad al Malhi lives and works in East Jerusalem. Al Malhi’s work focuses on exploring communities, and their relationship to their environments, local knowledge, and their everyday practices of life through painting, video, installation, sculpture, and photography. His most recent works are based on close observation of the dynamics of crowds in public space, with particular focus on the moments after events and time of waiting, which contours body gestures and group formations. His works are held in private and public collections in Europe and the Middle East.

Visiting from: Mawhibity Program, Department of Culture and Tourism, UAE

VIKRAM DIVECHA
Adjunct Assistant Professor of for Art and Art History
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Beirut-born, Mumbai-bred, Vikram Divecha is an artist based in Dubai. Divecha’s practice shifts between public art, site-specific interventions, installation, film, painting, drawing, photography, and text. He raises questions about time, value, and authorship by engaging people across urban and social spheres, and working with available material and space. Divecha terms this approach as ‘found processes’, and his participants inform and shape his projects in various ways. Divecha has taught at the American University of Sharjah in the College of Architecture, Art and Design and has held numerous exhibitions throughout the UAE, New York, India and elsewhere and is the recipient of grants, commissions and awards.

Visiting from: Adjunct Professor, Video Production, American University of Sharjah, UAE
ENGINEERING
AZHAR ZAM
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Azhar Zam founded the Biomedical Laser and Optics Group (BLOG) and co-established the MIRACLE II flagship project at the University of Basel. Prior to that, he held research positions in Canada, Ireland and the US. Zam’s research focuses on development of smart devices for medical imaging, diagnostics, and monitoring using novel optical technologies. These include smart laser surgery, optical coherence tomography, photoacoustics, biomedical spectroscopy, AI-aided optical diagnostics and imaging, optical-based smart biosensors, and miniaturized systems. He is an associate editor for Frontiers in Photonics and reviews editor for Frontiers in Ophthalmology. He has written over 85 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and books, and holds several patents.

Previously: Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering Group Leader, Biomedical Laser and Optics Group (BLOG), University of Basel, Switzerland

TUKA ALHANAI
Assistant Professor of Computer Engineering

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Tuka Alhanai is an engineer, scientist, and researcher working at the interface of human and computational machinery. She develops systems that quantify subjective elements of the human experience such as the characteristics of a group of people that form a successful team, the elements of an idea that lead to a hit in the marketplace, and how the crowd decides individual competence from just a profile image. Her work has been featured in major publications such as The Wall Street Journal, and Wired, and she frequently publishes at top tier research venues (Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, Association for Computational Linguistics, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers). Alhanai is the recipient of the MIT Technology Review’s 10 Innovators Under 35 MENA Award (2018) as well as the UAE Government Excellence Award (2019).

Previously: Assistant Professor/Emerging Scholar of Electrical and Computer Engineering, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE
JE IR RYU
Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
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Je Ir Ryu is Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Prior to joining NYU, Ryu was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the US Army Research Laboratory and Argonne National Laboratory. Ryu’s research focuses on aerospace propulsion and energy systems. His research interests include high-performance computing, computational fluid dynamics, and multi-physics computation to understand reactive flows, chemical kinetics, combustion, detonation, and hypersonics for future energy and propulsion systems.

Previously: Postdoctoral Fellow and Resident Associate, US Army Research Laboratory, US

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Farah Shamout completed her doctoral studies in Engineering Science at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Her research focused on developing early warning models to predict in-hospital clinical deterioration. She received her Bachelor of Science cum laude in Computer Engineering from NYU Abu Dhabi. Her current research interests include developing machine learning models to inform decision-making in healthcare, representation learning for large-scale multi-modal data, interpretability, and fairness and ethics of AI. While at the University of Oxford, Shamout taught with the inaugural UAE-Oxford Artificial Intelligence Program and worked on global data commons and digital health policy.

Previously: Assistant Professor/Emerging Scholar of Electrical and Computer Engineering, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE
ANNE MAASS
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Anne Maass is a social psychologist. Anne’s research focuses on the link between language and social cognition, including the way in which language affects intergroup relations, and the psychological underpinnings and consequences of economic inequality, both within and between nations. Her research has appeared in major academic journals including Journal of Personality and Social Psychology and Advances in Experimental Social Psychology.

