

# RASHAD TWAM

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CV

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## EDUCATION

- PhD in PUBLIC LAW** (distinction) May 2018  
*Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis El Manar University, Tunis.*  
**Major Emphasis:** Constitutional Law.  
**Thesis:** "The Army and Changing the Constitutional Regime in Egypt".
- MA in INTERNATIONAL STUDIES** (distinction) August 2011  
*IALIS, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Birzeit University, Ramallah.*  
**Thesis:** "Diplomatic Activity of National Liberation Movements and its Impact on International Law and International Relations: The Palestinian Experience". (Published)
- BA in LAW** (very good) June 2008  
*Faculty of Law and Public Administration, Birzeit University, Ramallah.*  
**Major Emphasis:** Public Prosecution, Investigation & Peace Keeping Career.  
**Seminar Research:** "Copyright: The Concept and Criminal Protection". (Published)

## EXPERIENCE

### (I) Positions:

- Instructor, Coordinator and Supervisor** September 2013 till present\*  
*BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, Ramallah.*
- ❖ *Office of Vice President for Community Affairs:*
- **Consultant and coordinator:** plan for development of scientific research; Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs files. [Sep. 2017 till present]
  - **Coordinator:** plan for development of postgraduate programs. [Sep. 2017 – Jul. 2018]
  - **Coordinator** of the University Publishing Unit: Preparation for the establishment, preparation the regulations and forms, and daily management. [Apr. 2018 till present]
  - **Supervisor:** Project of Birzeit Electronic Library for Rare Books. [Apr. 2018 till present]
  - **Supervisor (delegate)** of the Palestinian Digital Archive: Supervising the plan to develop the "AWRAQ" website and daily management. [Jul. 2018 till present]
- ❖ *Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights:*
- **Coordinator and developer of training program:** Training for the security forces on the human rights (preparation of the training manual and training of trainers), supervising on research assistants and contributing to the development of "resources lab" at the Institute. [Sep. 2018 till present]
- ❖ *Faculty of Law and Public Administration:*
- **Researcher and coordinator,** Constitutional Law Unit and Chair of Constitutional and International Law: Conducting researches on constitutional law, tasks management for the researchers team, and production supervision for "Birzeit's Working Papers Series in Legal Studies". [Sep. 2017 till present]
  - **Coordinator** of "Scientific Research and Publications Unit": Production supervision for following four publications series: Curriculum, Research and Studies, Academic Theses, Instructional Materials (Issued 8 books). Also the faculty yearbooks for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. [Jan. 2014 – Sep. 2015]

\* October 2015 - July 2016: Residing in Tunisia for the purposes of doctoral study.

- **Supervisor** of "Birzeit Legal Clinic": management and planning; supervise training of students on providing legal advices; Coordinating with variety of stakeholders. [Jan. – Sep. 2015]
- **Instructor**, Department of Law: Teaching the following courses: "Research Methodologies for Law Students", "Human Rights Law", "History of Law in Palestine".\*\*

### Legal Advisor

January - September 2014

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, Ramallah.

- **Minister's Office: Advisor to the Minister** [January – May 2014]  
Work Description: Follow-up special policy legal files; Coordinate cooperation with some of international institutions; Legislative drafting and preparing legal memoranda; Legal adviser in charge for Palestinian Judicial Institute (since Mid- April).
- **Palestinian Judicial Institute: Legal Advisor** [April – Sep. 2014]  
Work Description: Legislative drafting and preparing legal memoranda; Preparation the organizational structure and its explanatory note; Contributing on the preparation of the Strategic Plan; Follow-up Academic Affairs; Coordination for some training courses.

### Instructor and Coordinator

October 2013 – January 2014

AL-ISTIQLAL UNIVERSITY (Palestinian Academy for Security Sciences), Jericho.

- **Coordinator** of Scientific Research Deanship.
- **Instructor**, Faculty of Law and Police Sciences: "Seminar in Law".
- **Instructor**, Faculty of Public Administration and Military Science: "Democracy and Human Rights".

### Legal Advisor

January – August 2013

Palestinian Judicial Institute, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, Ramallah.

Work Description: Follow-up plan of curricula developing for Judicial Studies Diploma Program; Follow-up evaluation of training programs; Preparing follow-up academic reports; Preparing Final Transcript for Diploma (Acting Registration Officer); Overseeing the various versions; Preparation Executive guide for the evaluation of training programs at the institute (published); Representation the institute in membership of "The National Team of Strategic Plan for the Sector of Justice & Rule of Law" (2014-2016).

