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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Peace Studies and Political Science (Political Theory and Constitutional Studies subfields), expected May 2022

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Dissertation

Title: "Ibn Khaldun and Machiavelli on Politics and Unreason"

Committee: Susan Collins, John McCormick, Ebrahim Moosa (advisor), Jason Springs, and Dana Villa

M.A., Political Science, August 2020

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

M.A., Philosophy, January 2017

American University of Beirut, Lebanon

M.Sc., Neural & Behavioral Sciences, August 2007

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany

B.Sc. Biology, *magna cum laude*, June 2005

Notre Dame University-Louaize, Lebanon

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Instructor of Record, September 2013-May 2017 (Full-time as of September 2015), The American University of Beirut, Civilization Studies Program & The Department of Philosophy

Instructor of Record, October 2008-August 2015, Lebanese International University-Beirut

Editor, 2010-2013, *Al-Mahajja* Journal for Religious and Philosophical Studies

Associate Editor, 2008-2010, *Al-Mahajja* Journal for Religious and Philosophical Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“Taming Time: The Possibility of History and Politics in Islam,” *Hawliyat* **19** (2020-21): 127-148.

“The Theory of Evolution: An Islamic Perspective; Part I: Against Parsimony,” *Theological Review* **33** (2012): 107-134.

“Al-Ma‘ād fi Zaman al-Hājah ilā al-Akhlāq [the ethical relevance of eschatology],” *Al-Mahajja* **22** (Winter-Spring 2011): 71-92.

Chapters

“The Theory of Evolution: An Islamic Perspective; Part II: Created Evolution,” in N. El-Bizri (ed), *Practicing Philosophy in Lebanon* (Beirut: Dār al-Fārābī & The German Orient Institute, 2017).

Translations

Ṣunūf Al-Tajrubah Al-Dīniyyah (Beirut: Dār Al-Ma‘ārif Al-Ḥikmiyyah, forthcoming 2022). An Arabic translation with commentary and an analytical introduction of: William James, *Varieties of Religious Experience, A Study in Human Nature*, to be published by Dār Al-Ma‘ārif Al-Ḥikmiyyah (Beirut, 2022).

Al-Tasmiyah W-al-Darurah (Beirut: Dār al-Kitāb al-Jadīd, 2017). An Arabic translation with commentary and an analytical introduction of: Saul Kripke, *Naming and Necessity* (Harvard University press, 2001).

“Al-Ramz Yu‘tī Al-Fikr,” *Majallat Al-Fikr Al-‘Arabī Al-Mu‘āṣir* **162-163** (2013). An Arabic translation of: Paul Ricœur, « Le symbole donne à penser, » in *Finitude et culpabilité* (Aubier, 1963).

“Usus Al-Ibistimulūgiā F-il-Falsafah Al-Islāmiyyah 2,” *Al-Mahajjah* **25** (Summer-Fall 2012): 151-163. An Arabic translation of: Mehdi Ha’iri Yazdi, *The Principles of Epistemology in Islamic Philosophy* (Albany: SUNY Press, 1992), ch. 3.

“Usus Al-Ibistimulūgiā F-il-Falsafah Al-Islāmiyyah 1,” *Al-Mahajjah* **24** (Winter-Spring 2012): 137-155. An Arabic translation of: Mehdi Ha’iri Yazdi, *The Principles of Epistemology in Islamic Philosophy* (Albany: SUNY Press, 1992), ch. 2.

“Mā Huwa Al-Īmān Al-Falsafī?” *Al-Mahajjah* **24** (Winter-Spring 2012): 119-133. An Arabic translation of: Karl Jaspers, “What is Philosophical Faith?” in *The Perennial Scope of Philosophy*, trans. R. Manheim (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1950), 7-27.

with Ali Youssef, “Finuminulūgiā Al-Zāt ‘Ind Al-Suhrawardī,” *Al-Mahajjah* **23** (Summer-Fall 2011): 59-69. An Arabic translation of: Jad Hatem, “Phénoménologie de l’ipséité: Suhrawardi et Henry,” (written for *Al-Mahajjah*).