Previously: Professor of Social Psychology, University of Padova, Italy

DAN OHTAN WANG
Professor of Biology
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Dan Ohtan Wang is a molecular and cellular neuroscientist. Her lab focuses on the post-transcriptional regulation mechanisms such as RNA trafficking and dynamic epitranscriptomic regulation (RNA epigenetics). She completed a PhD in Neurosciences at University of Southern California US, and postdoctoral training in the University of California, Los Angeles, US Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences. She started her lab as an assistant professor at Kyoto University where she pioneered RNA live-imaging techniques using hybridization-sensitive fluorescent probes and succeeded in ex vivo RNA imaging in living brain tissues.

Previously: Professor (Principal Investigator), Shenyang Pharmaceutical University, China; Associate Professor, Institute for integrated Cell-Mat

AZAM GHOOLAMI
Associate Professor of Physics
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Azam Gholami received her bachelor’s degree in physics from Sharif University in Tehran. In 2007, she graduated with a PhD in biophysics from Ludwig-Maximilian University, Germany. As a postdoctoral fellow, she worked at the Max Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self-Organization (MPIDS) and since 2011, she was a group leader at the MPIDS Göttingen where she led the group Pattern Formation in Biological Systems. She works on understanding soft and biological matter which are driven out of equilibrium and exhibit a variety of emergent dynamics governed by underlying laws. These systems respond to external perturbations and stimuli, providing an excellent opportunity to study fundamental aspects of their dynamics and to find new ways to control their behavior.

Previously: Group Leader, Max-Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self-organization, Germany
KEN KAMEI
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Ken Kamei is a stem cell engineer who obtained his PhD from Tokyo Institute of Technology. His research interest is to re-create a whole body within a single device, named Body on a Chip to mimic the physiological and pathological body conditions in vitro. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Molecular Biology Institute, the University of California, Los Angeles, US, a staff research associate at the California NanoSystems Institute at UCLA.

Previously: Associate Professor, Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences, Kyoto University, Japan

MAZIN MAGZOUB
Associate Professor of Biology
*PhD in Biology, Stockholm University, Sweden*

Mazin Magzoub is a biophysicist specializing in the development of novel methods for the delivery of antitumor agents and therapeutics for amyloid diseases such as Alzheimer’s and prion diseases. As a postdoctoral scholar at the University of California, San Francisco, he developed novel biophysical methods for measurement of macromolecule diffusion deep in tissues such as tumors and the brain. As an Associate Research Scientist at Yale University, he worked on the molecular mechanisms underlying type 2 diabetes. Magzoub received his PhD in biophysics from Stockholm University, where he studied the biophysical properties of cell-penetrating peptides, a class of peptides with the ability to mediate the cellular import of therapeutic compounds with high efficiency and low toxicity.

Previously: Associate Professor, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE

AHMED ALMHEIRI
Assistant Professor of Physics
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Ahmed Almheiri a theoretical physicist who studies black holes, conformal field theory, quantum mechanics and gravity that has already obtained clear recognition internationally by his peers. His research lies at the interface of quantum information and quantum gravity. He worked on showing how gravity implements a quantum error correcting code and on addressing Steven Hawking’s information paradox by calculating the information content of their emitted radiation. He’s currently thinking about the black hole interior and singularity. Ahmed’s work appears in the Journal of High Energy Physics, SciPost Physics, and Reviews of Modern Physics.

Previously: School of Natural Sciences, Institute for Advanced Study, US
TYNCHTYK AMATOV
Assistant Professor of Chemistry
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Tynchttyk Amatov holds a PhD from Charles University in Prague. He conducted his PhD research at the Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry of the Czech Academy of Sciences (IOCB Prague). Amatov's primary research interest is organic synthesis. He has also made key contributions to important problems in the field of origin of life. He is particularly interested in the development of conceptually novel and sustainable catalytic transformations for interdisciplinary applications ranging from natural product synthesis to medicinal chemistry and chemical biology and beyond. Prior to joining NYUAD, Amatov was a postdoctoral researcher first at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and later at the Max-Planck-Institut für Kohlenforschung.

