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Nationality: Syrian and French
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WORK EXPERIENCE

2017-2018: **Manager - Middle East and North Africa Programme (MENA)**

PEN International (International Organization of Writers) - London

Tasks: promote literature and publication - liaising with writers including academics, poets, novelists and journalists- advocacy and campaigning at international, regional and national levels.

2013-2016: **Manager - Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme**

University of Geneva - Foundation for Intercultural and Interfaith Research and Dialogue (FIIRD)

Tasks: develop a strategy to guide a postdoctoral fellowship programme - implementation and monitoring of this programme - organize seminars and conferences - support in administrative and logistical issues - coordinate scientific papers's publication - liaise with potential collaborators.

2013-2014: **Regional Consultant - Mashrek** (130 hours per month)

Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders – Denmark

Tasks: oversee the reception and assessment of grant applications from Mashrek - conduct regular meetings with civil society actors and field visits in remote areas of the Mashrek region - assess needs of NGOs in relation to the development of the contexts and other stakeholders positions on the ground - assess the development and quality of the initiatives and actions carried out by NGOs, including their reporting - provide strategic advice with respect to the development and sustainability of grantees actions - promote and ensure collaboration between new local initiatives and key national, regional and international partners.

2012-2013: **Associate Professor**

Faculty of Law- University Paris 11

Task: lecturing Research Methodology which can be applied to all fields of study.

2012-2013: **Postdoctoral Researcher**

University of Geneva - Foundation for Intercultural and Interfaith Research and Dialogue

Tasks: conduct independent research in the field of peace studies and interfaith dialogue on "Non-Muslims and Modern Islamic Thought" - participate in a bi-monthly seminar dealing with a specific topic on intercultural and interfaith research and dialogue - participate in interdisciplinary research groups proposed by the FIIRD.

- From February 2010 to October 2011: **Human Rights Officer**

Alkarama for Human Rights - Geneva

Tasks: prepare communications and reports to be submitted to UN human rights mechanisms, such as Special Procedures System and other Treaty bodies - coordinate with other NGOs and human rights defenders in the Arab region - liaise with victims and their families - translate documents from English and French into Arabic - conduct research projects - representing at meetings.

- **2006-2010: Minority Rights Researcher**

Faculty of law/University of Grenoble II- France.

Laboratory name: Centre for Studies and Research on Law, History and Public Administration.

From 15 October 2008 until 20 January 2009: **Assistant (internship)**

Centre for Strategic Studies / University of Jordan

Tasks: research assistance- assist in the preparation of newsletters and reports - assist in research projects.

- **Summer 2008: Assistant (internship)**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Geneva

Tasks: assist the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and the Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression - prepare draft responses of urgent appeals or allegation letters - conduct researches on specific cases - assist in preparation of the sessions of the Human Rights Council and other related events.

- **Summer 2007: Assistant (internship)**

Catholic Relief Service (CRS) - Paris

Tasks: research work on "Christian minorities in the Middle East"- analysis of the partnership between CRS and other organizations - tracking emergencies and development on the Middle East.

- **October 2005:** Employee at Students Registration Centre/ University of Grenoble II.

- **2002-2003: Legal Assistant**

Law firm of Ahmed ABDALLAH- Damascus - Syria.

Tasks: follow various cases and trials - attend hearings - prepare drafts for the court

- **2001-2002: Arabic language Teacher**

Kherbet al-Wared School - Damascus - Syria.

Task: Teach primary school students.

EDUCATION

- **2006-2009:** PhD in international law/ Faculty of law - University of Grenoble II/France.

Subject: *"The right of minorities: the case of Christians in the Arab East"*.

Mention: qualification with distinction: «Very honorable with unanimous congratulations from the jury»

- **2007- 2008** Training courses for researchers, University of Grenoble II.

Oral Communication and expression - presentation of scientific work on power point - research on law and publication strategy.

- **2004-2006** Masters II of International and European Law, University of Grenoble II.

Main course of study: international relations, Human Rights, European law, legal English.

- **Summer 2005:** European Academy of summer - University of Grenoble II.

Topic: "What hopes does the European Union have of becoming a global actor in the international scene?"

- **2003-2004:** Language training (French), Marseille- France.

- **1998-2002:** Master's degree in Law, Faculty of law - University of Damascus/ Syria.

Main course of study: constitutional and administrative law, penal law, Islamic law, international law.

