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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Economy, June 2020

[The Australian National University](#), College of Arts and Social Sciences, Canberra, Australia

Master's in International Development Economic Policy, February 2014

[Seoul National University](#), Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul, Korea

Bachelor's in Economics, May 2010

[Methodist University](#), Charles M. Reeves School of Business and Economics, North Carolina, USA

International Baccalaureate (IB), May 2006

[Armand Hammer United World College of the American West](#), New Mexico, USA

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer • Jan 2022 – Present

Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, The Australian National University

- Convenor of Australia and GCC Trade and Investment Forum
 - The Forum will see ANU-CAIS facilitating high-level economic and business discussions between Australian and Gulf Cooperation Council stakeholders including governments, investment funds, industry, and civil society.
- Establish and convene cross-college courses on the Economics of the Middle East
 - Negotiated and established two postgraduate courses with Arndt-Corden Department of Economics (CAP's Crawford School of Public Policy) and CAIS (CASS) for delivery in first and second semesters in 2023:
 - Middle East Economies: Policy and Development
 - Islamic Economies in Practice
 - Draft and create the outline and research material necessary to convene Economics of the Middle East courses in 2023
- Egypt: Social and Political Dynamics in a Changing Middle East (MEAS3008/6008) • Convenor • Feb – May 2022
- Modern Iraq: State, Politics and Society (MEAS3005/6005) • Convenor • Jul – Nov 2022

Sessional Lecturer • Feb 2017 – Dec 2021

Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, The Australian National University

- Modern Iraq: State, Politics and Society (MEAS3005/6005) • Convenor • Jul – Nov 2021
- Business Dynamics of the Middle East (BUSI2024) • Convenor • Feb – Jun 2018
- The Political Economy of the Middle East (MEAS2105) • Convenor • Feb – Jun 2017

Sessional Lecturer • Feb 2020 – Dec 2021

College of Business and Economics, The Australian National University

- Business Negotiations and Conflict Resolution (BUSI7152) • Convenor • Jul – Nov 2020
- Negotiation (MGMT2004) • Convenor • Jul – Nov 2020
- International Business (BUSI2025) • Convenor • Feb – Jun 2020
- International Human Resource Management • Convenor • Feb – Jun 2020

Sessional Lecturer • Feb 2019 – Nov 2020

College of Arts and Social Sciences, The Australian National University

- International Political Economy (POLS2094) • Head Tutor • Jul – Nov 2020
- International Political Economy (POLS2094) • Tutor • Jul – Nov 2019
- Current Issues in International Security (POLS2132) • Tutor • Jul – Nov 2019
- Introduction to International Relations (POLS1005) • Tutor • Feb – Jun 2019

Lecturer • Feb – Dec 2019

Academic Consultancy with Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra and Hubei University (China)

- International Relations Theory • Lecturer • 2019
- Studies on Regions and Countries • Lecturer • 2019
- History of International Relations • Lecturer • 2019
- Globalisation and Global Governance • Lecturer • 2019

Non-Resident Scholar • Jul 2020 – Present

Middle East Institute (MEI), Washington DC

Co-Founder and Chief Editor • Jan 2021 – Present

Near East Policy Forum (NEPF), Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, The Australian National University

- Based at the ANU, the NEPF provides cutting edge policy analysis on the Middle East and Central Asia to Australian policy makers, businesses, and academics.
- Founding and managing the day-to-day operations of the Near East Policy Forum.

Visiting Research Fellow • Jan 2021 – Dec 2021

Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, The Australian National University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed:

Funding and the Quest for Sovereignty in Palestine. (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022).

“Economic trouble in five non-oil Arab countries,” *Strategic Comments* 28:5 (Sep 2022).

