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PERSONAL DATA

PLACE OF BIRTH VALENCIA, SPAIN

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EDUCATION

- 2010** GRAZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, GRAZ, AUSTRIA, **PH.D. ARCHITECTURE**
- 2006** BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, BIRZEIT, PALESTINE
MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN
- 2000** JORDAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, IRBID, JORDAN,
BACHELOR IN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING
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ACADEMIC AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONORS

- 2019** **ERASMUS+**, ONE WEEK ACADEMIC EXCHANGE TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ART & DESIGN/ OSLO, NORWAY
- 2019** **ERASMUS+**, ONE WEEK ACADEMIC EXCHANGE TO THE SCHOOL OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT/ UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
- 2019** **UAL/ UNIVERSITY OF ART LONDON**, ONE WEEK ACADEMIC EXCHANGE TO THE UAL
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| 2018 | ERASMUS+/ PALERMO, ITALY , FULL ERASMUS+ GRANT FOR ONE WEEK ACADEMIC EXCHANGE (STAFF EXCHANGE) TO THE FACULTY OF FINE ART, PALERMO |
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2017	ERASMUS+/ TALLINN, ESTONIA, FULL ERASMUS+ GRANT FOR ONE WEEK ACADEMIC EXCHANGE (STAFF EXCHANGE) TO THE ESTONIAN ACADEMY OF ART, TALLINN
2017	ERASMUS+/ RIGA, LATVIA, FULL ERASMUS+ GRANT FOR ONE WEEK ACADEMIC EXCHANGE (STAFF EXCHANGE) TO RIGA BUILDING COLLEGE
2016	BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, THE ANNUAL AWARD FOR THE UNIVERSITY SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC FOR THE YEAR 2016
2015	BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING ANNUAL AWARD FOR THE POPULAR PROFESSOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING FOR THE YEAR 2015
2016	CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE ▪ RESEARCH GRANT FROM ROSA LUXEMBOURG, TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH ABOUT THE IMPACT OF ISRAELI POLICIES ON THE URBAN AND SPATIAL ISSUES IN ANATA TOWN
2012	BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE ▪RESEARCH GRANT TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH ABOUT THE EMERGING CENTERS IN PALESTINIAN CITIES ENTITLED “IMAGES OF THE MIND VS. SYNTAX OF REALITY”
2007-2010	ÖAD-AUSTRIA, FULL SCHOLARSHIP FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES AT THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ, AUSTRIA
2005	TU-DORTMUND, GERMANY- RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AT THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DORTMUND FOR MASTER’S THESIS

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

AUG 2019- PRESENT	BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ART MUSIC & DESIGN
AUG 2015 - 18	BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING
AUGUST 2017- 18	BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, HEAD OF THE MASTER PROGRAM OF URBAN PLANNING & LANDSCAPE DESIGN
AUG 2010 - PRESENT	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE - COURSES TAUGHT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADVANCED DESIGN- FIFTH YEAR LEVEL (STUDIO COORDINATOR) - AUG 2010 - PRESENT ▪ DESIGN V- THIRD YEAR LEVEL(STUDIO COORDINATOR) - SPRING 2011 - PRESENT ▪ DESIGN I - PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN - AUG 2011 ▪ THEORIES OF ARCHITECTURE III - AUG 2013 - PRESENT ▪ VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS I - FREE HAND SKILLS - AUG 2010 - PRESENT ▪ GRADUATION PROJECTS SUPERVISION - AUG 2010 - PRESENT

- WORKING DRAWINGS- LONG SPAN PROJECTS- 2ND SEMESTER 2017/2018

AUG 2011 - 2015	<p>ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY PALESTINE - MASTER PROGRAM OF URBAN PLANNING & LANDSCAPE DESIGN (UPLA)</p> <p>COURSES TAUGHT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ URBAN DESIGN THEORIES- SEMINAR ▪ RESEARCH METHODS AND TECHNIQUES ▪ MASTER THESIS SUPERVISION
AUG 2006 - 07	<p>INSTRUCTOR, BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE - DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING</p>
AUG 2001 - 06	<p>TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT, BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE - DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING</p>
SEPT. 2000 - 01	<p>PART TIME TEACHING ASSISTANT , BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE - DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING</p>

