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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Current post Political Science Assistant Professor - Faculty of Economics and Political Science - Cairo University

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

June 2014 Defense of the PhD dissertation
"The concept of universalism in International Relations : a Comparative Study of Critical Theoretical Contributions"
Supervised by Prof. Nadia Mahmoud Mustafa
Faculty of Economics and Political Science
Cairo University
Grade : Excellent with Merit and a recommendation of publication at the expense of the university and circulation among universities.

2008 Pre- PhD / academic year 2007/2008, with excellent grade

2007 Master Degree in Political Science
"The Normative Dimension of the Use of Military force in the Contemporary Theoretical Studies of International Relations"
Supervised by Prof. Nadia Mahmoud Mustafa
Faculty of Economics and Political Science
Cairo University
Grade: Excellent with Merit and a recommendation of publication at the expense of the university and circulation among universities

2000 Bachelor degree in Political Science (Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics)
Faculty of Economics and Political Science
English Section
Cairo University,
Excellent with distinction
Top of the class

1996	German High School Certificate (Abitur) The German School/ Deutsche Schule der Borromäerinnen, Alexandria Top of the class
1994	The acquisition of the German language diploma (Sprachdiplom) The German School/ Deutsche Schule der Borromäerinnen, Alexandria
1994	Commercial High School Certificate The German School/ Deutsche Schule der Borromäerinnen, Alexandria

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Faculty of Economics & Political Science – Cairo University

2014-now	Teaching and preparing some courses, including: Political Thought – Women and Politics - Contemporary Global Issues – The Development of International Relations- Culture in Global Politics.
2000-2014	Assisting in the teaching and preparing some courses, including: Political Theory, Political Thought, Contemporary Global Issues, and Theories of International Relations (doctorate postgraduate studies)

Teaching Experience outside the Faculty of Economics and Political Science

2015	Teaching the course “Introduction to International Relations” Alexandria University
2011/2012	Preparing and teaching a course titled: "The Theory of International Relations in the light of the Arab Spring" for a full academic semester. Alexandria University Centre for teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language- TAFL Foreign students
2005/2006	Teaching experience for three semesters: “The International Political Theory” and “The theory of state and democracy” Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) Alexandria, Bachelor's Program of the London School of Economics (LSE)

PUBLICATIONS

- A large number of translations from Arabic into English and from English into Arabic, published by the Center for Political and Strategic Research and Studies- Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, and the Center for Civilization Studies and Dialogue of Cultures- Faculty of Economics and Political Science and El-Shorouk International Library,...etc
- Translations include papers written by: John Esposito, Nadia Mostafa, Mu'taz Bellah Abdel Fattah and Norman Finkelstein, et al.

- Amira Abou Samra, "Israel: a Successful Strategy towards 9/11", *My Ummah in the World: the Yearbook of the Muslim World Issues*, 2001-2002, No. 5, (Cairo: The Civilization center for Political Studies, 2003), pp. 305-376
- Amira Abou Samra, "Human Rights in Schools of International Relations: A Study of Normative Aspects", in: Nadia Mahmoud Mustafa and Mohamed Shawki Abd El-Aal (scientific coordination and supervision), "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Human Rights Theory and Practice, a Novel Reading", Proceedings of the Conference held in Cairo from 2nd to 10th of November, 2008. Cairo International Law Forum and Civilization Center for Political Studies, Center for Civilizational Studies and Dialogue of Cultures, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Dar Ain for Human and Social Studies and Research, 2011)
- Partial Contribution to the study of Nadia Mahmoud Mustafa presented at the workshop "Building Global Democracy" held in Cairo from 6-8 December 2009. The study was presented under the title: "Beyond Western Paradigms of International Relations: Towards an Islamic Perspective on Global Democracy ", The study was published in : Nadia Mahmoud Mustafa, *Global Democracy: From Western Perspectives and An Islamic Civilizational Perspective in International Relations*, (Cairo: Dar Al Bashir for Culture and Science, 2011)
- Amira Abou Samra, "The Critical Perspective of Dr. Mona Abou El Fadl on the International System and the Location of the Muslim Ummah", in: Nadia Mustafa, Seif El Din Abdel Fattah and Magda Ibrahim (eds), *Epistemological Transformation and Civilizational Change: a Reading of the Political Thought of Mona Abou El Fadl*, Center for Civilizational Studies and Dialogue of Cultures, Faculty of Economics and Political Science and Center of Civilization for Political Studies (Cairo: Dar Al-Bashir for Culture and Science, 2011), pp. 396-422
- Amira Abou Samra and Amani Ghanem, "Revolution and the Theory of International Relations", in: Nadia Mustafa and Amal Hamada (eds.), *The Egyptian Revolution and the Study of Political Science*, the First Conference of Young Staff members, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, 14 to 15 June 2011, (Cairo: Faculty of Economics and Political Science, 2012), pp. 459-519
- Amira Abou Samra, "Normative Theorizing in International Studies: the Use of Military Power as an Example", in: Nadia Mahmoud Mustafa (Scientific Supervision) and Amira Abou Samra (Review and ed.), *Cultural Approaches to the Study of Political and Social Phenomena: Departures, Areas and Concepts in Social and Political Sciences*, the Seminar of the Department of Political Science 2008-2010, (Cairo: Department of Political Science and Center for Cultural Studies and Dialogue of Cultures, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, University of Cairo, 2011), pp. 385-498
- Nadia Mahmoud Mustafa (Scientific Supervision) and Amira Abou Samra (Review and ed.), *Cultural Approaches to the Study of Political and Social Phenomena: Departures, Areas and Concepts in Social and Political Sciences*, the Seminar of the Department of Political Science 2008-2010, (Cairo: Department of Political Science and Center for Cultural Studies and Dialogue of Cultures, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, University of Cairo, 2011)
- Amira Abou Samra, " Characteristics of the Egyptian Secular Political Discourse and its Significance in the Transitional Period following the Egyptian Revolution",

