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**EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE**

**Birzeit University,** Birzeit, Palestine.

Associate professor of Modern History, Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies.

Dean of Faculty of Arts, August 2021- present.

Director, MA Program in Israeli Studies, 2015-2021.

Committee Member, Doctoral Program in the Social Sciences, 2015-2020; 2022-2023.

**EDUCATION**

**New York University**, New York. *Ph.D., History, 2008.*

Examination Fields: modern, and early modern Middle East and North Africa.

Dissertation title: *Communities of Owners: Land Law, Governance, and Politics in Palestine, 1858-1948.*

**New York University**, New York. *M.A., Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, 2001.*

**Hebrew University**, Jerusalem. *B.A., Philosophy, and Sociology & Anthropology, 1996.*

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Institute for Palestine Studies,** Ramallah and Beirut.

Research fellow, consultant for an online archiving project (2011-2020)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Colonialism and anti-colonial politics and history; Land law and property records; Sociology and anthropology of Bilad al-Sham; Critical social and political theory.

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Birzeit University**

Co-Principal Supervisor, “Mapping Memories of Resistance: The Untold Story of the Occupation of the Golan Heights” in collaboration with London School of Economics (LSE) and Al Marsad, Arab Human Rights Centre in Golan Heights, 2018-2021.

**Palestinian Diaspora and Refugee Center (SHAML)**, Ramallah.

Coordinated an oral history research project in the occupied Golan Heights. Main focus: rural urbanization and popular politics, 2004.

**FELLOWSHIPS**

**Institute for Palestine Studies**, Ramallah, Research fellowship, 2019-present.

**Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin & Zentrum Moderner Orient**, Berlin. Post-doctoral fellowship in the interdisciplinary research program “Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe,” 2009-2010.

**International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University,** New York Dissertation writing fellowship, 2006.

**PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Skidmore College**, Saratoga Springs, New York

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2008-2009.

**New York University**, New York, New York

Morris Academic Plan (2000-2008), Reciter.

**EDITTED VOLUMES**

Coeditor with Muna Dajani and Michael Mason, *The Untold Story of the Golan Heights: Occupation, Colonisation and Jawlani Resistance* (London: I.B. Tauris/Bloomsbury, 2022).

Chief Editor, *The General Survey of* *Israel 2020* [in Arabic] (Beirut/Ramallah: Institute for Palestine Studies, 2020 electric edition, 2021 hardcover edition)

Coeditor with Jamil Hilal and Khalid Farraj, *Palestine Internationally: The rise of the right in the world and redrawing of challenges* [in Arabic] (Beirut/Ramallah: Institute for Palestine Studies, 2018)

Coeditor with Jamil Hilal and Khalid Farraj, *Israel and the Question of Palestine* [in Arabic] (Beirut/Ramallah: Institute for Palestine Studies, 2017)

Coauthored with Salim Tamari, *Property Records in the Old City of Jerusalem* [in Arabic] (Beirut/Ramallah: Institute for Palestine Studies, 2017)

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Mapping the Politics of the Governed among the Jawlanis: A Semiotic Approach,” in Dajani, Fakher Eldin, and Mason (eds.), *The Untold Story of the Golan Heights: Occupation, Colonisation and Jawlani Resistance* (London: I.B. Tauris/Bloomsbury, 2022).

Coauthored with Wael Tarabieh, “Sculptures in Jawlani Public Places: Reflections on the Work of Identity,” in Dajani, Fakher Eldin, and Mason (eds.), *The Untold Story of the Golan Heights: Occupation, Colonisation and Jawlani Resistance* (London: I.B. Tauris/Bloomsbury, 2022).

“After Property: The Sakhina Struggle in Late Ottoman and British-Ruled Palestine, 1876–1948,” in Daniel Heath Justice and Jean M. O’Brien (eds.), *Allotment Stories: Indigenous Land Relations under Settler Siege* (Minneapolis: Minnesota University Press, 2022).