- **1997-1998:** Syrian Bacalaureate of Literature, college of Marmarita, Syria.

(Certificate of distinction from Social Services Association of Marmarita)

SPECIFIC SKILLS & VARIOUS

- Possession of driver's license.

- Computer knowledge: MS Office, Windows XP.

- Ability to speak fluently three languages: English, French, and Arabic.

ANNEX 1 - PUBLICATIONS

I. Books and contributions to books

- **Security sector and constitutional reform in Syria**, In *Constitutions and security reform after 2011, The Arab Association of Constitutional Law*, Tunisia, 2018, pp. 141-162.
- **Syria between the influence of religious legislation and positive legislation**, In *Syrian Constitution: Readings and Option, Dar Maysaloon-Harmoon Center for Contemporary Studies*, Turkey, 2018.
- Book review, **Military Responses to the Arab Uprisings and the Future of Civil-Military Relations in the Middle East: Analysis from Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, and Syria**, Taylor. C W, Palgrave Macmillan US, 2014, review published in: *Siyasat Arabia*, Doha, Issue 29, November 2017. (in Arabic).
- **Chrétiens d'Orient et inégalités devant la justice**, In *Quel(s) droit(s) pour les chrétiens d'Orient ?*, Ed. Mare & Martin, Paris, 2018, pp. 83-100.
- « **La liberté religieuse dans les États de culture islamique** », In *La liberté religieuse, Editions Van Dieren*, Paris, 2017, pp. 77-90.
- **Christians in the Arab Mashreq: Towards a State of Citizenship for All**, *Dar El Machreq*, Beirut, October 2016, 383 p. (in Arabic).
- « **Non-Muslims in Arab states between the legislative reality and the contemporary Islamic thought** », In *Islamists and issues of state and citizenship, The Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies*, Doha, 2016, pp. 527-552. (in Arabic).
- **Le droit des minorités. Le cas des chrétiens en Orient arabe** [preface of Joseph Yacoub], *Edition PUAM*, Aix-Marseille, 2012, 481 p, « **Prix Marin** ».
- « **La place de l'islam et du droit musulman dans les sociétés démocratiques arabes en construction** », In *Moyen-Orient 2012: Bilan géopolitique, Edition du Cygne*, Paris, *Institut MEDEA*, janvier 2013, pp. 40-45.

II. Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- **The International Bill of Human Rights and the rights of religious minorities in the Arab East**, *Jil Publication*, no. 10, July 2016, 13-28. (in Arabic).
- **The International Bill of Human Rights and the legislation of Levant states**, *Jinan*, no. 9-10, December 2015 - June 2016, pp. 83-100. (in Arabic).
- **Le pluralisme législatif au Machrek multiconfessionnel**, *Évangile et liberté*, no. 283, November 2014.
- **Minorités et liberté religieuse dans les Constitutions des États de l'Orient arabe**, *Égypte/Monde arabe*, no. 10, 2013, pp. 287-305.
- **Les États du Machrek face aux droits de la femme dans la charte internationale des droits humains**, *Maghreb-Machrek*, no. 215, Summer 2013, pp. 143-158.
- **Protection of religious minorities in the UN system**, *Jinan*, no. 4-5, June-December 2013, pp. 101-124. (in Arabic).
- **Les droits des minorités chrétiennes au Levant**, *Revue El-Machriq*, no. 1, June 2013, pp. 21-37, (in Arabic).
- **The fragility of legal protection for the Christians of the Mashreq in matters of personal status**, *Amnesty International-Mawared*, no. 19, 2012, pp. 61-66. (in Arabic).
- **Christian minorities in the Arab East**, *Al-Machriq*, no. 1, January-June 2013, pp. 21-37, (in Arabic).

- **L'islamisation de chrétiens d'Orient arabe dans le système du pluralisme juridico-législatif**, *Conscience et liberté*, no. 71, April 2012, pp. 16-26.
- **L'interdiction du divorce et la conversion de chrétiens d'Égypte à l'Islam**, *Évangile et liberté*, no. 259, May 2012.
- **Les chrétiens dans le monde arabe et la question de l'apostasie en islam**, *Maghreb-Machrek*, no. 209, Autumn 2011, pp. 109-119.
- **La liberté religieuse, les instruments internationaux des droits de l'homme et la réticence des États de l'Orient arabe**, *Proche-Orient Chrétien*, vol. 61, no. 1-2, pp. 98-111.
- **Christians of the Arab East face a weak regional system of Human Rights protection**, *Al-Machriq*, no. 1, January-June 2011, pp. 23-48. (*in Arabic*).