“Al-Qiyam Al-Gharbiyyah: Hikāyat Al-Sayyid Allazī Aṭāh Bih Sayyiduh,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **23** (Summer-Fall 2011): 175-193. An Arabic translation of: Alastair Crooke, “Western Values and the Myth of the Master Usurped by His Servant,” (written for *Al-Maḥajjah*).

“Al-Mawt Wa ‘Ālam Al-Khayāl: Al-Ma‘ād ‘Ind Ibn ‘Arabi,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **22** (Winter-Spring 2011): 33-63. An Arabic translation of: William Chittick, “Death and the World of Imagination,” *The Muslim World* **78**: 1 (January 1988): 51–82.

“Al-Wa‘ī Al-Zā‘if F-il-Mādiyyah,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **22** (Winter-Spring 2011): 145-157. An Arabic translation of: Bas van Fraassen, “Materialism as False Consciousness,” in *The Empirical Stance* (New Haven-London: Yale University Press, 2002), 49-61.

“Imkān Al-Mitāfizīqā,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **21** (Summer-Fall 2010): 45-61. An Arabic translation of: E. J. Lowe, “The Possibility of Metaphysics,” in *The Possibility of Metaphysics: Substance, Identity, and Time* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998), 1-27.

“Al-‘Awdah Ilā Al-Mitāfizīqā,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **21** (Summer-Fall 2010): 75-89. An Arabic translation of: Eduard Nicol, “The Return of Metaphysics,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **22**: 1 (September 1961): 26-39.

“Al-Binyah Al-Asāsiyyah L-il-Tafkīr Mitāfizīqī F-il-Islām,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **21** (Summer-Fall 2010): 141-163. An Arabic translation of: Toshihiko Izutsu, “The Basic Structure of Metaphysical Thinking in Islam,” in *The Concept and Reality of Existence* (Tokyo: Keio Institute of Cultural and Linguistic Studies, 1971).

“Al-Mirdāmād W-al-Ḥudūth Al-Dahrī L-il-‘Ālam,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **20** (Winter-Spring 2010): 49-65. An Arabic Translation of: Sajjad Rizvi, “Between Time and Eternity: Mir Damad on God’s Creative Agency,” *Journal of Islamic Studies* **17**:2 (2006): 158-176.

“Edmund Husir: Al-Wa‘ī Al-Zātī B-il-Zamān,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **20** (Winter-Spring 2010): 67-83. An Arabic translation of: Michael Andrews, “Edmund Husserl: The Genesis and Origin of Time,” in A.T. Tymieniecka (ed.), *Timing and Temporality in Islamic Philosophy and Phenomenology of Life* (Springer, 2007), 113-127.

“‘Isā wa Muḥammad: Niqāṭ Iltiqā’ Jadīdah,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **19** (Summer-Fall 2009): 11-29. An Arabic translation of: Tim Winter, “Jesus and Muhammad: New Convergences,” *The Muslim World* **99** (January 2009): 21-38.

“Ta’wīlāt Qur’āniyyah wa Haimanah Siyāsiyyah: ‘Iṣlāḥ Al-Fikr Al-Islāmī,” *Al-Maḥajjah* **19** (Summer-Fall 2009): 95-103. An Arabic Translation of: Massimo Campanini, “Quranic Hermeneutics and Political Hegemony,” *The Muslim World* **99** (January 2009): 124-133.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching, Undergraduate Level

Instructor, The American University of Beirut, Department of Philosophy

Designed and taught: “Philosophical Classics” (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)

Designed and taught: “Biomedical Ethics” (Spring 2017)

Instructor, The American University of Beirut, Civilization Studies Program

Designed and taught: “Thought and Nature” (Fall 2015)

Taught: “Ancient, Near East, and Classical Civilizations” (Summer 2014); “Medieval, Islamic, and Renaissance Civilizations” (Fall 2013-Spring 2017); “The Making of the Modern World” (Spring 2014-Spring 2017)

