

Curriculum Vitae

Ziad MAJED
History and Politics Department
Middle East Pluralities
The American University of Paris

I- Education

PhD, Political Sciences

Le déclin du consociativisme au Liban - The Decline of Consociationalism in Lebanon

Mention très honorable

Sciences Po Paris, November 2011.

Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies, Political Sciences,

A la recherche du temps perdu : les intellectuels syriens et le printemps avorté de Damas – The Syrian intellectuals and the betrayed Damascus Spring.

Sciences Po Paris, September 2001

MA, Arabic Literature

Cities of Salt: on Oil in the novels of Abdel Rahman Munif

American University of Beirut, 1998

BA, Economics

Graduation project: History of economic thought

American University of Beirut, 1992

II- Academic Employment History

Associate Professor, Enseignant Chercheur

The American University of Paris, Middle East pluralities, the History Department,

Since August 2017.

Middle East Pluralities Program coordinator,

The American University of Paris,

Since August 2015.

Assistant Professor, Enseignant Chercheur

The American University of Paris, Middle East pluralities, the History Department,
September 2013 – July 2017.

Assistant professor

The American University of Paris, The Middle East graduate program,
November 2011 – August 2013.

Lecturer

The American University of Paris, The Middle East graduate program.
January 2010 – October 2011.

Senior Researcher

The Arab Network for the Study of Democracy, Beirut, Lebanon
September 2008 – December 2009

Visiting Scholar

The Kettering Foundation, Dayton, Ohio and Washington DC, the USA.
January – July 2008

Research coordinator

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance,
Stockholm.
January 2004 – May 2005.

III- Service

A- At the American University of Paris

Since 2011, I have given at AUP a series of talks and conferences on Lebanon, Syria, the Middle East, Political Islam, Jihadism and ISIS.

- February 2011: *The Egyptian Revolution*, the Communication department,

- February 2012: *Arab revolutions and social media*, the Comparative Politics department,

- October 2014: *ISIS, history and evolution*, Global Studies seminar,

- December 2015: *Media and the Paris attacks*, AUP events,
- December 2015: *A third way for Syria*, the History department,
- January 2017: *Syria and the World*, the AUP board of trustees,
- May 2017: *The Syrian question*, AUP Alumni week.
- May 2018: *Migrations: Rights, risks and responsibilities*, the Comparative Politics department,
- March 2019: *Syrian refugees in the Middle East and Europe*, BVSyria students club
- November 2019: *The second wave of Arab revolutions*, BVSyria students club.
- March 2020: *Lebanon at a crossroad*, History department.
- April 2021: *Islamophobia in France*, Diversity council.

In March 2012 and November 2014, I took graduate and undergraduate AUP students in study trips to Beirut, where they met UNDP program officers, Carnegie International researchers, Lebanese civil society representatives, Women organizations' leaders, and AUB students. They also visited Syrian and Palestinian refugee camps where they met with education programs' coordinators.

In 2014, I organized with Middle East graduate students a series of film screenings followed by debates, and since 2015 I have been the advisor of the "Baytna à vous" (BVSyria) AUP students' initiative aiming at supporting refugees and asylum seekers in France and beyond. The initiative developed in 2016 and 2017 through art therapy workshops, and an exhibition with a series of concerts, talks and publications were organized in May 2017.

I am also the advisor of the MENA Mosaïc AUP student club that aims at promoting literature and culture from the Middle East. The club organized in 2017 film screenings and debates attended by AUP faculty and students.

And since 2016, I have been the academic advisor for tens of undergraduate students, with whom I regularly meet to follow up on their progress, difficulties and achievements.

Finally, I served on the *Senate Executive committee* for two years (2018 and 2019) and on the *Ethics committee* of the University for a year (2014) and on the *Horizon committee* for a year (2019).

B- Lectures and conferences in other universities

In the past 10 years, I have given 29 lectures in French, European, American and Arab universities, on Syria, Lebanon, and different Middle Eastern questions.

- France in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021: Sciences-Po, l'EHESS, La Sorbone, Lille II, Lyon III, Forum Universitaire de l'Ouest Parisien, l'Université populaire d'Arcueil, Iremam Aix, University de Toulouse;

- Italy in 2011: University of Ferrara;

- Lebanon in 2013 and 2016 and 2018: the American University of Beirut;

- Denmark in 2014: University of Copenhagen;

- Norway in 2015: University of Oslo;

- Turkey in 2015: University of Marmara;

- Belgium in 2016: l'Université catholique de Louvaine ;

- The USA in 2016 and 2020: Duke University, Austin University and St Olaf College;

- Holland in 2016: University of Amsterdam;

- Morocco in 2017: Institut de Journalisme de Rabat

- England in 2015 and 2017 and 2019: King's College University, University of Oxford, Cambridge University and SOAS, University of London.

C- Articles and Interviews in the Press

Between January 2010 and June 2021,

I authored and co-authored more than 150 articles in the French Press: Le Monde, Libération, Mediapart, l'Obs and L'Express.