in: Amira Abou Samra et al., The Egyptian Revolution and Civilizational and Cultural Change, My Ummah in the World: A Non-Periodical publication on the Issues of the Muslim World, (Cairo: Shurooq International, 2012), pp. 608-653

- Amira Abou Samra, Intellectuals and Religious Reform in Egypt after the 3rd of July, (Cairo: Civilization Center for Studies and Research, May 27, 2015), link: http://www.hadaracenter.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1188:2015-05-27-16-42-25&catid=383:2015-04-26-15-45-36&Itemid=557
- Amira Abou Samra, "The Concept of Universalism in International Relations: A Comparative Study of Critical Perspectives", in: Nadia Mustafa, International Relations in a Changing World : Comparative Perspectives and Approaches, (Cairo: Civilization Center for Political Studies, 2016), pp. 1409-1507
- Amira Abou Samra, "The Normative Dimension of the Use of Force in International Relations", in: Nadia Mustafa, International Relations in a Changing World : Comparative Perspectives and Approaches, (Cairo: Civilization Center for Political Studies, 2016) , pp. 1628-1734
- Amira Abou Samra and Amani Ghanem, "Revolution and the Theory of International Relations", in: Nadia Mustafa, International Relations in a Changing World : Comparative Perspectives and Approaches, (Cairo: Civilization Center of Political Studies, 2016), (Cairo: Civilization Center for Political Studies, 2016), pp. 1891-1944
- Amira Abou Samra, An Islamic paradigm in a new map of the field of international relations, The Journal of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Vol. 20, no. 3, July 2019 (to be published)

STUDIES NOT YET PUBLISHED

- Revolutions and International Relations: The Uprisings in Egypt and Prospects of Change from an International Perspective.
- Beyond Secularism: A Reading in Critical Revisions of the Theory of International Relations
- An Analysis of Current Arab Crises from a Postcolonial Perspective

THE DEVELOPMENT AND UPDATING OF COURSES

- A Participant of the Committee for the revision of undergraduate international relations courses at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science- 2016/2017
- Culture in Global Politics (an elective course offered for the first time at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science)
- Identity politics (postgraduate)
- Religion and Culture in International Politics (postgraduate)
- The Muslim World in International Politics (postgraduate)
- Theories of International Relations (postgraduate)

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Participated and/or submitted research papers to a number of conferences, seminars and workshops, including for example:

- "Evaluation of Courses Content", Scientific Conference of the Department of Political Science, Alexandria, 3-5 May 2000.
- "Globalization: Issues and Concepts", Series of Lectures, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 1999-2000.
- "Globalization Towards Alternative Perspectives", Series of Lectures, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 2000-2001.
- "Political Science: Theory and Methodological Review", Series of Lectures, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 2001/2002, 2002/2003.
- "Global Models of Teaching Political Science: Lessons Learned", Proceedings of the annual Conference of the Department of Political Science, Alexandria, 16-18 May 2001.
- Conference on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Human Rights between Theory and Practice (10-12 November 2008) in cooperation between the Center for Civilizational Studies, Dialogue of Cultures and the International Law Forum at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science.
- Organizational assistance: "Cultural Approaches to the Study of Political and Social Phenomena: Departures, Areas and Concepts in Social and Political Sciences, the Seminar of the Department of Political Science 2008-2010
- Participation in the conference: "The Thought of Dr. Mona Abu El Fadl", March 2009 under the auspices of the Center for Civilizational Studies and Dialogue of Cultures, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
- Participation in the workshop: "Cultural Analysis of Obama's Speech to the Muslim World: the Formation of Relations and Policy-Making" on 25/6/2009 to discuss the speech of US President Barack Obama at Cairo University in June 2009, the presentation of an analytical paper titled "Obama's speech between hard power and soft power".
- Attendance of the workshop "Building Global Democracy" in cooperation between the Center for Research and Political Studies, Cairo University and the Center for the Study of Globalization and Regionalization, The University of Warwick, Cairo, 6-8 December 2009
- Attendance of the Conference: "Egypt and the Faculty of Economics and Political Science in an era of change 1960-2010", Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo, March 2010.
- Attendance of the Conference "The Acquaintance of Civilizations" at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina 18-19 May under the auspices of the Dialogue Center in Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and the Center for Civilizational Studies and Dialogue of Cultures, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
- Participation with a research paper in the conference: "The Egyptian Revolution and the Study of Political Science", held at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, 14-15 June 2011.

