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,  

**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.  

**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.  

**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,
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.


- 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


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


B- Chapters in Books


“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


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


“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.


“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.


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

D- Translation


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),
- “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),


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 thesises 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 question of Women in the Arab Nahda Literature (2021).