Most of these articles can be found on my French/English blog with links to original publications: <http://vendredis-arabes.blogspot.fr/>

I also authored more than 300 editorials and articles in the Arab Press: Al-Hayat, Al-Quds al-Arabi, Annahar, Daraj, Megaphone, L'Orient Littéraire, L'Orient le Jour and Now Lebanon. Most of them can be found on my Arabic blog with links to original publications: <http://ziadmajed.blogspot.com>

During the same period, I was regularly interviewed in the French press as well as in the Arab Press on Middle Eastern issues.

Outlets interviewing me or publishing me are:

ARTE, France 5, TV5, France 3, iTélé (CNews), Canal +, BFM, France 24, France Culture, France Inter, France Info, Public Sénat (France) and Al-Jazeera, Al-Arabia, SkyNews and BBC (Qatar, the UAE and the UK).

D- Research network in the Middle East

I am the co-founder and coordinator of the “Arab Network for the Study of Democracy” (<http://ademocracynet.com/>) gathering scholars from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Yemen and Bahrain.

The network publishes regular newsletters and policy papers on political transitions in the Middle East, and organizes conferences to allow Arab young researchers to present their work related to democratization and its challenges in the region.

I am also Board member in two Research and Arts foundations: Bidayyat (<http://bidayyat.org>) supporting arts in Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, and Al-Jumhuriya (<https://www.aljumhuriya.net/en/splash>) publishing research papers on Syria.

Finally, I am the political commissioner for the Lancet Journal/American University of Beirut project on Syria.

IV- Publications

A- Books and essays

Dans la tête de Bachar Al-Assad, with Subhi Hadidi and Farouk Mardam-Bey, Actes Sud, Paris, 2018 (206 pages).

Iran and its four Arab Front, The Sadighi Research Fund, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, 2017, (55 pages).

Syrie, la révolution orpheline, Actes Sud, Paris, 2014, (173 pages).

Hezbollah and the Shiite community, Aspen Institute and Lebanese Renaissance Foundation, Washington, 2010 (24 pages).

On the Beirut Spring and the unachieved state (Arabic), Dar Annahar, Beirut, 2006 (133 pages).

Building democracy in Egypt, Editor, International IDEA, Stockholm, 2005 (96 pages).

Building democracy in Jordan, Editor, International IDEA, Stockholm, 2005 (142 pages).

Building democracy in Yemen, Editor, International IDEA, Stockholm, 2005 (126 pages).

B- Chapters in Books

“Les mots des révolutions” in *Il était une fois les revolutions*, L’Institut du Monde Arabe et Seuil, Paris 2021.

Foreword to "*Lettres à Samira*", Yassin Al-Haj Saleh, Éditions des Lisières, Toulouse, 2021.

Foreword to "*Syria: Borders, Boundaries, and the State*", with Nassima Neggaz, edited by Matthieu Cimino and published by Palgrave Macmillan, UK, 2020.

“Refugees in Jordan and Lebanon” in *Escaping the Escape*, Bertelsmann foundation, Berlin 2017.

“Les russes ont réussi à inverser le rapport de forces militaire”, in *Sur la révolution syrienne*, Editions La Lenteur, Paris 2017.

“Introduction: A new foundational moment among conflicts and changing parameters” in *Political developments in Arab countries since 2011*, the Amercian University of Beirut and L’Orient des Livres, Beirut 2017.

“What are the challenges after Arab Revolutions” in Hassan Krayem, Ed. *The Arab Spring: Revolutions for Deliverance from Authoritarianism*, The Arab Network for the Study of Democracy, Beirut 2014

"Consensus democracy and political representation" in Elizabeth Picard and Alexander Ramsbotham, Eds, *Reconciliation, reform and resilience: positive peace for Lebanon*, Conciliation resources, London, 2012

“New forms of cooperation?” in *The Future of the Mediterranean*, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin, 2011.

C- Articles in Academic journals and policy papers published by research centers

“*Syrie: revolution, barbarie et occupations*”, Confluences, Paris 2021.

“*L’agonie du consociativisme libanais*”, AOC journal, Paris, October 2020.

“*Beirut’s explosion and the death of a system*” (Arabic), Journal for Palestine Studies, September 2020.

“*The French initiative in Lebanon*” (Arabic), Aljazeera Center for Studies, August 2020.

“*The necessary relation between resistance to Foreign Occupation and struggle against local despotism*” (Arabic), Journal for Palestine Studies, June 2019.

“*Trump, the Golan heights and the violation of International Law*” (Arabic), Aljazeera Center for Studies, May 2019.

“*Arab Normalization with Assad’s Syria as part of the counter-revolutionary process*” (Arabic), Aljazeera Center for Studies, February 2019.

“The South-Syria Russian sponsored accords” (Arabic), Aljazeera Center for Studies, July 2018.

“Syria, the regime of violence” (French), AOC journal, Paris, December 2018.

“The reasons for the Lebanese Saudi political crisis” (Arabic), Aljazeera Center for Studies, February 2018.

“New American and Russian approaches in Syria?” (Arabic), in Aljazeera Center for Studies, August 2017.

“Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf” (Arabic), in Aljazeera Center for Studies, March 2017.

“Syria after Aleppo: the Russian strategy” (Arabic) in Aljazeera Center for Studies, September 2016.

“Existential crisis in Lebanon” (French and Spanish), in Afkar/idées, Spring 2016, published by the Estudios de Politica Exterior (Madrid) and the Institut Européen de la Méditerranée (Barcelona).

“Kurds in North East Syria: Internal calculations and external alliances” (Arabic), in Aljazeera Center for Studies, August 2015.

“The evolution of Hezbollah’s involvement in Syria” (Arabic), in Aljazeera Center for Studies, June 2015.

“Democracy in the Balance: The Complex Dynamics of the Arab World Make Outcomes Far from Certain”, in Connections, Dayton, Ohio, 2014 (published by the Kettering Foundation).

“Sixty four years since the Palestinian Nakba” (Arabic), in The Journal for Palestine Studies, issue 90, Spring 2012, Beirut

D- Translation

Yassin Al Haj Saleh, *La question syrienne*, (Arabic to French, with Nadia Leila Aissaoui and Farouk Mardam Bey), Actes Sud, Paris 2016, (235 pages).

VI- Teaching

A- Courses

In addition to teaching **3 graduate courses** for 5 years:

- History of the Middle East from 1798 to 1952 (ME 523);
- State, Society and Political Economy of the Middle East (ME 525);
- Methodology of Viewing the Middle East (ME-IS 510);

I have designed and taught in the last six years:

3 new graduate courses:

- Conflicts in the Middle East (ME 5031);
- State and Society in Lebanon (ME 5091);
- Media in the Middle East (CM 5073);

and

7 new undergraduate courses:

- History of the Middle East I (HI 1010);
- History of the Middle East II (HI 1020);
- Situating the Middle East I (ME 2010);
- Situating the Middle East II (ME 2020);
- Politics of the Middle East (PO 3072);
- The Post-War Middle East (PO 3091);
- Encounter between the Middle East and the West (ME 2030);

in addition to

2 new Bridge courses

- The Struggle for the Middle East (HI1091FB6);
- Contending visions of the Middle East (HI1091GE100FB5).

The very positive students' evaluations and the growing numbers of enrolled students in those courses year after year were encouraging signs for me, as were my nominations for the distinguished teaching award in Spring 2014 and Spring 2016.

B- MA theses and study papers

Between September 2010 and May 2021, *I have directed 16 MA theses* covering topics such as:

- *"The Revolution in Egypt and social movement theories" (2011),*
- *"Women's right to drive in Saudi Arabia" (2012),*
- *"The decline of Maronites political power in Lebanon" (2012),*
- *"Muslim Brotherhood electoral policies in Egypt" (2013),*
- *"Education in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon" (2013),*
- *"The conflict in Bahrain: sectarian and geostrategic reasons" (2013),*
- *"When the Sea comes to Haifa: A mythopetic reclamation of Palestine" (2013),*
- *"Sexual Harassment in Egypt as a political repressive instrument" (2014),*
- *"The political activism of the Armenian community in Lebanon" (2015),*
- *"The illegality of US invasion of Iraq" (2016),*
- *"The Syrian Revolution Art" (2017),*
- *"Psychosocial Intervention and its Impact on Syrian Refugee - Children's Social Integration, Resiliency, and Social Ecology in Paris, France" (2017).*

- *“The Dilemma of the Syrian refugees in Lebanon and their impossible return” (2020);*
- *The Electricity crisis in Lebanon (2020);*
- *“The Kurdish question and the struggle for independence” (2021);*
- *“Islamophobia, racism and the colonial legacy in France” (2021).*

I also served as a **second reader in 7 MA theses**, covering the following topics:

- *“The political evolution of Hamas” (2011);*
- *“Israeli policies in Africa” (2012);*
- *“The Syrian refugees and the economy in Lebanon” (2014);*
- *“Uncovering Persianate Sufi Thought in the Constitutional Decade of Afghanistan” (2016);*
- *“The Jewish Community of Baghdad under the Early Abbasid Caliphate” (2016),*
- *“Hezbollah, history and evolution”, 2017.*
- *“Women refugees in Lebanon”, 2020.*

In addition, I have advised graduating students in their **directed studies** on the following themes:

- *“Body language in Syrian demonstrations” (2015);*
- *“Lebanon’s reconstruction policies” (2016);*
- *“Libyan Conflict and conflict resolution” (2016);*
- *“Daech and its communication policies” (2016);*
- *“The Media coverage of the refugees’ crisis in Europe” (2016);*

- *“The impact of Syrian refugees on the political dynamics in Lebanon” (2020).*

Outside AUP, I have served on the Jury of **3 PhD theses** at the Paris III, Nouvelle Sorbonne University and Paris Nanterre. The topics of the dissertations were:

- *The Critic of Despotism during the Arab Nahda/Renaissance (2016);*
- *The Syrian Political elites from 1946 to 1963 (2017).*
- *The question of Women in the Arab Nahda Literature (2021).*