

## Curriculum Vitae

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#### Qualifications

- Ph.D. (2000) in politics, University of Exeter, UK. Leigh Douglas Prize Laureate for the best Ph.D. thesis in 2000/2001 nationwide on Middle East topic. <http://www.ex.ac.uk/shipss/school/phdprize.shtml>
- MA (1997) in Middle East politics, University of Exeter, UK.
- BAsc (1991) in politics, University of King Abdulaziz, Jeddah, KSA.

#### Experiences

##### Current Positions:

- Director, Sheba Centre for Strategic Studies (May 2007 - ).
- Associate Dean, Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies (Sep 2008 - )
- Associate Professor of Politics, Sana'a University (2007 - ).
- UNDP Country Consultant on Parliamentary and Political Development (2004 - ).
- Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Bahrain Centre for Strategic Studies and Research, Bahrain [www.bcsr.gov.bh](http://www.bcsr.gov.bh) (2004- ).

##### Previous Positions:

- Adjunct Professor of politics, American University of Sharjah (2005-2006).
- Research Manager, Gulf Research Centre, Dubai, UAE. <http://www.grc.to> (2002-2005).
- Deputy Director, Arab Centre for American and European Studies, Amman, Jordan. <http://www.acaes.com> (2002-2005).
- Research Fellow at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, UK. <http://www.ex.ac.uk/iaais/staff/saif/index.shtml> (2000 - 2005).
- Editor, *Journal of Gulf Studies* 2002-2005.
- Managing Editor for the series of *Iran Studies* and *Yemen Studies* 2002-2005.
- Member of Editorial Board, Gulf Research Centre, Dubai, (2002-2005).
- Deputy Director, Centre for Red Sea Studies, Exeter University, UK. <http://beehive.thisisexeter.co.uk/default.asp?WCI=SiteHome&ID=5713&PageID=29534> (2000–2002).
- Consulting Editor, Economist Intelligence Unit (Country Report–Yemen). 2002.
- Editor, Annual Register, Arab Levant 2000/2001.
- Teacher 1996-99 (History & Culture) at the Arabic School in Exeter, UK.
- Economist Assistant, jointly at the Arab Monetary Fund & Arab Trade Financing Programme 1993-96, based in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Researcher Assistant (part-time), Jeddah Chamber of Commerce & Industry 1987-1991.

## Publications

### 1. Books

- *Al-Dimugratiyyia fi-al-Yaman* [Democracy in Yemen], Cairo: al-Madina Press, 1991.
- *A Legislature in Transition*, Aldershot: Ashgate Publishers, 2001.
- *Authority – Intellectual Relations in the Arab World*, (forthcoming).
- *Constitutional and Legislative Developments in the Arab Gulf Countries*, (underwriting)

### 2. Chapters in Books

- 'Deconstructing before Building: Perspectives on Democracy in Qatar', in Anoush Ehteshami and Steve Wright (eds.), *Reforms in the Arab Gulf Oil Monarchies*, London: Ithaca, 2007.
- Contributor to, *Cities of the Middle East and North Africa: A Historical Encyclopedia*, edited by Bruce Stanley and Michael Dumpe, ABC-Clio, 2006.
- 'A'afag Al-Istirattigiyyah Al-Amirikkiyyah fi-Al-Sharq Al-Awsat' [Prospects of the American Strategy in the Middle East], in honorary of Hussein Al Amri, *Essays in History and Politics*, Damascus: Dar Al Fikr, 2005.
- 'Political Developments in the GCC States', in *Gulf Annual Report*, Dubai: Gulf Research Center, 2004.
- 'Patterns of Political Opposition in the GCC States', in *Gulf Annual Report*, Dubai: Gulf Research Center, 2004.

### 3. Monographs

- 'Parliamentary Oversight in Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE and Yemen' UNDP, Beirut October 2009.
- 'Terrorism: A Problematic Concept', *Series of Political Studies*, Issue 1, SCSS, 2008.
- 'The Role of Parliaments in Preventing and/or Resolving Political Conflict: the Case of Yemen', UNDP, 2005.  
<http://www.parlcpr.undp.org/arabprep.htm>
- Yemeni Parliamentary Elections: A Critical Analysis, *Series of Yemen Studies*, issue2, 2004.
- The Arab Gulf Judiciaries, Dubai, GRC, 2003.  
[http://local.grc.to/files/portals\\_main/3\\_fullreport\\_file.pdf](http://local.grc.to/files/portals_main/3_fullreport_file.pdf)
- Constitutionalism in the Arab Gulf State, Dubai, GRC, 2002,  
[http://local.grc.to/files/portals\\_main/3\\_fullreport\\_file.pdf](http://local.grc.to/files/portals_main/3_fullreport_file.pdf)
- 'Political and Economic Liberalisation in the Middle East), Unpublished Monograph, 1999.