III. Other selected articles

- **Les non-musulmans en islam: quel statut ?**, *EuroMeSCO*, no. 77, 10 January 2018, 9 p.
- **Freedom of expression and freedom of religion**, series of articles, *Suwar Magazine*, 2016-2017.
- **Le nationalisme arabe, émancipateur des minorités religieuses ? Origines et perspectives d'avenir**, *Diplomatie*, no. 80, May-June 2016, pp. 8-12.
- **La liberté religieuse dans les États de culture islamique**, *Diplomatie*, no. 15, July-August 2015, pp. 44-47.
- **From Arabism towards a Constitution for All Syrians**, *Legal Agenda*, October 2014.
- **From Islamism towards a Constitution for All Syrians**, *Legal Agenda*, September 2014.
- **The Syrian Regime's Legal "Reforms"**, series of articles, *Legal Agenda*, 2013-2014.
- **Apostasy in Jordan**, *Legal Agenda*, June 2013, (*in Arabic*).
- **Chrétiens syriens et régime baassiste**, *Institut MEDEA*, 6 October 2011.
- **L'islam dans les Constitutions des États de l'Orient arabe**, *Tolerance.ca*, 29 September 2011.
- **La valeur des instruments internationaux vis-à-vis du droit interne des États de l'Orient arabe**, *La Fondation Méditerranéenne d'Etudes Stratégiques*, 10 June 2010, www.fmes-france.org
- **To defend the Muslims and human rights**, *Damascus Center for Theoretical and Civil Rights Studies*, 11 April 2010, www.dctcrs.org, (*in Arabic*),
- **The Quran of Sami Aldeeb**, Interview with Sami Aldeeb by Nouvelliste, Article translated into Arabic and published by the Network of Secular Arabs on 17 June 2009.
- **Ilan Pappé, Gaza: Dummy or Real**, 14 January 2009, *London Review Bookshop*, Article translated into Arabic and published by the Network of Secular Arabs on 7 March 2009.
- **The international law between the freedom of expression and criticism of religion**, *Assawsana journal*, 29 November 2008, (*in Arabic*).
- **Human Rights and the Baha'i community in Egypt**, *Official site of Baha'is in France*, December 2007, www.bahai.fr,
- **La communauté Baha'i d'Égypte subit de lourdes discriminations**, *Middle East Pacte*, 17 March 2008.

IV. Consultancy services for NGOs

- **Security sector and constitutional reform in Syria (paper)**, *The Arab Association of Constitutional Law and the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis*, 2-30 December 2016, Tunis.
- **Concept note and scientific coordination**, *Adyan Village*, International Conference on Citizenship and Religious Freedom, 1-2 December 2016. (Book under publication).

- **Constitutional Reform: The Case of Syria**, paper published *in*: Constitutional Reform in Times of Transition, Arab Reform Initiative, May 2014, pp. 113-120.
- **Governing Diversity in the Personal Status Domain in the Arab Mashreq States**, paper published by *The Arab Reform Initiative*, June 2013.
- **Reform Policies of the Syrian Penal System**, paper published by *Strategic Research & Communication Centre*, March 2012, 28 p.
- **European States confronted with Impunity**, Report on Universal Jurisdiction in Europe, *Alkarama for Human Rights*, April 2010.

ANNEX 2 - SELECTED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

I. With publication

13-14 April 2018: **The Second International Congress on Security and Terrorism: “Political and Religious Extremism in the MENA Region and the European Union**, Conference organized by the Center for Strategic Research on Security and Terrorism, Faculty of Law, Economic and Social Sciences, University of Hassan 1st, Title of my presentation: « A Reading of the Roots of Extremism and Religious Violence in the Orient », Marrakech.

12-14 October 2017: **Civil society and democratic transformation**, Title of my presentation: «Civil society in Syria: issues and perspectives», Seminar organized by the Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies (CAREP), Tunis.

26-27 November 2015: **Quel(s) droit(s) pour les chrétiens d’Orient ?**, Seminar organized by the University of Grenoble II, Title of my presentation : « Chrétiens d’Orient et inégalités devant la justice », Grenoble.

13-14 September 2014: **Sectarianism and the Manufacturing of Minorities in the Greater Arab Mashreq**, Seminar organized by the Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies, Title of my presentation : « international human rights protection and the rights of religious minorities in the Arab East», Jordan.