- Delivering a lecture in the monthly seminar of the Department of Political Science, University of Tuebingen July 2011 titled :
- "IR Theory Critically Revisited: Is there a Need for an Islamic Paradigm in International Relations?"
- Attending a number of international seminars and conferences on cultural values, civilizations and international relations during the summer of 2011, including:
 - A debate between Johan Galtung And Hans Küng
 - A lecture by Hans Küng
 - Conference held on 14/7/2011 in the city of Tübingen, Germany titled: "Wertewelten 2011: Ähnlichkeiten, Mischungen, Synkretismen: Auf dem Weg zu einer globalen Gesellschaft"
- Participation in a number of “dialogue between civilizations” events within the framework of cultural and civilizational dialogue sponsored by the Center for Civilization Studies and Dialogue of Cultures.
- Submitting a paper titled: "A Critical Redefinition of Universalism: Challenges and Opportunities for Islam" to the workshop: "The Transformation of Political and Economic Orders around the Mediterranean". The workshop was held in the German city of Tübingen from 6-8 December 2012.
- Participation in the conference "Egypt and the Challenges of Change and Construction" organized by the Civilization Center for Political Studies at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science (14 and 15 May 2013), presentation of a summary and analysis of a number of research papers.
- Regular Participation in all “scientific writing workshops” held by the Faculty of Economics and Political Science for postgraduate students since 2014.
- Delivering a number of introductory lectures on research methods for political and social science students, held by the Civilization Center for studies and researches.

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Theories of International Relations
- Post-positivist and critical theorizing in international relations
- Postcolonial Studies
- Non-Western Theorizing
- Normative Theorizing
- Interdisciplinary studies: fields of international political theory and international political sociology
- Cultural studies
- Post Secular studies
- Islamic theorizing in International Relations

COURSES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Course of Research Methods in Social Sciences at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, 2005

- Islamic approaches to the study of social sciences: political science as a field of study.
- "Ethics and International Relations" course, the University of Tübingen.
- Management of Research References, a course at Alexandria University - Academic Staff Development Center.
- Exams and evaluation of students, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- E-learning course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- Effective Presentation Skills, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- Quality standards in the teaching process, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center
- Quality standards in the educational process, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- International Publishing, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- Crisis and Disaster Management, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- The Management of Research Teams a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- Scientific Research Methods, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- Communication Skills, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- Strategic planning, a course at Alexandria University- Academic Staff Development Center.
- A set of courses in computer basics.
- An advanced Methodology course for developing the abilities of Social Researchers to benefit from Islamic approaches to social sciences November 2017 - January 2018.

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATION PROJECTS AND SCIENTIFIC DISSERTATIONS

- Supervision of tens of graduation projects.
- Assessment of tens of research proposals for master and doctoral theses, submitted to the Department of Political science since 2014.
- Reviewer of papers presented to REPS; Review of Faculty of Economics and Political Science
- Joint supervision of a Master's thesis titled: The International Political Economy of migration policies in the EU (2014-2015). A study from a critical perspective – Approved in 2018 with excellent grade.

- Joint supervision of a doctoral dissertation titled: Hegemony and its Resistance in the International Order after the end of the Cold War.
- Joint supervision of a Master Thesis titled: The European Citizens' perspectives towards the EU Integration Process: Brexit as a Case Study.
- Joint supervision of a Master Thesis titled: EU-NATO Security Relations in Light of the Treaty of Lisbon and NATO Operation in Libya.

MISCELLANEOUS ACHIEVEMENTS

2017 - Now	Academic supervisor of the Islamic Cooperation Organization simulation model – Faculty of Economics and Political Science
2015 – Now	Academic supervisor of the UNESCO simulation model- Faculty of Economics and Political Science
2000	Received the award for "Student of the year" the Faculty of Economics and Political Science
2000	Received the award for "Student of the year" Cairo University
2000	Received the award for "Student of the year" Egyptian Universities
1996	Received the President of the Federal Republic of Germany Award for historical research along with my school class
1996	Received a recommendation to publish the German high school exam (German language) in a periodical specialized in the analysis of short stories by German writers
1993 and 1996	Obtained a scholarship for academic excellence to visit the Federal Republic of Germany Participation in various writing, research, drama, artistic and simulation activities at school and university

Languages

Arabic	Mother Tongue
German	Excellent
English	Excellent
French	Good