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Highlight of Key Qualifications

- Professorial Lecturer, Department of Global Governance, Politics and Security, SIS, AU
- PhD International Relations, MA Political Science
- Consultant on Middle East politics, civil society, and grassroots networks
- Lived and studied in Beirut, Lebanon, 2000 - 2002
- Travel regularly to Lebanon 2002 - present
- Research affiliate at the Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES), American University of Beirut (AUB) 2006, 2008, 2009

EDUCATION

American University, Washington, D.C.

School of International Service

Ph.D. International Relations

August 2011

Specialization: International Politics and Comparative and Regional Studies

Dissertation Title: The Evolutionaries: Transforming the Political System and Culture in Lebanon

Linköping University

Master of Political Science, Economics minor

September 2003

Master Thesis: *Brothers in Arms: An Analysis of the Syrian Military and Political Domination of Lebanon*

Bachelor of Political Science

June 2001

Senior Thesis: *The Reluctant Sheriff: The U.S. Relationship to the UN and Role in World Politics*

American University of Beirut, Lebanon

International Relations in the Middle East, Graduate Studies

2001 – 2002

International Relations in the Middle East, Undergraduate Studies

2000 - 2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professorial Lecturer

School of International Service, American University, Washington D.C. 2011-present

Classes offered: Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa (Graduate)
Qualitative Research Methods and Methodology (Graduate)
Social Movements and Civil Society in MENA (Undergraduate)
Introduction to World Politics (Undergraduate)

Professorial Lecturer

Community of Scholars Program, 2011, 2012
Summer program at SIS, AU

Political Consultant Middle East

Fenova Consulting International (FCI) 2008-present

Specialization: Political analysis, evaluation of civil society projects, NGO
assessment, grassroots networks, project development, field
interviews, project recruitment

Project Manager, Lebanon Prediction Markets Project, Stragellan BV 2009

Consultant on security and stability in Lebanon, Abraxas Corporation 2009

Research Affiliations

Beyond Reform and Development (BRD) 2012-
Beirut, Lebanon

Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES) 2006, 2008-2009
American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Research assistant, School of International Service, Prof. James H. Mittelman 2005 - 2008

Government Employment

Asylum Case Officer, Swedish Migration Board 2002-2005

Areas of responsibility: Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, West Bank, Gaza

Special appointments

Program assistant, International Student Coordinator Office, American 2001
University of Beirut, Lebanon

Functionary, Political Science and Economics Club, 1998-1999
Linköping University

Swedish Engineering Corps, Swedish Army 1995

GRANTS, AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Tekn. Dr. Marcus Wallenbergs Stiftelse för Utbildning i Internationellt Industriellt Företagande Fellowship (Sweden)	2006 – 2011
SIS Dissertation Fellowship	2009 - 2010
International Studies Association Conference Grant 2010	2008-2010
Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship	2008 - 2009
Greenberg Conference Grant	2008
Dean’s Fellowship, School of International Service, American University	2005 - 2008
Fulbright Fellowship (Sweden)	2005 - 2006
Master Thesis Distinction, Linköping University	2003
Senior Fellow in the Political Science and Economics Club Linköping University	1998-1999

SELECTED PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLICATIONS

“Cooperation or Cooptation? Civil Society – Elite Coalitions in Lebanon,” (Forthcoming in *Civil Society Organizations in the MENA Region*, American University of Beirut Press, 2015)

“Asynchronous Politics: The Case of Secular-Religious Contention”
(Manuscript under development)

“Islam is what Muslims will make of it’: Islamism, Secularism, and Political Participation”
(Manuscript under development)

“Beyond the Arab Revolts: Conceptualizing Civil Society in the Middle East and North Africa”
(*Democratization*, Forthcoming, Summer 2014)

“The Evolutionaries: Transforming the Political System and Culture in Lebanon”
PhD Dissertation, 2011

“Boiling the Frog: How Grassroots Will Build a Civic State in Lebanon”
Paper presented at the International Studies Association annual conference in New Orleans, LA, February 17-20, 2010

“The Fulbright Program as a Gateway to the Future”

Talk given at the Embassy of the United States in Stockholm, Sweden, June 7, 2010

“Constructing Affinity: Remembering Historical ‘Roots’ to Strange New Bedfellows”

Paper presented at the International Studies Association annual conference in New York, NY, February 15-18, 2009

“Finding Unity in Fragmentation: The Role of Civil Society in a Factionalized State”

Paper presented at the International Studies Association annual conference in San Francisco, CA March 26-29, 2008

LANGUAGES

Swedish: Native speaker

English: Excellent writing and verbal skills

Arabic: Basic writing and verbal skills

German: Basic writing and verbal skills

Spanish: Basic writing and verbal skills