“Palestinians Trapped in Israeli Planning Policies,” [Arabic] in Jamil Hilal, Munir Fakher Eldin, and Khalid Farraj (eds.) *Israel and the Question of Palestine* [Arabic] (Beirut/Ramallah: Institute for Palestine Studies, 2017)

“La société golanaise au prisme de la révolte,” in François Burgat & Bruno Paoli (eds.) *Pas de printemps pour la Syrie? Acteurs et enjeux de la crise 2011-1013* (Paris: La Découverte, 2013).

**“**Silvestre de Sacy et les Druzes: réflexions sur la politique du savoir et l’utilisation conjoncturelle des traditions,” in Michael Spain, Nora Lafi, and Pascale Rabault-Feuerhahn (eds.) *Silvestre de Sacy: Le projet européen d’une science orientaliste* (Paris: Éditions du Cerf, 2014).

“A Historian’s Task: Make sure the object does not turn against itself in the museum,” in Martin Hager (ed.) *Islamic Art and the Museum* (London: Saqi Books, 2012), 135-138.

**PEER-REVIEWED AND ACADEMIC ARTICLES**

“The Middle Class and the Land Struggle in Palestine: Revisiting the Colonial Encounter in the Beisan Valley, 1908–1948,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (forthcoming, accepted for as a special section article “Who Owns Palestine?”).

“Power, Politics, and Community: Resistance Dynamics in the Occupied Golan,” *Journal of Palestine Studies*, XLIX, no. 1 (Autumn 2019): 77-92.

“Confronting a Colonial Rule of Property: The al-Sakhina Case in Mandate Palestine,” *Arab Studies Journal,* Vol. XVII, No. 1 (2019): 12-33.

“Land, Property Rights, and Colonial Procrastination: Between the Balfour Declaration and the Nakba” [Arabic], *Ostour*, Vol. 8 (July 2018): 193-209.

“The Syrians in the Golan Heights, between Uprising, Regime, and Occupation” [Arabic], *Majallat al- Dirasat al-Filastiniya*, 104 (Autumn, 2015), 27-32.

“British Framing of the Frontier in Palestine, 1918–1923: Revisiting Colonial Sources on Tribal Insurrection, Land Tenure, and the Arab Intelligentsia,” *Jerusalem Quarterly,* no. 60 (2014): 42-58.

“*Nahda* Anxieties in Jubran Kazma’s letters to Jamal Husseini, 1921-1923,” [Arabic] *Hawliyat al-Quds* 11, no. 12 (Winter, 2011): 25-33.

**ESSAYS**

“Identity and Colonialism in the Occupied Golan Heights: Notes on the Dialectics of Consciousness and Hegemony,” [Arabic] published online by Harmon Center for Contemporary Studies, 11 Nov. 2017. <https://harmoon.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Identity-and-Colonialism-in-the-Occupied-Golan.pdf>

“The Syrian Revolution and Resistance in the Occupied Golan,” [Arabic] Bidayat, vols. 3-4, Autumn 2012/Winter 2013. <https://bidayatmag.com/node/215>

“On the Formation of Identity: the Invention of Modernity and Traditions,” [Arabic] in *al-Safir’s* *Palestine supplement*, 17 April 2012. <http://almawqef.com/spip.php?article5401&debut_articles_rubrique=40&lang=ar>

“On the Birth of the Refugee Camp,” in Issam Nassar and Rasha Salti (eds.) *I would have smiled: Photographing the Palestinian Refugee Experience, a Tribute to Myrtle Winter-Chaumeny* (Jerusalem: Institute for Palestine Studies, 2009), 125-127.

“*The New Intifada* and a Short History of the Question of Palestine,” (co-authored with Koray Çalişkan; in Turkish), *Birikim* (December, 2000), 20-35.