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2019	<p>“ANTI-ARCHITECTURE: THE ROLE OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE CITY MAKING PROCESS- THE ADAPTIVE REUSE OF NABLUS CITY ELECTRICAL HANGARS” CHANGING CITIES 4 CONFÉRENCE, CHANIA, GREECE</p>
2017	<p>“THE EVOLUTION OF SPATIAL HOUSING TYPOLOGIES- RAMALLAH” CHANGING CITIES III CONFERENCE, SAMOS, GREECE</p>
2017	<p>“URBICIDE: SPATIAL DESTRUCTION & SOCIAL EXCLUSION THE CASE OF ANATA TOWN”- THE URBAN FORUM- BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY/ PALESTINE</p>
2017	<p>"BLURRING THE BOUNDARIES ", GOING GLOBAL CONFERENCE, LONDON, UK</p>

- 2016 "THE IMPACT OF MILITARY OCCUPATION ON LANDSCAPE CHANGE; THE CASE OF ANATA TOWN", IFLA CONFERENCE, AUB/ BEIRUT, LIBANON
- 2016 "CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION FRAMEWORK" - THE CASE OF ARRABA - LE NOTRE CONFERENCE, PAPHOS, CYPRUS
- 2015 "URBAN GENTRIFICATION - THE CASE OF RAMALLAH", CRITICAL GEOGRAPHIES CONFERENCE, RAMALLAH, PALESTINE
- 2015 "RAMALLAH: THE IMPACT OF MODERNIZATION AND THE PROJECT OF THE CITY STATE", CHANGING CITIES CONFERENCE, PORTO HELI, GREECE
- 2015 "THE EMERGING 'RURAL' CITIES: THE SHIFTING MODALITIES", CHANGING CITIES CONFERENCE, PORTO HELI, GREECE
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- 2013 "URBAN CULTURES & THE CITY WHOLE: BETWEEN BRANDING AND MASS CONSUMPTION, THE CASE OF NABLUS CITY, PALESTINE" WITH DIMA YASER, CHANGING CITIES CONFERENCE, SKIATHOS, GREECE
- 2009 "BEYOND GREEN: HOW CAN ARCHITECTURE BE AN INDICATOR OF SUSTAINABILITY", WITH DIMA YASER, II INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY MEASUREMENT AND MODELING, BARCELONA, SPAIN
- 2007 "URBAN LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATION WITHIN FORTIFIED CITIES; A COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN TOLEDO, SPAIN AND JERUSALEM, PALESTINE", WITH DIMA YASER AND SALEM THAWABA, LANDSCAPE CONFERENCE, BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE
- 2007 "JERUSALEM OLD CITY CRISIS: THE ROLE OF MODERN EXPECTANCIES ON TRANSFORMING THE CITY'S ARCHITECTURAL IDENTITY", AESOP CONFERENCE, NAPOLI, ITALY

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 **URBICIDE: SPATIAL DESTRUCTION & SOCIAL EXCLUSION**
THE CASE OF ANATA TOWN- CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES/ BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY- PALESTINE
- 2016 'TEGART'S MODERN LEGACY: THE REPRODUCTION OF POWER - A TIMELESS PARADOX"- WITH DIMA YASER & ADER JARRAR- THE JERUSALEM QUARTERLY
- 2014 - 2015 "URBAN DEVELOPMENT STUDY IN PALESTINE", WITH SHADI GHADBAN, DIMA YASER, ABAHER AL SAQA, FAISAL AWADALLAH, SUBMITTED TO THE SPATIAL PLANNING UNIT, MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PALESTINE

PUBLIC LECTURES & ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

2019	“ANTI- ARCHITECTURE: WHY OLD BUILDINGS ARE IMPORTANT FOR CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE?” , UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
2018	“WALKING THROUGH SOMEBODY ELSE'S DREAM: FROM THE STATE OF DREAM TO THE DREAM OF STATE- THE PRODUCTION OF ARCHITECTURE IN CONTEMPORARY PALESTINE” - SYMPOSIUM, CENTER OF CONTEMPORARY ART FRAC CENTER/ ORLÉANS- FRANCE
2017	“RETHINKING THE BOUNDARIES” , A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION- ORGANIZED BY ESTONIA ACADEMY OF ART, NARVA/ ESTONIA
2016	“ALTERNATIVES FOR DEVELOPMENT IN PALESTINE- SPATIAL URBANITY AND ARCHITECTURE” , CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES- BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY/ PALESTINE
2014	“LIVING WITH A WALL” , WITH MARTIN GRABNER, GRIGOR DOYTCHINOV, SAMAR NAZER, DIMA YASER AND SHADEN QASEM, GRAZ HOUSE OF ARCHITECTS, GRAZ, AUSTRIA
2013	“CAPACITY BUILDING FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT: THE CASE OF PALESTINE” , ADMIRALKINO FEST, VIENNA, AUSTRIA
2008	“URBAN FORM TRANSFORMATIONS INTERRELATION TO SOCIAL BEHAVIOR” , TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ, FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM, GRAZ, AUSTRIA

