

Dr. Asiya Daud

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Education:

Claremont Graduate University, School of Politics and Policy
PhD, Political Science May 2011

Dissertation Title: “Cyber-Dissent in the Middle East: A Tool of Political Resistance”

Fields of Specialization: International Relations and Comparative Politics
Regional Specialization: The Middle East

Claremont Graduate University, School of Politics and Policy
M.A. International Studies May 2005
 Master Thesis Title: **“Globalization, Opposition and Strategies of the Regimes of the Persian Gulf”**; Regional Concentration: The Middle East

Scripps College **B.A. Politics and Intl Relations** May 2002

Public Lectures / Media Appearances:

Middle East Analysis; Fox-News: “The Roots of Anti-American Protests in the Middle East” Sep. 24th 2012- Washington, DC

CBS-WUSA: Middle East Analysis Protests in Cairo and the Investigation in Libya., sep 12, 2012

Interview with Il Mattino Newspaper, Naples Italy. “The Political Situation in Libya and the US investigation of US Ambassador Chris Stevens Death.” – Sept. 13th 2012

Interview with Deseret News. “Blasphemy Laws in the Islamic World, and the roots of rage over film “Innocence of Muslims” in the Islamic World.”- Sept. 22, 2012.

Nov. 9, 2011: Keynote Speaker University of California, Irvine: “Reflection on the Arab Spring and the Role of Cyber-Dissent in Democratizing the Middle East.”

Nov. 18th, 2011: Guest Speaker Pomona College: “Reflections on the “Arab Spring” and the Role of Cyber-Dissent in Democratizing the Middle East” sponsored by Pomona College International Relations Department and Oldenborg International Center

Al-Arabiyya Documentary on Americans in the Sudan (October 2010); Afghanistan Satellite Television: Discussed the Status of Women in the Islamic World

Research / International Experience:

- **Awarded Boren National Security Fellowship (08/2010-09/2011):** Lived Cairo, Egypt and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Conducted field research while in Cairo that predicted the occurrence of the current “Arab Spring.”
- Sudan: Interviewed Political Dignitaries about the Conflict in Darfur, Established Relations with organizations and individuals responsible for arranging Darfur Peace agreement (2006-present)
- Cairo, Egypt 2006: Interviewed Darfur Rebels
- Cairo Egypt, 2009: Conducted Dissertation Research and Interviews with prominent members of Egyptian political and religious opposition groups
- Cairo Egypt, 2005: Present during the historical 2005 Egyptian Presidential and Parliamentary elections; surveyed Egyptians regarding their opinion of the elections
- Dubai, United Arab Emirates (2006, 2009)
- “Semester on the United Nations” at Drew University (2000)
- The American University in Cairo- Cairo, Egypt (2001)

Teaching/Educational Experience:

American University- Washington, DC,

Currently

Visiting Professor, International Peace and Conflict Resolution Program- School of International Service; affiliation Mohammed Said Farsi Chair in Islamic Peace

- Teach Courses and design curriculum on The Middle East and Islamic World in the International Peace and Conflict Resolution program in the School of International Service (SIS)
- Committee Member Islamic Lecture Series Program

Boren Fellow: Cairo, Egypt and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 08/2010-09/2011; Jan.-May 2012

- Awarded Boren Fellowship (A National Security Education Fellowship supported by the Department of Defense) to do dissertation research in Cairo, Egypt
- Conducted dissertation research pertaining to the Current “Arab Spring”: dissertation topic on the usage of social media such as: Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter and blogs for political dissent
- Interviewed prominent Egyptian bloggers, political activists, and members of the government that were responsible for creating the current Egyptian Revolution
- Networked and established relationships with democracy advocate grassroots groups, foreign journalists, former members of the Egyptian government, prominent Egyptian and Gulf States businessmen, diplomatic representatives from foreign nations
- Attended the American University in Cairo for Intensive Arabic Language Study

University of California, Irvine

4/18/07- 08/2012

Lecturer: School of Social Sciences, Department of International Studies

- Courses Taught/Developed: Islam and the West, Egyptian Politics, Iranian Politics, Sudan and Darfur
- Designed Curriculum and Taught Courses International Relations and Middle Eastern Politics
- Composed International Relations Forums and Seminars on:

-The Re-Construction of Iraq and Sectarian Relations in which I invited the North American representative of Ayatollah Sistani (most powerful religious leader in Iraq); “Persian-Gulf Relations;” “The Crisis in Darfur” in which I collaborated with the Sudan Program Office in D.C. and the State Department

- Developed Goals and Objectives for upcoming Middle East Studies Center at UCI with Associate Dean of The School of Social Sciences
- Established connections between UCI and various Middle Eastern Embassies such as Kuwait, The United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia in order to execute educational outreach programs, raise funding, and future
- Contributed courses to Middle East Studies Certificate
- Formulated relations with International and Political Dignitaries such as: The Consul General of Israel, Consul General of Egypt, Consul General of France, Vice Consul and Consul General of Kuwait, James Zogby, former Mayor Beth Krom of Irvine, etc.