“The Palestinian Authority: Taxation and Expenditure Policies Without a State,” in *Critical Perspectives & Arguments on Control, Domination, and Resistance in Palestine*, eds. Alaa Tartir (London: I.B Tauris, 2023). *Forthcoming*

“Palestinian Armed Forces: resistance, evolution, and institutionalization,” in *The Handbook of Arms Race in the Middle East: Implications for Regional and International Security*, eds Richard Jackson (London: Springer, 2023). *Forthcoming*

“The Palestinian Authority Political Economy: The Architecture of Fiscal Control,” in *Political Economy of Palestine: Critical Interdisciplinary, and Decolonial Perspectives*, eds. Alaa Tartir (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).

“The Political Economy of Taming the Palestinian Authority: External Income and International State-Building,” in *Palestine: Past and Present*, eds. Tristan Dunning (New York: Nova Science Publishers, 2019).

“The Palestinian Authority and the Rentier State,” *Siyasat Arabiya* 26 (May 2017) 55-66.

“The declining prospects of the Palestinian political movement,” *Strategic Comments* 27:1 (March 2021) vi-viii.

Economic Policy and Consultancy Reports:

Lead Author, “Money Management Kit Review: A Report Prepared for Australian Securities and Investment Commission,” *Settlement Council of Australia*, October 2021.

Researcher and contributor, “Household Economic Approach: Occupied Palestinian Territory: West Bank ‘Area C’ Herders Livelihood Baselines,” *Oxfam Italia*, December 2011.

Policy Institute Analysis and Outreach Articles:

“The Palestinian Authority’s Economic ‘Disengagement’ – A Continuation of the Status Quo?” *The Middle East Institute*, June 2022.

“Economic desperation and dependence are driving the Palestinian Authority’s political decisions,” *The Middle East Institute*, December 2020.

“Israel's annexation plan spells the end of the two-state solution,” *Fairfax Media*, May 2020.

“Palestine’s Ongoing Nakba,” *Australian Institute of International Affairs*, May 2020.

“The Taming of the Palestinian Authority,” *Foreign Policy*, October 2018.

“China’s Rising Interest in Qatar,” *The Lowy Institute for International Policy*, June 2018.

“How Should Palestinian Leadership Respond to Trump’s Jerusalem Decision?” *World Politics Review*, May 2018.

“Trump Turned Peace Talks into Zero-Sum Game,” *Centre for Arab Islamic Studies Bulletin, Australian National University*, 25:1 (2018).

“The decentralization of Palestinian national discourse,” *Open Democracy*, October 2017.

“Aid and its limits in Palestine,” *The Lowy Institute for International Policy*, October 2017.

“Saudi-Qatar dispute: The new normal,” *The Lowy Institute for International Policy*, August 2017.

“Behind the Qatar Crisis: Politics, energy and Al-Jazeera,” *The Lowy Institute for International Policy*, June 2017.

“The Palestinian Authority’s quest for survival and relevance,” *The Lowy Institute for International Policy*, April 2017.

“Is Jordan in danger?” *The Lowy Institute for International Policy*, February 2017.

“Retaking Raqqa: facts on the ground,” *The Lowy Institute for International Policy*, November 2016.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Settlement Council of Australia ([SCoA](#)) • Canberra • Mar 2021 – Dec 2021

Economist & Evaluation Lead

- Managed a portfolio of projects including creating an impact and evaluation framework for the settlement sector, evaluating and reviewing Australia Securities and Investment Commission’s (ASIC) financial education material, and constructing data governance frameworks for the settlement sector.

[Gerson Lehrman Group](#) • Dubai • Sep 2015 - Jul 2016

Senior Public Equity Researcher

- Provided investment research and other financial services for a portfolio of clients representing leading private equity firms, Sovereign Wealth Funds, and professional services firms in the Middle East and North Africa. Portfolio included Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Kuwait Investment Authority, Oman Investment Authority, and Gulf Capital.