ACADEMIC SERVICES

CONFERENCE & SYMPOSIUM SERVICES

2018	SCIENTIFIC & ORGANIZING COMMITTEE & SYMPOSIUM MODERATOR, “WALKING THROUGH SOMEBODY ELSE'S DREAM: FROM THE STATE OF DREAM TO THE DREAM OF STATE- THE PRODUCTION OF ARCHITECTURE IN CONTEMPORARY PALESTINE” - SYMPOSIUM, FRAC CENTER/ ORLÉANS- FRANCE
2017	CONFERENCE COORDINATOR, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: “THE URBAN FORUM- PALESTINE” , BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE
2014	CONFERENCE COORDINATOR AND CHAIR OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: “RURAL AREAS: CHALLENGES AND ASPIRATIONS BETWEEN CONSERVATISM AND DEVELOPMENT” , BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE
2014	MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: “RURAL AREAS: CHALLENGES AND ASPIRATIONS BETWEEN CONSERVATISM AND DEVELOPMENT” , BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE

WORKSHOPS

2018- APRIL	ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND INSTRUCTOR FOR THE COOPERATION PROJECT BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY & BOURGES ACADEMY OF ART/ FRANCE STUDENT'S 2ND WORKSHOP "THE PRODUCTION OF ARCHITECTURE- RETHINKING MUSEUM OF PALESTINE" , BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE
2018- MARCH	ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND INSTRUCTOR FOR THE COOPERATION PROJECT BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY & BOURGES ACADEMY OF ART/ FRANCE STUDENT'S 1ST WORKSHOP "THE PRODUCTION OF ARCHITECTURE- RETHINKING MUSEUM OF PALESTINE" , BOURGES ACADEMY OF ART, FRANCE
2018- NOVEMBER	ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND INSTRUCTOR FOR THE COOPERATION PROJECT BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY & THE ESTONIAN ACADEMY OF ART/ ESTONIA- STUDENTS WORKSHOP "DIGITAL FABRICATION ARCHITECTURE" , BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE
2018- SEPTEMBER	PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTOR FOR THE COOPERATION PROJECT BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY & THE ESTONIAN ACADEMY OF ART/ ESTONIA- STUDENTS WORKSHOP "RETHINKING THE BOUNDARIES" , ORGANIZED BY ESTONIA ACADEMY OF ART, NARVA/ ESTONIA
2014	ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBER, APPEAR 65 (JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN TU GRAZ AND BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY) - SECOND WORKSHOP ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT " CONCEPTS FOR THE HARTBERG SOUTHERN PERIPHERY ", GRAZ, AUSTRIA
2013	ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBER, APPEAR 65 - FIRST WORKSHOP ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT " CONCEPTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JIFNA VILLAGE ", BIRZEIT, PALESTINE
2011	ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBER, JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN LA CAMBRE UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM AND BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, PALESTINE) - " WALKING ARCHITECTURE - A PARADE OF WALKING ARCHITECTURE IN RAMALLAH CITY ", RAMALLAH, PALESTINE
2009	AESOP PHD WORKSHOP , MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY, UNITED KINGDOM

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

CHAIR	IBRAHIM, ASMAA - MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - " HOUSING STANDARDS IN PALESTINE ", 2014
COMMITTEE	AFFOUNEH, NADIA - MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - " POLYCENTRICITY IN PALESTINE ", 2014
COMMITTEE	AL-AYOUBI, HIBA - MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - " CHANGE OF THE EXPERIENCE AND PERCEPTION OF OPEN SPACES: THE CASE OF MOUNT OF OLIVES IN EAST JERUSALEM ", 2012

PROFESSIONAL WORK (SELECTED PROJECTS)**ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN**

