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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ph.D. Department of Political Science, 2020.

Wellesley College
B.A. (Cum Laude) in International Relations and French, 2013.

Academic Appointments And Fellowships

Boston College – Political Science Department
Assistant Professor, July 2023 -- present

Harvard Kennedy School – Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs – Middle East Initiative
Research Fellow, 2021-present
Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, 2019-2020

The Brookings Institution – Foreign Policy Program – Center for Middle East Policy
Non-resident Fellow, 2021-present
Post-doctoral Research Fellow, 2020-2021.

Institute for Regional and International Studies, University of Iraq – Sulaimani.
Non-Resident Research Fellow, 2020-present.

Selected Academic Publications

“Iraq’s Struggle for Democracy.” *Journal of Democracy* 34, no. 2 (April 2023): 150–162.
“The Collective Neglect of Southern Iraq: Missed Opportunities for Development and Good Governance.” *International Peacekeeping* (London, England) (2023): 1–20. (with Hamzeh Hadad)
“Religious Peacebuilding in Iraq: Prospects and Challenges from the Hawza.” *The Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 15:4, p.494-509, July 2021.

Selected Reports

[“The New Iraqi Opposition.”](#) Report written for *the Clingendael Institute’s Conflict Research Unit* (August 2023).
[“The Protestor Paradox: Why anti-Islamist Activists look towards Clerical Leadership.”](#) Report written for *The Brookings Institution*. April 2022.
[“Iraqi Elections 2021: Independents and New Political Parties.”](#) Report written for *The Konrad Adenauer Foundation*. January 2022.
[“Post-war Development of Civil Society in Iraq’s Mid-Euphrates Region.”](#) Report written for *The Brookings Institution*. January 2022.
[“Protestors and Civil Society Activists in Iraq: Between Reform and Revolution.”](#) *Institute of Regional and International Studies Report*. December 2020.

Selected Op-Eds

“Iraq’s upcoming elections: Voters and Winners.” *1001 Iraqi Thoughts and Order from Chaos*, The Brookings Institution, June 2021.
“The prospects and limitations of United Nations electoral observation in Iraq.” *Order from Chaos*, The Brookings Institution. May 2021. Co-authored with Maya Nir.
“How Iraq’s economic crisis affects its traditional and non-traditional security sectors.” *Order from Chaos*, The Brookings Institution, January 2021
“Six months into his premiership what has Mustafa al-Kadhimi done for Iraq?” *Order from Chaos*, The Brookings Institution, November 2020.
“Important Iraqi archives are now back in Baghdad. Where were they, and what happens now?” *The Washington Post*, September 2020.
“The role of Iraq’s influential Shiite clerics is changing. Here’s how.” *The Washington Post*, February 2019.
“Authoritarian Nostalgia Among Iraqi Youth: Roots and Repercussions.” *War on the Rocks*, July 2018.

Selected Presentations and Invited Talks

The Brookings Institution, May 2023. “Climate change, food insecurity, and migration in the Middle East.”
The Brookings Institution, March 2023. “Iraq 20 years later: The war’s legacy for Iraq, the Middle East, US policy, and beyond.”
The Quincy Institute, March 2023. “Evergreen Lessons of the Iraq War Twenty Years Later”

The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, March 2023. “20 Years After the U.S. Invaded: What’s Next for Iraq?”

St. Antony’s College, Oxford University, January 2023. “Clerics in the time of Tishreen: The evolution of religion-civil society relations in post-2003 Iraq”.

Chatham House, November 2022. “Iraq’s Political Crisis: the end or the rebirth of the system?”

The Atlantic Council, February 2022. “Assessing the impact of Iraq's incoming government”

The Brookings Institution, February 2022. “Iraqi Civil Society and Democratization”

NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group, June 2020. “Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Iraq.”

Brookings Institution, May 2020. “Iraqi-US relations under changing administrations.”

The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, March 2020. “In Crucial Election Year for Iraq, Could the Protest Movement Tip the Scale?”

Chatham House, September 2020. “Clerical Developments and Politics in the Howzehs of Iraq and Iran.”

Harvard Kennedy School, November 2019. “Understanding the Protests in Lebanon and Iraq: Why Now?”

Georgetown University, November 1 2019. “Understanding the Iraqi Protests: Critical Conversations.”

Awards

International Development Research Center 2021 Women, Peace and Security Research Award.