Note: I have also Published essays on the cultural and political affairs in the Golan Heights local websites and in leading Arabic newspapers and magazines: *Al-Nahar* (the Cultural Supplement), *Al-Safir* (the Palestine Supplement), and most recently in *Bidayat* (edited by Fawaz Trabulsi).

**BOOK REVIEWS**

“Review of *Miri and Amiri, Owner and Property: Legal Notes on the Distinction between Private Land and State Land in Palestine*, [Arabic] [A historical monograph from 1936, republished by the Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center],” *Majjalat al-Dirasat al-Filastiniya,* vol*.* 23, no. 89 (Winter, 2012): 180-182.

“Review of *The Politics of the Governed: Reflections on Popular Politics in Most of the World*, by Partha Chatterjee,” *Arab Studies Journal,* vols*.* 13-14 (2005-2006), 141-44.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Land Records and the Struggle for Palestine: The Tapu Records, Society, and the State, 1858-1948.” Paper presented at the conference “Ostour Symposium: Historical Writing in Palestine,” organized by the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha (January 29-30, 2023).

“[Keynote I: The Mandate Period as Rupture: How to Read Land Archives?](https://www.palestine-studies.org/en/node/1653326)” Paper presented at the conference “Reassessing the British Mandate in Palestine,” organized by the Institute for Palestinian Studies at Birzeit University (October 31-November 2, 2022).

“British Land Reform and the Frontier Situation in Palestine.” Paper presented at the conference “Who Owns Palestine? Seventh Annual Workshop on New Directions in Palestinian Studies,” organized by Beshara Doumani and Paul Kohlbry, at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Providence (March 6-7, 2020).

“Testing the Limits of Liberalism: Nahda Reformers in Palestine and the Transition from Ottoman to British Rule, 1909-1923.” Paper presented at the conference “The Arab Nahda in its Regional and Global Contexts,” Oxford University, Oxford, UK (April 22-23, 2015).

“The heterogeneous space of property: Structural and Analytical Notes on the Beisan land settlement in British-ruled Palestine, 1921-1948.” Paper presented at the conference “Political Economy and the Economy of Politics: New Directions in Palestinian Studies,” organized by Beshara Doumani and Sa’ed Athsan at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Providence (February 28-March 1, 2014).

“Land and sovereignty in late Ottoman and British-ruled Palestine, 1858-1948.” Paper presented at the 2013- 2014 Seminar for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences and History, at the Institute for Palestine Studies, Ramallah (November 29, 2013).

“The politics of landholding in British-ruled Palestine, 1921-1948: land reform and the impoverishment of a rural society.” Paper presented at Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver (November 17-20, 2012).

“How Syrian artists shape cultural practices in a communal context: the case of Fateh Al-Mudarris Center for Arts and Culture in the occupied Golan Heights.” Paper presented at the conference “Teaching Arab Intellectual Thought and the Changing Role of the Literati,” Columbia University, New York (May 7-9, 2011).

“The legacy of sultan Abdulhamid II’s imperial estates in Beisan: private property and sovereignty in late Ottoman and early British-occupied Palestine, 1876-1921.” Paper presented at the 12th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Florence (April 7-9, 2011).

“The Golan Heights between south Syria and north Palestine: commonalities, differences, and blurred boundaries of identity.” Paper presented at the conference “(Re)searching Palestine: Research Gaps and Horizons,” organized by the Institute for Palestine Studies at Birzeit University (October 30-31, 2010).

“Silvestre de Sacy and the Druzes.” Paper presented at the international colloquium “Silvestre de Sacy (1758- 1838): Le projet européen d’une science orientaliste” organized by Centre national de la recherché scienfitique, l’École normale supérieure, l’Institut du Monde Arabe, and Zentrum Moderner Orient (Berlin), Paris (14-16 October, 2010).

“Property, government, and sovereignty: The national struggle for land in Palestine revisited, 1878-1948.” Paper presented in the Berlin Seminar of the research program “Europe in the Middle East, The Middle East in Europe,” Berlin (28 April 2010).

