

Curriculum Vitae

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

My teaching and research fall in the area of development and public policy. I am particularly interested in comparative development practices.

EDUCATION

PhD	University of California at Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning, May 2008 Advisor: Manuel Castells Dissertation title: Legacy of a Rentier State: Reforming Jordan's Water, Energy, and Telecommunications Sectors
MArch	University of California at Berkeley Department of Architecture, May 1998
BSc.	University of Jordan Department of Architectural Engineering, June 1992

Awards

Sultan award for graduate research, CMES, UC Berkeley

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Research Scientist / Lecturer, NYUAD, (Sept. 2015 – present)

Social Research and Public Policy – Division of Social Science

Courses taught

- SRPP-AD 156: Social Change and Development in the Arab World
- CSTS-UH 1053: Understanding Urbanization
- ACS-UH 2614X: Colonization of Palestine
- Directed Study: Palestine, Zionism, and Settler Colonialism
- Directed Study: Understanding Urbanization
- Directed Study: Capstone Extension

Capstone advising

- Yousef Al Ankar, “Manufacturing Incentives in Abu Dhabi”, expected Spring 2023.
- Alyazia Alblooshi, “National Identities in the UAE: Perceptions and Constructions”, expected Spring 2023.
- Al Reem Al Nuaimi, “Identity and Culture in UAE Education”, expected Spring 2023.
- Nouf Aljneibi, “English as a Language of Expression Among Emirati Youth”, expected Spring 2023.
- Alexander L. Perrier, “Organizational Structures and Food Systems: Urban Gardens”, Fall 2022.
- Nour El-Mesary, “Community Schools in Greater Cairo”, Spring 2022.
- Shamsa Al Ameemi, “Food and Beverage Delivery Workers in Abu Dhabi”, Spring 2022.
- Adam Hassan, “The Future of Data in Egypt: A comparative study between data protection laws and digital transformation trends in Egypt, the United States, and the European Union”, Spring 2021.
- Omar Kamal, “Dubaization of Cairo”, Spring 2021.
- Awahnee Mendis, “Understanding Upward Mobility in Sri Lanka’s Estate Tamil Youth”, Spring 2021.
- Claudia Neumann Vallejo, “Women-led activism in informal settlements in Paraguay”, Spring 2021.
- Fatma Al-Mehairbi, “The incentives for hotels to become more environmentally sustainable in Abu Dhabi: Factors that are likely to affect the sustainability of hotels”, Fall 2019.
- Brittany Trilford, “Reclaiming the In-Between: everyday Spatial Practices in Abu Dhabi’s Modern *Sikkak*”, Spring 2017.

REREARCH AND SERVICE

Publications

- Dubai: From marginal Gulf Town to a Regional Hub. In Alejandro Portes and Ariel C. Armony, *Emerging Global Cities: Origin, Structure, and Significance*. Columbia University Press, 2022.

Conferences

- Conference presentation: “Proposal for a solidarity approach to philanthropy: Insights from Iraq” to Takaful 2017: Sixth Annual Conference on Arab Philanthropy and Civic Engagement, Cairo.

Service

- Serving on the search committee for Interdisciplinary Scholars of Places, Movement and Cultural Practices, Spring 2022.
- NYUAD representative on the NYU Urban Studies Working Group
- Faculty advisor for ADvocacy Student Interest Group
- Paper reviewer for Journal of Transport Policy
- Co-organizer, Roundtable Discussion on Gulf cities
- 1st Pan-Arab Urban Development Symposium (PAUDS), Abu Dhabi
- Social-tech speaker and judge at NYUAD Hackathon, 2017 & 2018
- Speaker, Panel Discussion: 21st Century Refugee Challenges in the Arab World

- Speaker and panel coordinator, Rachel Carson Center (RCC) workshop, 2018 & 2019
- Book reviewer, “The Global Edge: Miami in the Twenty-First Century” by Alejandro Portes and Ariel C. Armony
- CITIES fellowship reviewer

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, University of California at Berkeley, (2009-2011)

Courses taught:

- CP270: Regional and Urban Development Strategies in Third World Countries
- CP112A: The Idea of Planning
- MES150: The Political Economy of Development in the Arab World

Research Assistant

- Institute for Urban and Regional Development, University of California at Berkeley
David Dowall, Supervisor

Project: Rebuilding Iraq (Spring 2005)

- Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley
David Dowall, Supervisor

Project: Privatization of infrastructure in the Middle East (2000-2001)

Graduate Student Instructor

Department of City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley

Courses:

- CP115: Urbanization in Developing Countries
- CP200: History of City Planning

Teaching Assistant, (1993-1995)

Department of Architectural Engineering, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

Courses:

- Design and building construction studios

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- **Project Manager, (1995-1997)**

Almihrab Architectural Office, Amman, Jordan

- **Site Supervisor (1995-1997)**

Freelance site supervisor, Amman, Jordan

- **Quantity Surveyor, (Summer 1997)**

Binladdin Contracting Company, Amman, Jordan

- **Project Coordinator**, (1993-1995)

Med Design International Consultants, Amman, Jordan

- **Architect**

Applied Design Concepts, Amman, Jordan (1992-1993)

Fouad Sayegh and Partners, Amman, Jordan (Summer 1991)

VOLUNTEER WORK

Initiator and project leader, January 2008 – present

Established a network of volunteers in Iraq to identify poor children in need of medical treatment. Cases are referred to charity organizations. The project has helped provide over 1000 children with life-saving or life-altering medical treatment.