2015-2016	JERICHO SLAUGHTERHOUSE ADAPTIVE-REUSE PROJECT- JERICHO/ PALESTINE- WITH CEP
2014	AL WAKRAH MALL, DOHA, QATAR, WITH MAP ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS- DOHA- QATAR
2014	RAMALLAH SPECIAL NEEDS CENTER, PALESTINE- WITH PRICO, PALESTINE- A CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL
2014	PALESTINIAN PAVILION AT MOSCOW FOOD EXPO (BEST NEW COMER AWARD) - WITH PALTRADE, PALESTINE
2014	BIBLE SOCIETY YOUTH CENTER, JENIN- PALESTINE- A CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL
2013	LANDSCAPE & BUILDINGS DESIGN FOR JERICHO AGRO INDUSTRIAL PARK, WITH PRICO, PALESTINE
2013	EIN ALTUMR COMMERCIAL CENTER URBAN DESIGN, IRAQ - WITH HCEP (HYDROSULT CENTER FOR PLANNING AND ENGINEERING)
2013	AL HUSAYNIA OLD CENTER URBAN DESIGN, IRAQ - WITH HCEP (HYDROSULT CENTER FOR PLANNING AND ENGINEERING)
2011-2012	ALRAMADI URBAN RIVER SIDES DESIGN, IRAQ - WITH HCEP (HYDROSULT CENTER FOR PLANNING AND ENGINEERING)
2011	GREEN GARDEN TOWER, RAMALLAH, PALESTINE
2008	ARABIAN PALACES, WORLD MAP ISLANDS, DUBAI (WITH MAP ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
2006, 2008	DEVELOPING NABLUS OLD CITY URBAN OPEN SPACES - WITH UNESCO, NABLUS, PALESTINE
2007	UTOPIA CITY, ABU DHABI (WITH MAP ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
2007	RAMALLAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RAMALLAH, PALESTINE
2001	EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER, WITH BASSEM KHOURY ARCHITECTS, BETHLEHEM, PALESTINE
2001	ALKHADER FOOTBALL STADIUM, WITH BASSEM KHOURY ARCHITECTS, BETHLEHEM, PALESTINE
2000	BEAUTIFICATION OF BETHLEHEM URBAN OPEN SPACES, WITH BASSEM KHOURY ARCHITECTS, BETHLEHEM, PALESTINE

URBAN PLANNING

2015-2016	MARJ BEN AMER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN- MARJ BEN AMER/ PALESTINE- WITH CEP
2015-2016	SALFEET MASTER PLAN & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK- SALFEET/ PALESTINE- WITH CEP
2016	KFERET MASTER PLAN- JININ/ PALESTINE- WITH CEP
2016	KUFR DAN MASTER PLAN- JININ/ PALESTINE- WITH CEP
2016	ANEEN MASTER PLAN- JININ/ PALESTINE- WITH CEP
2015-2016	ARRABA/ ANABTA- REGIONAL REGENERATION STRATEGIC PLANS- WITH CEP
2014-2015	URBAN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IN PALESTINE - WITH CENTER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY
2013-2015	BETHLEHEM MASTER PLAN, PALESTINE - WITH HCEP (HYDROSULT CENTER FOR PLANNING AND ENGINEERING)
2013	MOON CITY URBAN DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, PALESTINE - WITH AMAAR & PIF (PALESTINE INVESTMENT FUND) PALESTINE
2012-2013	EIN ALTUMR MASTER PLAN, IRAQ- WITH HCEP (HYDROSULT CENTER FOR PLANNING AND ENGINEERING) MARCH, 2012- SEPTEMBER 2013
2012-2013	ALMALEH, ALASALI AND ALDARAWSHA MASTER PLAN, IRAQ- WITH HCEP (HYDROSULT CENTER FOR PLANNING AND ENGINEERING)
2012-2013	JERICHO AGRO- INDUSTRIAL PARK MASTER PLAN & FACTORIES DESIGN, PALESTINE - WITH PRICO, PALESTINE
2011-2013	HAQL CITY MASTER PLAN, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (KSA)- WITH MAP ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS
2011	STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (CLUSTER FOUR - PALESTINIAN VILLAGES), PALESTINE WITH ALNOKHBA CONSULTANTS
2006-2007	JERICHO REGIONAL PLANNING PHASE - WITH JERICHO MUNICIPALITY & ARABTECH JARDANEH CO. PALESTINE
2004-2006	BANI ZAID LAND USE PLAN - WITH BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY, THE UPLD (URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN) PROGRAM

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

2000 - PRESENT	MEMBER, ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION IN PALESTINE
2006 - PRESENT	MEMBER, ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION, PALESTINE
2006 - PRESENT	CO- FOUNDER AND BOARD MEMBER, ENGINEERS WITHOUT BOARDERS - EWB-P