21 May 2014: **Droits de l’homme et religions dans l’action extérieure de la France**, Study Consultations organized by the French Ministry of Foreign affairs, Paris, Title of my presentation : « La liberté religieuse dans les pays de culture islamique », Paris.

26-27 March 2014: **La place de l’islam dans les polarisations politiques et confessionnelles des transitions arabes**, Seminar organized by Societies, Religion, Secularism Group (GSRL), Title of my presentation: « Le pluralisme religieux en Syrie : quel avenir », Paris.

8-11 October 2013: **The Rebuilding/Reconstruction of Syria: Physical and Social Infrastructure**, Organized by “Ila Souria”, Title of my presentation: « Religious Minorities between authoritarianism and islamism», Paris.

28-30 September 2013: **Second Conference on Islamists and Democratic Governance**, Seminar organized by the Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies, Title of my presentation : « Non-Muslims in Arab Societies: Legal Reality and Modern Islamic Thought », Qatar.

II. Without publication

22-23 October 2017: **Christian Arabs in the Greater Arab Mashreq: Determinants of Continuity, Emigration and Forced Migration**, Conference organized by the Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies, Title of my presentation: « Christians in Syria between their rights protection and the polarization of their protection », Doha.

10-13 October 2016: **Future of Syria**, Consultations organized by the EuroMeSCo, Istanbul.

22-23 September 2016: **Religion and Religious Freedom in International Diplomacy**, Workshop organized by the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of religion or belief, Geneva.

1-2 September 2016: **Freedom of religion and Citizenship**, Conference organized by Adyan Village, Lebanon.

21-25 May 2013: **Christian Presence and Witness in the Middle East**, Conference organized by the World Council of Churches / Middle East Council of Churches, Title of my presentation : « Religious pluralism and freedom of religion in the Middle East », Lebanon.

6-19 September 2013: **Politicization of religion and Rights of Religious Minorities**, Consultations organized by the World Council of Churches, Geneva.

15-16 June 2013: **Constitutions in the Arab Countries**, Workshop organized by the Institute for Development in Economics and Administration, Title of my presentation: «Freedom of religion in the Arab Mashreq States », Tunisia.

8 March 2013: **The women at the heart of the Arab world**, Seminar organized by « Faculty of Law and Political Science of the Aix-Marseille III University, Title of my presentation: « The status of women in the multi-faith Arab countries», Marseille.

4-5 February 2013: **Governance of Diversity in the Arab Countries**, Workshop organized by the Arab Reform Initiative, Title of my presentation: «Towards an Arab Charter on good governance of diversity?», Rabat, Morocco.

26-27 January 2013: **Transitional Justice in Syria: Accountability and Reconciliation**, Conference organized by the Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Title of my presentation: « Enforced disappearances in Syria».

14-15 December 2012: **Equality First: Looking for a Democratic Constitution**, Roundtable organized by “European Feminist Initiative IFE-EFI”, Title of my presentation: « Women's rights, the international instruments of Human Rights and the reluctance of the syrian state».

24-27 April 2012: **Transitional Justice: Considering the Syrian Context**, workshop organized by «International Center for Transitional Justice», Istanbul.

31 March 2012: Paper on : "**Freedom of religion and pluralism in Syria**", organized by « Observatoire du pluralisme des cultures et des religions », Paris.

17-18 March 2012: **Human rights violations in Syria**, Consultations meeting organized by the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, Geneva.

8 March 2012: Book presentation "**Le droit des minorités. Le cas des chrétiens en Orient arabe** ", Librairie arabe "L'Olivier", Geneva.

20-23 February 2012: "**Judiciaries Reform in the wake of Arab Spring**", Seminar organized by the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, Rabat, Morocco.

From 27 February to 1 March: "**Freedom of Religion and Rights of Religious Minorities**", Draft final report, organized by the World Council of Churches, Thessaloniki.

From 27 November to 2 December 2011: "**Freedom of Religion and Religious Minorities**", International Study Consultations organized by the World Council of Churches, Istanbul, Title of my presentation: « Minorities and freedom of religion in Syria».

13 October 2010: **Briefing with experts of the UN Human Rights Committee**, Review of fourth periodic report- Jordan, Palais Wilson, Geneva.

3 May 2010: **Briefing with experts of the UN Committee Against Torture**, Review of initial periodic report - Syria, Palais Wilson, Geneva.