Instructor, Lebanese American University

Designed and taught: “Introduction to Philosophy” (Fall 2011-Spring 2015); “Introduction to Ethics” (Fall 2011-Spring 2015)

Taught: “Arabic and Islamic Civilization” (Fall 2008-Spring 2011); “Environment and Health” (Fall 2008-Spring 2011); “Environmental Science” (Fall 2008-Spring 2011)

Teaching, Traditional Institutes of Religious Learning

Instructor, The Sapiential Knowledge Institute (*Ma'had al-Ma'arif al-Hikmiyyah*), Beirut

Designed and taught: “The Philosophical System of Mulla Sadra” (2008-2015); “The Moral Philosophy of Al-Fayḍ al-Kāshānī” (2008-2015)

Instructor, Ḥawzat Al-Muṣṭafā, Beirut

Designed and taught: “Introduction to Theology (*Ilm Al-Kalām*)” (2014-2015)

Teaching Assistantships (University of Notre Dame)

“Genocide in the Modern World” (Fall 2018); “Introduction to Peace Studies” (Spring 2019); “World Politics” (Spring 2020); “Political Theory” (Fall 2020)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited lectures

“Whose intuition? Which track?”, guest lecturer, the Benedict XVI Chair of Philosophy and the Humanities, Notre Dame University-Louaize, May 2015

“Care and Meaning: Speculations on Human Nature,” guest lecturer, Arts and Humanities Initiative, The American University of Beirut, March 2014

“Against Parsimony: An Islamic Perspective on the Theory of Evolution,” guest lecturer, The Near East School of Theology, Beirut, May 2012

Conference Papers

“Religious Ethics: A Defense,” The American University of Beirut & The University of Exeter, *Islamic Intellectual History*, Beirut, April 2016 (by invitation)

Workshops

Lecturer: “Human Nature and Human Evolution,” Madrasa Discourses Summer Intensive, Contending Modernities Initiative, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, Dhulikhel Lodge Resort, Nepal, July 2018

Panel discussant: “Capital Campaign Symposium: The Humanities at AUB, Strength and Opportunities,” The American University of Beirut, January 2017

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Mullen Family Fellowship, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, 2018-2019 (full tuition and stipend award)

Summer Research Award, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, 2018 (\$2000 for research and conference presentation)

Graduate School Professional Development Award, University of Notre Dame Graduate School, 2018 (\$2000 for research and conference presentation).

University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2017-2022 (full tuition and stipend award)

Abdul Hadi Debs Endowment Award for Academic Excellence, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, The American University of Beirut, 2017

DAAD Research Stipend, September 2008 (€3000)

Max Planck Scholarship, 2005-2007 (full tuition and stipend award)

LANGUAGES

Arabic (native)

English (fluent)

Farsi, French, German, & Italian (reading competence)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Regional Editor (Africa and the Middle East) of *Islam and Civilizational Renewal*, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia, 2013-2020

Elected representative, “Political Science Graduate Organization (PoGo),” University of Notre Dame, 2016-2017

Faculty advisor for “The Debate Club,” a student society, The American University of Beirut, 2016-2017

Coordinator of the Civilization Studies Program 202 Course Committee, working on the development of a course on Medieval, Islamic, and Renaissance Civilizations, The American University of Beirut, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Reviewed articles for *Political Theory* and *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The American Academy of Religion (2018-2019)

The International Society for Islamic Philosophy (2011-2017)

Conflicts Forum (2008-2013)

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research, Neuro-regeneration Research Group, Tübingen, Germany (September 2007-January 2008)

Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology, Department of Genetics, Tübingen, Germany (December 2006-August 2007)

Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research, Department of Neurodegeneration, Tübingen, Germany (August 2006-December 2006)

NONACADEMIC WORK

Producer and host of *Beyond Politics* (an intellectual program), Al-Etejah-English TV, Beirut, Lebanon (2012-2015)