Previously: Postdoctoral Researcher, Max-Planck-Institut für Kohlenforschung, Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany

ASIF EQUBAL
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Asif Equbal received a PhD from the Interdisciplinary Institute of Nanoscience, Aarhus University, Denmark and was then a postdoctoral fellow at UC Santa Barbara, California and Northwestern University. Equbal’s research interests are interdisciplinary. Currently, he is focused on the development of dynamic nuclear polarization (DNP), a technique that can significantly improve the sensitivity of NMR and biomedical imaging. In the long term, he is interested in light-activated spin chemistry and its application in the development of materials for future quantum technologies. Equbal was awarded the “John-Weil Young Investigator Award-2022” by the International EPR Society and received the “Molekylspektroskopiprisen 2017” from the Danish Society for Molecular Spectroscopy for the best PhD thesis evaluated between 2015 and 2017. He is a co-founder of Global NMR Discussion Meetings, an online forum for organizing educational seminars and conferences.

Previously: Postdoctoral Researcher, Northwestern University, US

ARJUN NARAYANAN
Assistant Professor of Physics
PhD in Physics, New York University, US

Arjun Narayanan’s previous research contributed to the fields of nanoelectronics at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research Mumbai, and solid state physics at New York University and Oxford University. Currently, Arjun combines live-cell single-molecule, high-resolution and super-resolution imaging – with concepts from complex systems physics, to understand the non-equilibrium physical chemistry of living cells and tissues. This interdisciplinary work has contributed to our understanding of several aspects of cell biology including protein quality control and cytoskeletal self-organization. After positions at Oxford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Arjun was the ELBE Fellow of the Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems.

Previously: Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems, Germany
BRIJITH THOMAS
Assistant Professor of Chemistry
PhD in Chemistry, Leiden University, Netherlands

Brijith Thomas’s research interests are in the methodology development in NMR crystallography by incorporating DNP SSNMR, electron diffraction data along with the spectroscopic, XRD and DFT calculations. He holds a PhD degree from Leiden University, Netherlands for the novel methodology development in NMR crystallography to solve the supramolecular structure of the molecules used in artificial photosynthesis. After obtaining his PhD, he joined the Ames Laboratory in the US to explore the latest state of art Dynamic Nuclear Polarization (DNP) SSNMR. Later, he moved to Weizmann Institute of Science, to get expertise in endogenous metal ion DNP. Thomas received the Dean of Faculty Fellowship from the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel in 2019.

Previously: Postdoctoral Dean’s Fellow, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel

MICHELE PAVON
Professor of Practice in Mathematics
PhD in Mathematics, University of Kentucky, US

Michele Pavon holds a Laurea Degree from the University of Padova, Italy, and a PhD from the University of Kentucky, both in mathematics. Pavon is an applied mathematician who has worked in such fields as control theory, mathematical physics, probability and optimization. He has (co-)authored more than 150 papers in these areas. He received (jointly with Y. Chen and T. Georgiou) the IEEE Control Systems Society 2017 George S. Axelby Outstanding Paper Award. Prior to joining NYU, Pavon was a Professor in the Department of Mathematics of the University of Padova.

Previously: Professor of Mathematics, University of Padova, Italy

SIMONETTA DI PIPPO
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Simonetta Di Pippo is SDA Bocconi Professor of Practice of Space Economy and Director of Space Economy Evolution Lab (SEE Lab). Before joining SDA Bocconi she served as Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). She holds a Master’s Degree in Astrophysics and Space Physics from University “La Sapienza”, an Honoris Causa Degree in Environmental Studies, and an Honoris Causa Degree of Doctor in International Affairs. Prior to joining UNOOSA, she served as Director of Human Spaceflight at ESA, Director of the Observation of the Universe at the Italian Space Agency and led the European Space Policy Observatory at ASI-Brussels. She is an Academician of IAA and a co-chair of the WEF Global Future Council on space. She co-founded Women in Aerospace Europe (2009) and became a UN International Gender Champion in 2017. She has authored and co-authored five books, about 100 papers, and featured in more than 1,000 interviews and TV and radio shows and podcasts.

Visiting from: Professor of Practice of Space Economy, SDA Bocconi, Italy
HERNAN LOPEZ-SCHIER
Visiting Professor of Biology
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Hernán López-Schier holds a BSc in Chemical Biology from ESBA, and PhD in Genetics from University of Cambridge. His research is interdisciplinary at the intersections between developmental and regenerative biology, sensory biology and bioengineering. In parallel to cutting-edge research, he is committed to education and training, having established and chaired a training network involving nine European countries (2010-2016), and since 2019, lecturing at LMU (Munich, Germany). He is a member of the Scientific Advisor Board of the biomedical company Sensorion (France). Prior to joining NYU, Hernan was a long term member at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ.