### 4. Articles

- 'The Crisis of Huthis in Yemen' Paper presented in 'The Yemeni Crisis and Arab National Security' The National Center for Middle East Studies, Cairo 11 November 2009.
- 'Why was not Arab Nationalism a Liberal Movement?' *Madarat*, Issue 1, 2009.
- 'Evaluating the Impact of the US Occupation of Iraq on the Sociopolitical Institutions in Saudi Arabia and Yemen: A Comparative Analysis', *Journal of Social Affairs*, Winter 2006.
- 'Yemeni Party Law: A Comparative Perspective', *Journal of Social Affairs*, Spring 2006.
- 'Local Governance and Participation in the GCC States', Sixth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, March 2005.

- 'Politics of Survival and the Structure of Control in Yemen 1990-2003', Fifth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, March 2004.
- 'Women in GCC Legislatures' *Ara'a*, Issue 3, 2004.
- 'The New Elite in the Arab World', *Ara'a*, Issue 2, 2004.
- 'The Unexpected Allegiances in Iraq Produce Unexpected Outcomes' *Ara'a*, Issue 1, 2004.
- The Role of Military in the Arab World, GRC, 2003.
- 'Rethinking Dual Containment', *Al-Masara Journal*, vol. 1, no. 4, 2001, pp. 18-35.
- 'Yemen: State Weakness and Society Alienation', *Al-Masara Journal*, vol. 1, no. 2, 2000, pp. 1-13.
- 'Electoral and Party Systems in Yemen', *Al-Masara Journal*, vol. 1, no. 1, 2000, pp. 17-31.
- Sociology of Corruption, *RAY*, 25 June 2000.
- 'Democracy in Yemen: Whether it Waxes or Wanes', *Al-Shura*, 10 January 1999.
- Unpublished collection of poetry.

### 5. Book Reviews & Translations

- Kamil Mahdi, Anna Wurth and Helen Lackner (eds.), *Yemen into the Twenty-First Century: Continuity and Change*, Reading: Ithaca, 2007. Reviewed in *Al Thawabit*, October-December, issue 50, 2007.
- 'God's Country?' by Walter Russell Mead, in the *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2006. Translated in *Al Thawabit*, January-March, issue 47, 2007.
- 'Blueprint for a New US Security Strategy: Updating the US Role in the World' by Michael Kraig et al, Translated in *Al Thawabit*, October-December, issue 46, 2006.
- *Shura and the Progress of Consultation in Saudi Arabia*, by A. Al-Zahrani, Riyadh: Riyadh Publishers, 2000. Reviewed in *Exeter-Saudi Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 1, April 2000.
- *Islam, Modernism and the West: Cultural and Political Relations at the End of the Millennium*, by Jema Martin Munoz, London: I. B. Tauris Co. Ltd., 1999. Reviewed in *Exeter-Saudi Bulletin*, Vol. 2, No. 1, April 2001.
- *For Dusk Warriors the Dawn Calls*, by Abdel Aziz Al-Tiwijri, Beirut: Al-Rayyes Books, 1999. Reviewed in *Exeter-Saudi Bulletin*, Vol. 2, No. 2, June 2001.

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- 'Parliamentary Oversight in Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE and Yemen' UNDP, Beirut October 2009.
- 'Legislating Political Parties in the Arab Countries', UNDP, Rabat, 17-19 March 2006.
- 'Impact of the American Invasion to Iraq on the Arab Countries', George Washington University November 2005.
- 'Reform in the Arabian Peninsula', Durham University, 9-10 September 2005.
- 'The Role of Parliaments in Preventing and/or Resolving Political Conflict: the Case of Yemen', UNDP, Beirut June 2005, Geneva July 2005 and Brussels January 2006.
- Challenges to Humanities and Social Sciences: the Search for Paradigm, AUS, Feb 2005.
- Good Governance and Rule of law, Abu Dhabi April 2004.
- Longevity and Durability of Authoritarianism in the Arab World, EIU, March 2004.
- Political Reforms in GCC States, Gulf Research Center & Carnegie Endowments for International Peace, Dubai, 23-24 September 2004.

- Arab Political Parties: Challenges and Areas of Reform, Lebanese Center for Policy Research & Konrad Adenour, Beirut, 13-14 October 2004.
- Euro-Gulf, Abu Dhabi, 17-18 April 2004.
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- External Factors and Political Stability in the GCC States, Gulf Research Centre, January 2003.
- Globalisation and the Gulf, Exeter University, 2001.
- Orientalism, Exeter University, 2001.
- Prospects for Iraq, Exeter University, 2000.
- Islam and the West, Brussels, 1999.
- Human Resources Development in the Arab Gulf, Exeter University, 1999.
- Yemen: Economic and Political Development Challenges, Exeter University, 1998.
- Water Resources in the Middle East: the Coming Challenge, Exeter University, 1997.
- Yemen: Crises and Solutions, SOAS, London University, 1994,

### **TV Satellite Interviews**

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- Yemeni Unification, Arab News Network (ANN), September 2000.
- Terrorism, BBC, October, 2001.
- Political and Economic Corruption in the Arab World, CNBC, December 2004.
- Does Islam Encourage Terrorism? Al Majd TV, February 11, 2005.
- Arab Human Development Reports, CNBC, February 12, 2005.
- Democratizing the Arab World, Al Majd TV, January 2006.

### **Referees**

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