Korea International Development Agency ([KOICA](#)) • Jerusalem • Dec 2013 - Feb 2015

Economist/Program Manager

- Formulated and managed a sustainable public health promotion campaign in Jenin District, Palestine. The campaign reached more than 50 communities in the Jenin district with a total population exposure of 300,000 people.
- Engineered projects to enhance the use of existing scarce health resources and personnel such as introducing doctor’s appointment and queue management systems.

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ([OCHA](#)) • Jerusalem • Aug 2011 - Aug 2012

Data Manager/Research Assistant

- Researched and wrote regular situation reports on the humanitarian situation in Palestine to the United Nations Security Council, United Nations General Assembly, Office of the Quartet, and various other diplomatic missions, and international organisations.

[Oxfam](#) • Jerusalem • May - Dec 2011

Economic Analyst

- Co-authored quantitative Household Economic research and devised suggestions on food security and development gaps to the Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission ([ECHO](#)) in Palestine.

Ek Pahila Foundation • France and Nepal • Co-Founder & Board Member

Ek Pahila Foundation is a non-profit organisation established in 2011 in France and Nepal. It aims to help poorly funded government community schools in Nepal by refurbishing the educational facilities within the school, providing assistance for further infrastructural development, and implementing income generating projects through which the school and its community can mutually benefit.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC TALKS

Conference Presentation, "Economic Outlook in Non-Oil Exporting Arab Countries," *Middle East in Transition*, Deakin University, December 2022.

Conference Lead Organiser, *ANU's Middle East and Central Asia Governance and Security Conference*, The Australian National University, November 2019.

Conference Co-organiser, *in their words | in our words*, The Australian National University, November 2017.

Conference Presentation, "Foreign Policy, Funds, and Regional Security: Case of PA," *ANU's Middle East and Central Asia Governance and Security Conference*, The Australian National University, November 2019.

Conference Presentation, " Hamas in Power: Islamists and Political Pragmatism," *Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies Political Islam Seminars*, The Australian National University, April 2019.

Conference Presentation, "Russia's Stance on Israel and Palestine: Power Politics and Historical Legacy," *Australian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies 14th Biennial Conference*, Griffith University, January 2019.

Conference Presentation, "The Palestinian Authority's Response to Trump's Middle East Policy," *Trump and The Middle East Conference*, Deakin University, Melbourne, October 2018.

Conference Presentation, "The Political Economy of Governance in Palestine: A Rentier Approach", *Arab Graduate Student Conference*, Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies, Doha, March 2018.

Conference Presentation, "Rethinking aid to Palestine: towards fiscally sustainable governance", *Australian Aid Conference 2018*, Development Policy Center, Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University, February 2018.

Conference Presentation, "The Future of the Two State Solution: viability and alternatives", *Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies Political Islam Seminars*, The Australian National University, April 2017.

Conference Presentation, "The Future of a Palestinian State", *Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies Political Islam Seminars*, The Australian National University, September 2016.

Conference Presentation, "The Israeli-Palestinian Two-State Solution: Viability and alternatives", The Majlis Roundtable, September 2016.

CONSULTANCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

Lead Author and researcher for an Australian Securities and Investment Commission's consultancy to conduct evaluation of financial education material. Consultancy value: AUD 55,000.

"International Research Fellow" and "High Degree Researcher" awards at the Australian National University, Australia 2015-2020. Total Value: approximately AUD 220,000.

"Korean International Cooperation Agency Scholar" award to attend Seoul National University Master's program in International Development Policy and research aid effectiveness, Korea, 2012-2014. Total Value: approximately USD 40,000.

"Shelby Davis Scholar" and "Methodist University Presidential Scholar" awards to attend Methodist University for undergraduate studies, the United States, 2006-2010. Total Value: approximately USD 120,000.

"Shelby Davis and United World College Scholar" awards to attend the United World College High School System in the United States, the United States, 2004-2006. Total Value: approximately USD 60,000.

RELEVANT TECHNICAL SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES

- IBM Data Science Professional Certificate (2021)
- Proficient in complex data analysis software and programming languages such as Python • SQL • SPSS • E-Views