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- Areas of Specialization

Nationalism, State-Formation, Political Violence, Islam, Middle East Politics, Political Economy, Authoritarianism, Political Theory.

- Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, The George Washington University, expected 2021.

M.A in Political Science, The George Washington University, 2017.

M.A. in Philosophy and Social Policy, The George Washington University, 2014.

B.S. in Electrical Engineering, King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals, 2007.

- Peer-Reviewed Publications

### BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming “The Saudi Wars of Unification” in Robert Clemm (ed.) *Bloody Years of 'Peace': A Global Military History of the Interwar Period*.

2018 “Beyond Sectarianism and Ideology: Regionalism and Collective Political Action in Saudi Arabia” in Madawi Alrashhed (ed.). *Salman's Legacy: The Dilemmas of a New Era in Saudi Arabia*. Oxford University Press.

- Other Writing

### BOOK REVIEWS

Forthcoming “Review of *Saudi Arabia under Ibn Saud: Economic and Financial Foundations of the State* by J.E. Peterson” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*.

### POLICY WRITING

2017 "Saudi Arabia Dispatch," Middle East Research and Information Project, v.283.

2017 “Is Rapprochement with Israel in Saudi Arabia’s Interest?” with Luai Allarakia, *The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington*.

- 2017 “The Role of Global Consultant Companies in the Decision-Making Process in Gulf Countries” in Omar Alshehabi (ed.). *Economic Reform in the Gulf Region During Oil Crisis*. Arab Unity Center. (In Arabic)
- 2015 “The Lost Peace: The Historical Roots of the Contemporary Saudi-Iranian Conflict.” in Omar Alshehabi (ed.). *The Gulf Five Years After the Arab Uprisings*. Gulf Center for Development Policies. (In Arabic)

#### PUBLIC WRITINGS

- 2016 “The Domestic Sources of Democracy and Pan-Arabism in Saudi Arabia”. in Sultan Alamer (ed.). *On the History of Pan-Arabism*. Beirut: Jossor Publishing House. (In Arabic)
- 2014 “Humanitarianism, Humanism, and Human Rights”. in Georges Corm (ed.). *On the Meaning of Pan-Arabism Meaning*. Beirut: Cultural Arab Center. (In Arabic)
- 2011 “The Margin When It Overthrows The Body: A Study on the Political Aspect of Aljabri’s Philosophy,” In Ali Alomaim (ed.). *Studies About Aljabri*. Beirut: Jadawil. (In Arabic)

- Ongoing Research

“The Survival of Ismaili Minority in Saudi Arabia,” under-review

“The Role of Nationalism in the Emergence of Welfare State in Resource-rich States,”  
Field research finished in November 2019

“Beyond Loyalty: understanding Committee Assignments in Authoritarian Legislatures,”  
Finished constructing new dataset in June 2020, and ready for analysis

- Grants, Honors, and Awards

- 2020 Institute for Middle East Studies PhD Grant Award, George Washington University
- 2019 ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Field Research Grant
- 2019 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2019 Ph.D. Scholarship, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius
- 2018 Travel grant, American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2014-2019 Ph.D. Scholarship, The Custodian of the two Holy Mosques' Overseas Scholarship Program
- 2015 American Political Science Association Middle East & North Africa Fellowship
- 2010 Award in Scientific Research, Council of Arab Ministers of Youth and Sports competition.

- Teaching

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2020 The Middle East in International Affairs
- 2019 The Middle East in International Affairs

- Conferences, Workshops, Talks

#### CONFRENCES

- 2019 American Political Science Association, “Explaining Consultative Councils: Comparing the Cases of Saudi Arabia and Qatar,” Washington, DC.
- 2019 Trajectories of Change Students Conference, “Saudi nation-building policies in Jazan and Najran,” Berlin.
- 2019 Arab Council for Social Science Conference, “The Survival of Ismaili Minority in Saudi Arabia”, Beirut.
- 2018 The Minority Question at The1919 Paris Peace Conference, “The Survival of Ismaili Minority in Saudi Arabia,” American University, Washington, DC.
- 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, “Saudi’s Consultative Council: Technocratic Advisory or Rubber Stamp?”, Boston.
- 2017 Middle East & North Africa Political Science Research and Publication Conference, “Variations in Saudi Nation-Building Policies”, American Political Science Association, Tunisia.
- 2016 Saudi Arabia: Domestic, Regional & International Challenges Conference, “Regionalism and Collective Action in Saudi Arabia”, Singapore.

#### WORKSHOPS

- 2019 Arab Nationalism and Its Legacies in the Gulf States Workshop, “The Role of Arab Nationalism in the Emergence of Welfare State in Saudi Arabia”, Princeton University.
- 2019 Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, “From Faisal to MBS: Regime Change in Saudi Arabia”, Yale University.
- 2018 American Political Science Association Research and Development Group, “Beyond Sectarianism and Ideology”.
- 2016 *New Directions in Arabian Peninsula Studies* Workshop, “Assimilative Wahabism”, Yale University.
- 2015 Middle East & North Africa Workshop, “The Puzzle of Saudi Female Labor Participation”, American Political Science Association.

- Additional Research and Work Experience

- 2020 Metadata Analyst, The George Washington University Libraries and Academic Innovation
- 2020 Researcher. Cambridge Middle East and North Africa Forum.
- 2019 Contributor. Oxford Bibliographies in Islamic Studies.
- 2016-2017 Principal Investigator, Nationally representative survey in Saudi Arabia, The Arab Barometer (Princeton University and The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor).
- 2015-2017 Part-time Researcher. *Gulf Center for Development Policies*, Kuwait.
- 2014-2016 Research Assistant, Department of History, The George Washington University.

2011-2015 Weekly Columnist, International *Al-Hayat* Newspaper.

- Additional Training

2019 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

- Additional Skills

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH (Within-US)

National Archives and Records Administration (Washington, DC); Booth Family Center for Special Collections, Georgetown University (Washington DC); Library of Congress (Washington DC); Special Collection Research Center, Syracuse University (New York State); Roosevelt Presidential Library.

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH (Outside-US)

King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia); National Center for Archives and Records (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia).

COMPUTATIONAL

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LANGUAGES

Arabic

- Service to the Profession

*Referee:* The Middle East Journal; British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies.

*Co-founder and Executive Committee Member:* The Arab Political Science Network; Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities (Maarif).

*Member:* American Political Association; Middle East Studies Association; Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies

- References

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