Visiting from: Professor of Biology, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany

SALAH MEHDI
Visiting Professor of Mathematics
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Salah Mehdi received his PhD in Mathematics from Université Paris VII - Denis Diderot (now Université Paris Cité) in France. His current research interests lie in the realm of Representation Theory of Lie groups and its applications. He has earned several grants for his research and his most recent work was published in recent publications including art “Dirac index and associated cycles of Harish-Chandra modules”, Advances in Mathematics (2020) and Representation Theory (2021). In 2020, he was awarded a prize for Excellence in Teaching from Georgia Institute of Technology. Previously Salah Mehdi was an Assistant Professor at the Université Paris X - Paris Ouest, a visiting researcher at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research In Mumbai and at the Mathematisches Institut in Göttingen, and was a visiting assistant professor at Oklahoma State University.

Visiting from: Professor of Mathematics, Université de Lorraine, France

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Fida Dankar has general research interests in machine learning and data privacy. Her past research included data anonymization, re-identification risk estimation, privacy preserving data mining, secure multiparty computation, differential privacy, synthetic data generation, and private analysis of distributed health data. Her current research focuses on the development of multidisciplinary approaches for the private and secure mining of biomedical data (distributed and central) that draws upon methods from cryptography, statistics, machine learning, federated learning, and synthetic data generation.

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Matthew Martin earned his PhD degree in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and BSc in Physics from Union College in the US. His research is in the fields of soft condensed matter physics and colloid chemistry, focusing on the basic science and applications of nanoscale materials. He designs new nanoparticle synthesis, self-assembly, and measurement methods for metal nanoparticles that have wide potential to generate new technologies in the fields of biomedicine, electronics, and materials. Previously, he held a joint postdoctoral fellowship between The University of Maryland, College Park and National Institute of Standards and Technology (UMD NIST-ARRA), where he worked in the Material Measurement Laboratory and an Assistant Professor of Physics at Khalifa University leading a diverse laboratory consisting of material scientists, chemists, biomedical and mechanical engineers, and physicists tackling cutting-edge nanomaterials challenges

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SOCIAL SCIENCE
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Sanjeev Goyal was a Professor of Economics and a Fellow at Christ’s College, Cambridge University, UK. He previously held appointments at Erasmus, London, and Essex. Sanjeev Goyal pioneered and remains a leading international scholar in the study of networks. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and a Fellow of the Econometric Society. He was the founding Director of the Cambridge-INET Institute (2012-2014) and has been Chair of the Cambridge Economics Faculty (2014-2018). In 2007 Princeton University Press Published his book Connections: An introduction to the economics of networks. He is working on a new book titled Principles of Networks that will be published by MIT Press.

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Aikaterini Kyriazidou is an econometrician with contributions in the theory of panel data and limited dependent variable model estimation and testing, as well as various applied economics fields, such as Marketing, Finance, and Labor Economics. Kyriazidou was awarded the Arnold Zellner Award for the Most Outstanding Thesis in Business and Economic Statistics. She was the recipient of the Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship and of various national research grants such as from the NSF and the Greek Government. Kyriazidou served as member of the Social Sciences and Humanities Evaluation Committee, European Research Council (ERC), as member of the Research Council of Greece in the Social Sciences, as member of the Program Committee of the Econometric Society, as Co-editor of the Econometric Journal, and as Associate Editor of the Journal of Economic and Business Statistics.

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Luca Maria Pesando comes to NYUAD from McGill University. Pesando’s research lies in the areas of social, economic, and digital demography. He is interested in issues of family poverty, inequality, gender, stratification, intra- and inter-generational processes, technology adoption, and interactions between life-cycle events and human capital accumulation. His overarching research aim is to produce better knowledge on the link between family change and educational inequalities in areas where these dynamics are changing rapidly and scant research is available. He is a research affiliate at the Population Studies Center (PSC) of the University of Pennsylvania and at the Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy at Bocconi University and is a 2022-2025 Jacobs Foundation Research Fellow. He also works as a consultant with the UNICEF Office of Research and MIT Solve.