### Coordinator and Instructor

November 2011 - January 2013

HEBRON UNIVERSITY, Hebron.

- **Coordinator** of Legal Clinic: [Nov. 2011- Oct. 2012]  
Work Description: Contribute to implementation of various activities, specially providing legal advices and supervise the training of students; Tasks management, preparing reports and other types of documents; Planning and organizing conferences, workshops, training courses, moot courts, and symposia; Coordinating with variety of stakeholders; Training: facilitation and implementation.
- **Instructor** (P.T), Department of Jurisprudence and Law: "Legal Practical Training", "General Principles on Criminal Law", "Scientific Research in Law". [Feb. 2012 – Jan 2013]
- **Instructor** (P.T), Department of Political Science: "Palestinian Political System". [May-Sep. 2012]

### Legal Researcher

July 2008 - February 2011

Institute of Law at BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, Ramallah.

Program of "Assisting the Development of Good Security Sector Governance in Palestine".

Work Description: Conducting academic and practical research on constitutional law, comparative law; Coordinating training courses; Organizing outreach activities with universities, the media and community centers; Classifying and analyzing security-related legislation in Palestine since the British Mandate; In charge of the Project's public relations; Editing books; Providing assistance in Training.

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\*\* Part-time (P.T): September 2013 – January 2015 | Full time: January – September 2015, September 2016 – August 2017.

**(II) Consulting Contracts:**

- *ALSHARQ Forum, Istanbul.* July - September 2016  
Work Description: Prepare an electronic curriculum for an academic course entitled "The army and politics in the East Region", and presented it as a **visiting lecturer** (10 lectures), in favor of *the East Academic Platform*.
- *JUHOUD Organization for Community and Rural Development, Ramallah.* [In partnership with: Ministry of Youth and Sport] June 2011 - March 2012  
Work Description: work as **legal advisor** with legal team for Program of "The National Service for Youth" on: Developing a memorandum of legislative policy; participating in policy meetings and outreach; providing legal advices; drafting a legislation of "*The Imperative National Service for Youth*".
- *Enhancing Legal Education Program, Law Faculty at AL-QUDS UNIVERSITY, Jerusalem.* [In partnership with: *Netham Project*] March- August 2009  
Work Description: Production (**Editor**) "*Guide of Law Faculty, Al-Quds University*". Published in September 2009.

**(III) Research Contracts and Grants:**

- *Scientific Research Committee, BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, Ramallah.* March 2014 – August 2017  
Implementation a research project titled "*Artificial Political Systems: Towards a Constitutional Theory for the Arab World*". Outputs: Three studies under publication [Co-author with Asem Khalil].
- *Palestinian Center for Media Freedoms (MADA), Ramallah.* August - December 2011  
Conducting a study on "*The Legal Regulation of Media Freedom in Palestine*"

**PUBLICATIONS**See full text for some of publications on: [www.linkedin.com/in/rtwam](http://www.linkedin.com/in/rtwam)**(I) Books:**

- *Palestine, Between State Constitution and the Need for a National Charter: Strategic Approaches on the Palestinian Political System* [Co-author with Asem Khalil]  
Palestinian Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies (MASARAT), Al-Bireh, February 2014.
- *National Liberation Diplomacy: The Palestinian Experience (Approaches on International Law and International Relations)* [Foreword by Marwan Barghouti]  
Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies, Birzeit University, Ramallah, March 2013.
- *The Legal Regulation of Media Freedom in Palestine*  
Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms (MADA), Ramallah, December 2011.
- *The Palestine Liberation Organization's Legal System: The Legislation of the Security and the Revolutionary Judiciary* [Co-author with Mu'in Barghouti]  
Institute of Law at Birzeit University, Ramallah, November 2010.
- *The Security Sector Legislation in Palestine prior to 1994* [Collective Work]  
Institute of Law at Birzeit University, Ramallah, August 2009.
- *Copy Right: Concept and Criminal Protection*  
OGARIT Cultural Center, Ramallah, November 2008.

**(II) Curricula:**

- *Scientific Research in Law: Instructional Manual* (Book – hard copy)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> edition: Al-Shamel Publishers, Nablus and Amman, September 2017.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> edition: Faculty of Law and Public Administration at Birzeit University, Birzeit, February 2015.
- *The army and politics in the East Region* (electronic curriculum)  
The East Academic Platform, ALSHARQ Forum, Istanbul, April 2017 (experimental copy)

**(III) Studies in Journals:**

- *International Justice on Peaceful Resistance: Towards a Palestinian Model*  
*SEYASAT*, volume (20), pages: 33-55. Institute for Public Policies, Ramallah, August 2012.
- *National Liberation and Conflict Resolution by Peaceful Means: The Palestinian Experience*  
*SEYASAT*, volume (17/18), pages: 37-62. Institute for Public Policies, Ramallah, December 2011.