Chapman University

10/08-12/2009

Lecturer: International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies

- Courses: Peace and Conflict Studies, International Law, Middle East Politics, International Relations, Political Philosophy

California State, Long Beach

08/08-05/09

Lecturer: Department of Political science

- Taught courses on Racial and Ethnic Politics in the United States relating to the historical U.S. presidential Election of 2008
- Structured and Supervised major class project that analyzed how women as well as various ethnic groups participated and voted in the 2008 election

Regional Faculty Internship Program: San Diego Community College District 08/06- 12/06

SDICCA Intern: Cuyamaca College

- Attended training seminars for teaching in a community college
- Interned in the department of Political Science at Cuyamaca College for courses in American Politics

The University of Arizona

Jan.-May 2006

Instructor

- Taught Course in Middle Eastern Humanities in which students learned about the culture, religions, history, and Geography of the Middle East

Cal State University Fullerton
Italian

Summer 2004 **Teacher/Instructor:**

- Taught beginner level Italian and introduced students to European Culture

Non-Teaching Experience Related to Politics

Political Commentator: V100

1/10/08-08/10/08

- **Interviewed live on the radio Senator Gloria Romero and Council Woman Jacque Robinson about the Presidential Primary Elections of 2008**

Chapman University

9/26/07

Guest Lecturer: Lectured on the Middle East

- Topics Covered in Lecture: Middle Eastern Cultures, Religions (differences between Islam, Christianity and Judaism, Geography, and History)

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations 9/00-12/00

Intern

- Attended UN Millennium Summit, UN General Assembly and Security Council
- Attended UN program seminars organized by Diplomat Trainer Jean . Seminar speakers included various representatives and UN officers from UN organs such as Secretary-General's office, Disarmament Committee, UNDP, UNITAR, UNIFEM, UNICEF, US Embassy to the UN and assistant to former Ambassador John Negroponte, The International Law Commission
- Attended Meetings relating to Iraqi Sanctions, The Israeli-Palestinian Crisis, Women in War, and UN Millennium Development Goals
- Assisted in the preparation of speeches and other tasks for the Delegates, Diplomats, the Ambassador and the Chargé D'affairs by Utilizing Arabic-English language skills
- Assisted Supervisor of the Oil-for-Food Program, (a program created by the Security Council after the Iraqi Sanctions which enables Iraq to exchange their oil for humanitarian goods such as food, medicine, textiles, etc.) to execute contracts and petitions submitted to UN committee in charge of the program
- Researched UN Security Council and International Law Commission Documents

The Japan America Society of Los Angeles

9/97-9/00

- Created with the Vice-President "Japan in a Suitcase", which was an educational outreach program with Los Unified School District that educated students about Japanese culture
- Translated Japanese Literature to be used in educational outreach program
- Organized Banquets, activities, and lectures, such as: the 501 Club, Annual Dinners, Fundraising
- Communicated with Dignitaries such as the former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Japanese Consul General of Los Angeles, Japanese Ambassador to the U.S., President of Mitsubishi, Ralph Bauer (the former Senator of Huntington Beach), CEO of Sony, etc.

Other Job Experience

Balanced Woman

9/02-1/04

Office manager

- Managed 2-3 Employees
- Sales and Advertising Campaigns
- Ordered from vendors
- Light Accounting and Bookkeeping
- General Administrative Duties- Answering Phones, Filing, Clerical

Research Topics and Specializations:

In addition to my dissertation, I have done other research that can also provide a better understanding of the “Arab Spring” and the complexities facing the Arab World. The following is a highlight of some of the research topics that I have researched on the Middle East region:

- **“Globalization, Opposition, and Strategies of the Regimes of the Persian Gulf.”** I argued in this research that the challenges of globalization would ultimately lead to a demand for liberalization in the Arab Gulf. I predicted that Saudi Arabia, the hegemony in the region would embrace liberalization only through the induction of King Abdullah, who succeeded his father, King Fahd, as King Abdullah is considered to be the most liberal of the Al Saud family. I also argued that Qatar would be the leading nation in liberalization in the Arab Gulf region, as ruler Sheikh Hamad Al Thani embraced liberalization before its neighbors through the creation of Al Jazeera.
- ***Al-Islah* (reform) in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait:** This research argues that the historically subordinate relationship between Saudi citizens and the Al-Saud has been supported by the legitimization of the Al-Saud through their promotion of the kingdom’s *Wahabi* social and religious mores, tribal unification, and oil wealth. *Al-Islah* (reform) in Saudi Arabia has not attempted to exclude nor challenge Al-Saud authority in the political realm, but rather to define where the Saudi citizenry plays a part. Kuwait’s prospect for liberalization has been greater and is attributed to the historical dependence of the Al Sabah ruling family on the Merchant class.
- **Economic Inequality in Egypt:** Political Economy is also a research area that I focus on in the Middle East region. I argued that the Gini coefficient was a sufficient variable to measure the level of economic inequality in Egypt. The research results concluded that although world indicators reflected increased growth on Egypt, only 10 percent of the population in Egypt benefits from 90 percent of the growth. While the remaining 90 percent of the people in Egypt are left to distribute only 10 percent of economic growth, this created a tremendously unequal distribution of wealth in Egyptian society. Even though I wrote this paper in 2007 during the recent revolution Egypt, one of the most prominent grievances was unequal access to wealth and corruption. I have written comparative papers on privatization in Egypt and Tunisia.
- **Social Unrest and Economic Inequality in Egypt:** In this paper I examine the

relationship between social unrest as defined by protests and demonstrations, the growth of secular opposition and Islamist fundamentalist movements that seek to promote violence sanctioned by religion to undermine the government. I argue that economic inequality as measured by wealth distribution (the GINI coefficient), unemployment, gdp and the poverty index is a catalyst to social unrest in Egypt.

- I have also researched the development of Islamist Movements – particularly focusing on the *Wahabi* doctrine and the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood both in Sudan and Egypt.