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Sujeong Shim’s primary research interest lies at the intersection of international political economy, international organizations, and domestic politics. She is currently writing a book which examines the dynamics among the International Monetary Fund (IMF), mass public in a borrower country, and international investors. More broadly, she studies how international economic/financial cooperation affects mass politics and vice versa. Her work has appeared in Comparative Political Studies, among other publications.

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Visiting from: Professor of Management, Villanova University, US
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Anju Mary Paul is an international migration scholar. Paul’s research interests include emergent migration patterns, particularly to, from, and within Asia, gender and labor, globalization, domestic work, care policy, and science policy. She is the author of Multinational Maids: Stepwise Migration in a Global Labor Market (Cambridge University Press 2017) and Asian Scientists on the Move: Changing Science in a Changing Asia (Cambridge University Press 2021). She is also the editor of Local Encounters in a Global City (Ethos Books 2017). Her research has been published in top journals in sociology and migration studies, including the American Journal of Sociology; Social Forces; Migration Studies; the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Gender, Place & Culture; Global Networks; and Ethnic and Racial Studies. She is currently leading a transnational project, the Global Care Policy Index, which quantitatively scores countries on the degree of social and labor policy protections they provide unpaid family caregivers and paid domestic workers.

Visiting from: Associate Professor of Social Sciences, Yale-NUS College, Singapore

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Visiting from: Associate Professor, College of Business, Zayed University, UAE
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Camilla Quental is visiting from the Audencia Business School in France where she is an Associate Professor of Management and Organization Studies. She received her PhD from HEC Paris with specialization in Management and Human Resources. Quental’s interest has evolved around how gender affects organization behavior.

In 2018, she received an award for the Best Paper Award by the British Academy of Management, titled The bright and dark sides of contemporary careers: An empirical examination of partners in global consulting firms. In 2019, she was also awarded the Best Paper Award in the Division of Gender & Diversity in Organizations (GDO) by the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada, titled Brazil is not for beginners: How to tell black from white when history produces entangled racial myths?

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MILENA TEKESTE
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Milena Tekeste comes to NYU Abu Dhabi from the London School of Economics and Political Science where she was a Fellow. Her research interest lies in understanding the changing nature of employment and careers. In particular, Milena seeks to understand the individualisation of workplace flexibility. In addition to her research experience, Milena taught a number of undergraduate and postgraduate modules at University College London and Royal Holloway, University of London. She has also obtained the Associate Fellow at the Higher Education Academy qualification. Outside her academic experience, Milena is a CIPD fellow and has worked in a variety of industries and sectors. More recently she has worked within L&D for the local government, banking and international city law firms.

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Sarah Seungah Lee comes to NYUAD from Stanford. Prior appointments include positions at the Arab Gulf, designing teacher leadership development programs and implementing monitoring and evaluation frameworks for education organizations. Lee’s research broadly explores how world cultural norms and global models for development become transmitted to local and national contexts to influence organizational forms, practices, and educational change. She focuses on the interplay between youth, entrepreneurship, and development and the role organizations play in facilitating and supporting entrepreneurship development. Her current book is based on her dissertation exploring how Arab Gulf states are fostering a culture and environment for entrepreneurship and innovation among young people through government, quasi-governmental, and education institutions. This has been funded by the Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship, Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research, and the Abbasi Program on Islamic Studies.

Visiting from: Teaching Associate, Stanford University, US

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Arda Güçler joined the Department of Government at Uppsala University in Sweden as a postdoctoral fellow and remained at this position until he started his assistant professorship at the Department of International Relations at Özyeğin University in 2017. He is a founding faculty of Northwestern University’s online Global Health Master’s program. His research interests are at the intersection of history of political thought, politics of representation, contemporary democratic theory, and nationalism. He is currently working on a project that interprets the concept of orientalism. His work has been published in leading journals such as Philosophy & Social Criticism, and Nations and Nationalism and he is the author of numerous book chapters including his chapters in the United Nation’s Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and has received numerous grants and fellowships from. He is also the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Excellence Award from Northwestern University.

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Maria Grigoryeva is a sociologist who studies crime, deviance, and information management—including keeping secrets, lying, privacy, and exploitation of existing information asymmetries. Her current projects explore normative sources of information management and examine whether individuals conceal information in order to gain autonomy from others.

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