- **International Practice in Extradition Linked to Human Rights Measures**  
TASAMUH, volume (30), pages: 171-189. Ramallah Center for Human Right Studies, Ramallah, Sep. 2010.
- **The Palestinian Student Movement: Charismatic Crisis and Loss of Institutionalism**  
SEYASAT, volume (13/14), pages: 82-104. Institute for Public Policies, Ramallah, September 2010.
- **The Realism in The Military Thought at Sun Tzu & Clausewitz**  
KANA'AN, volume (142), pages: 59-82. Center for Revival of Arab Heritage, Al-Tayba, July 2010.
- **The Legal Deposit According to Copyright Legislation** [Co-author with Azam Tawafsha and Suad Jawan]  
SEYASAT, volume (12), pages: 121-141. Institute for Public Policies, Ramallah, April 2010.
- **Scientific Integrity in Academic Research Linked to Copyright**  
SEYASAT, volume (10), pages: 100-118. Institute for Public Policies, Ramallah, November 2009.

#### **(IV) Chapters in Books:**

- **Higher Education for Human Rights in Palestine: Model of Birzeit University and Reading in Personal Experiences**  
In: "Education and Culture of Human Rights in Arab Universities: Programs and Experiences", p: 75-102.  
Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace, Beirut, February 2015.
- **Ibrahim Abu-Lughod's Personal Library: In Search for The Engaged Intellectual**  
In: "Ibrahim Abu-Lughod and the Engaged Intellectual: Resurrecting a Model", pages: 22-29.  
Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies, Birzeit University, Ramallah, December 2011.
- **The Arabian before Camera with Zionist Lenses: The Orientalism and The Role of Zionism in Deformation The Image of Arabs in Western Cinema**  
In: "Zionism-Israeli Violence & Roots, Manifestations, Causes", pages: 183-241  
Center for the Study of Palestinian Society & Heritage, Al-Bira, May 2011.

#### **(V) Manuals and Guides:**

- **Evaluation of the training programs at Palestinian Judicial Institute: Executive Manual**  
Palestinian Judicial Institute, Ramallah, July 2013.
- **Guide of the Law Faculty at Al-Quds University**  
Faculty of Law at Al-Quds University, Jerusalem, September 2009.

#### **(VI) Other Publications:**

- **Youth and politics in Palestine: Questions of the role, influence and priority**  
(Closed Experts Symposium: Moderator and Editor)  
SEYASAT, volume (37-38), pages: 164-187. Institute for Public Policies, Ramallah, October 2016.
- **"Palestinian without Identity": a Historical Novel and Revolutionary Manuscript**  
(Book review and survey for: Abou Iyad and Éric Rouleau. PALESTINIEN SANS PATRIE. Paris: Fayolle, 1978)  
SEYASAT, volume (31), pages: 185-208. Institute for Public Policies, Ramallah, February 2015.
- **Palestine Accession to The International Criminal Court: Questions of readiness, gains and caveats**  
(Closed Experts Symposium: Moderator and Editor)  
SEYASAT, volume (29), pages: 94-120. Institute for Public Policies, Ramallah, September 2014.

#### **CONFERENCES**

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- **State, Sovereignty and Social Space in the Arab Region**, Arab Council for the Social Sciences, Beirut, 10-12 March 2017. Title of paper: "The Revolution and Transformations in the Arab Political Systems: Egypt and Tunisia as case studies". [Co-author with Asem Khalil]
- **Enforcement Mechanisms and Protection of Human Rights**, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, The Arab Organization for Constitutional Law and Lebanese University, Beirut, 16-17 October 2014.
- **Education and Culture of Human Rights in Arab Universities**, Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace, Lebanese University, and OHCHR, Beirut, 20-21 June 2014. Title of paper: "Higher education for human rights in Palestine: Model of Birzeit University and reading in personal experiences".