“*Nahda* and its discontents: propertied men, the nation, and the popular classes (1914-1948)." Paper presented in panel titled "A Material *Nahda*?," at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, (23 November 2009).

"The city, the valley, and the nation: on a post-Ottoman 'land settlement' in Mandate Palestine, 1921-1948." Paper presented at the Ottoman Urban Studies Seminar: Post-Ottoman Cities, organized by Ulrike Freitag and Nora Lafi at Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin (16 November 2009).

“Undoing Empire: International social sciences and the making of colonial Palestine in the 1930s and 1940s.” Paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (20 November 2005).

“Rethinking the collapse of British rule in Palestine.” Paper presented at the International Center for Advanced Studies Seminar, directed by Timothy Mitchell, at New York University, New York (2 December 2005).

**COORDINATING CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

**Institute for Palestine Studies,** Ramallah.

Coordinated conference titled “The 1987 Intifada: History and Memory: Commemorating the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Popular Palestinian Uprising against the Israeli Occupation,” Ramallah – Gaza - Beirut, 24-26, 28-30 November, 2017.

**Institute for Palestine Studies,** Ramallah.

Coordinated conference titled “Present and Future of ‘Area C’ and the Jordan Valley: Strategies of Confronting Israel’s Colonial Control,” Ramallah - Al Bireh, 6-7-8 July 2012.

**Muwatin – The Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy,** Ramallah.

Organized three workshops on colonial land law in Palestine, 2011-2012.

**SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT**

1. “Special Topic: Land Law and Settler Colonialism in Palestine” (M.A. Seminar, BZU)
2. “Methods in Social Sciences” (M.A. level, BZU)
3. “Settler Colonialism and Israel” (M.A. level, BZU)
4. “The Arab City” (M.A. level, BZU)
5. “Arab Modernity” (M.A. level, BZU)
6. “Populism in theory and practice in the Arab World” (M.A. level, BZU)
7. “Diversity, Citizenship, and Integration in the Arab World” (M.A. level, BZU)
8. “What is *Nahda*? Arab Thought in the Age of Empires, 1800-1945” (M.A. level, BZU)
9. “Postcolonial Arab Thought, 1945-present” (M.A. level, BZU)
10. “Modern and Contemporary European Civilization” (Undergraduate university requirement, BZU)
11. “Modern and Contemporary Arab Thought” (Undergraduate university requirement, BZU)
12. “Islamic History and Society” (Introductory-level undergraduate course, Skidmore College)
13. “The Modern Middle East since 1800” (Middle-level undergraduate course, Skidmore College)
14. “Culture, Politics, & History of the Islamic World” (Upper-level course, Skidmore College)

**SERVICE TO THE PORFESSIONAL COMMUNITY**

* Peer-reviews for University of Stanford Press.
* Peer-reviews for the Institute for Palestine Studies (books and journal articles)
* Peer-reviews for *Ostour* and *Umran*, journals published by the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha.
* Peer-reviews for the Cambridge journal, *Rural History: Economy, Society and Culture.*
* Peer-reviews for *Arab Studies Journal.*

**PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE**

* *Hawliyat Al-Quds,* Member of the Editorial Committee, 2013. A quarterly issued by the Institute of Jerusalem Studies.
* *Arab Studies Journal,* book review editor 2002-2006.

**COMMUNITY WORK**

**Al-Haq** – Palestine. Member of the General Assembly (2012-present).

**Al-Marsad – Arab Center for Human Rights** in Occupied Golan Heights (2003-2020). Co-founder, Board Member.

**Ramallah Municipality.** Volunteer advisor on digitizing historical archival material (current)

**LANGUAGES**

* Arabic, excellent in all levels
* English, excellent in all levels
* Hebrew, excellent in all levels
* Turkish and Ottoman Turkish, basic reading skills.
* French, basic.

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