- **Membership of Palestine in the United Nations: Legal and Political Implications**, Hebron University, Hebron, 18-19 April 2012. Title of paper: "PNA-PLO, the Dilemma of the Son Who Adopted His Father: Which Political System for the State of Palestine".
- **Criminal Law in Palestine**, Hebron University, Hebron, 20-21 April 2011. Title of paper: "Penal Legislation of the PLO: Heritage of the revolution in the structure of the state".
- **Ibrahim Abu-Lughod and the Engaged Intellectual: Resurrecting a Model**, Birzeit University, 12 April 2011. Title of paper: "Ibrahim Abu-Lughod's Personal Library: In Search for The Engaged Intellectual".
- **Zionism-Israeli Violence & Roots, Manifestations, Causes**, Center for the Study of Palestinian Society and Heritage, Al-Bira, 23-25 April 2010. Title of paper: "The Arabian before Zionist Lenses Camera: The Orientalism & The Role of Zionism in Deformation The Image of Arabs in Western Cinema".
- **Criticism Thinking & The University Sphere In The Palestinian Experience**, Birzeit University, Ramallah, 17 April 2010. Title of paper: "The Palestinian Student Movement: The Stalemate Charisma & The Missing Institutionalism".
- **Law & Policy: Interrelations**, Birzeit University, Ramallah, 8 March 2010. Title of paper: "Palestinian Revolutionary Judiciary System: between Rules of Law and Possible of Policy".
- **Future of Graduate Studies in Palestine**, An-Najah National University, Nablus, 16 July 2009. Title of paper: "Scientific Integrity in Academic Research Linked to Copyright".

## TRAINING

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### (I) As a Trainer:

- **Basics on Academic Legal Research** (Target group: MA law students). Faculty of Law at Al-Quds University, Jerusalem, April 2015.
- **Judges and the application of media laws** (Target group: judges). Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms (MADA), Ramallah, April 2014.
- **Law and Freedom of Opinion and Expression** (Target group: journalists). Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms (MADA). Jenin, April 2012.
- **Legal Advice Methodology** (Target group: BA students). Legal Clinic at Hebron University in cooperation with UNDP, Hebron, February 2012.
- **Protection of Intellectual Property and its Relationship to Media Works** (Target group: lawyers). Institute of Law at Birzeit University in cooperation with the Palestinian Bar Association, Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms (MADA), and UNESCO, Ramallah, February 2011.

### (II) As a Trainee:

- **Monitoring and Evaluation of Training Programs**. Supreme Judicial Council & Palestinian Justice Enhancement Program, Ramallah, March 2013.
- **Clinical Legal Education**. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) & Clinical Legal Education Programme at University of Western Ontario, Ramallah, March 2012.
- **Diplomacy**. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies at Birzeit University and Foreign Affairs Ministry, Ramallah, February-March 2009.
- **Woman Rights as Human Rights**. Women Center for Legal Aid and Counseling, Birzeit University, April-May 2007.
- **Training of Trainers on the Rule of Law for Youth and School Students**. Strengthening the Rule of Law Project (ARKAN), Ramallah, January-March 2007.
- **Communications Skills**. Institution of Civic Forum, Jerusalem, January-April 2004.

## SKILLS

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- Computer: windows office, internet, design.
- Research: conducting academic and practical research.
- Training: coordination, facilitation, implementation.

- Teaching: developing curricula, designing courses, using both interactive and traditional techniques.
- Legal Writing: legislative drafting, preparing and reviewing draft agreements, laws and regulations.
- Editing: editing books, manuals, papers and reports.
- Management: project coordinating, preparing administrative reporting and financial.
- Public speaking in popular and expert meetings.
- Languages: Arabic: mother tongue; English: very good in reading, fair in writing and speaking.

## ACTIVITIES

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### **(I) Professional and scientific activities:**

- Founding Member, “The Arab Organization for Constitutional Law”, Beirut, October 2014 till present.
- Member, “National Team of Strategic Plan for the Sector of Justice and Rule of Law (2014-2016)”, Ramallah, April-August 2013.
- Member, “SAFEER Group for Diplomacy and International Law”, Ramallah, November 2012 till present.
- Founding Member, “Researchers Without Borders”, Al-Bira, November 2012 till present (License: June 2013).

### **(II) Student and youth activities:**

- President (elected by recommendation), “Coordinating Committee of Palestinian Graduate Students in Tunisia”, Tunis, January–April 2016.
- President (elected), “Student Councils Union of Law, Public Administration & Political Science”, Birzeit University, Ramallah, 2007-2008.
- Leadership Member (elected), Head of Culture Committee, “Student Youth Movement”, Birzeit University, Ramallah, 2006-2007.
- Representative of Students (elected), Faculty of Law and Public Administration, Birzeit University, Ramallah, 2005-2006.
- Participant (elected), Project of “Palestinian Youth Leadership”, Arab Thought Forum and Ministry of Education, Ramallah, February 2001- August 2002.

**References are available upon request.**