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- Researcher at The Leibniz Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute (Germany)
- Research Fellow, American Research foundation (USA)
- Former Researcher at Harvard University and Fulbright Scholar (USA)
- Founder and First Chair of the Middle East Chapter, Marie Curie Alumni Association (the EU)
- Assistant Professor of Mass Communication and Media Studies, Gaza University, (Palestine)
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Qualifications and Education

- 2015** PhD in Media Studies/Discourse Analysis, Hamburg University, Germany (Distinct/Magnum Cum Laude)
- 2009** MA in Linguistics, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge (UK)
- 2001** BA in English Literature & Education, Al-Azhar University, Gaza (Palestine)

Significant Expertise and In-depth Knowledge in Teaching the Following Courses:

1. Media Outlets and Society
2. Mass Communication Research Methods
3. Digital Media Discourse (practices and multi-modal practices)
4. Visual Production in Digital Media
5. Digital Narrative in Social Media
6. Public Relations
7. Oral Communication (Speaking)
8. Media Topics in English: Communication Theories (in English)
9. Specialized English Language for Media and Journalism (in English)
10. TV and Broadcasting Skills in English

Teaching Experiences (BA and MA programs) in the rank of Assistant Professor

	University	Job Type	Courses	Tertiary Level	Teaching Language
1st & 2nd terms	Gaza University	Full-time	• Specialized Language in Media	MA	English
			• Research projects	MA/BA	Arabic/English
			• Diplomacy and International Relations	MA/BA	Arabic
			• Media and Journalistic Translation	BA	Arabic/English
			• Media Translation and Skills	BA	Arabic/English
2022-2023	Al-Aqsa University	Part-time	• Media Translation	MA/BA	Arabic/English
			• Broadcasting and TV Production Skills	BA	English
			• Media Production and Broadcasting Seminar	BA	Arabic/English
			• Research project in media production and language		Arabic/English
	Al-Quds Open University	Part-time	• Media Outlets and Society	BA	Arabic
	Islamic University of Gaza	Part-time	• Media Topics in English	MA	English

1st&2nd terms	Gaza University	Full-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journalistic Translation Research project in media and language Specialized Language in Media Special Topics in Media Public Relations and Diplomacy 	BA BA MA MA MA	Arabic/English Arabic English English English
2020-2021					Arabic
	Al Aqsa University-Palestine	Part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media translation in English language Media production skills in English TV and broadcasting skills in English 	BA BA BA	Arabic Arabic Arabic
01.2018 – 06.2018	Newcastle University (UK)	Part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Discourses and Identity Guest Lecturer in the Model MCH3077: Politics, Power and Communication, Newcastle University (UK) 	MA MA	English English
Summer Semester 2013	University of Hamburg	Part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching associate for the module ‘Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences: Approaches and Application of Discourse Analysis’ 	MA	English
07.2009 – 12.2009	Anglia Ruskin University-Cambridge (UK)	Full-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student advisor and consultant at Student Services and International Office, 	BA and MA	English
06 2008 – 06.2009	University of Cambridge, Cambridge (UK)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examinations invigilator 	BA and MA	English

Research and Fellowship Positions

Since Dec. 2023 – now	Researcher at The Leibniz Institute for Media Research, Hans-Bredow-Institute (Germany)
Since 2022 till now	Research Fellow, American Research foundation
01.2022 – 10.2022	Researcher at Centre for the Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University Project: Hamas in Cyberspace: Social Media and New Forms of Political Expression
02.2019 - 06.2020	Fellow Researcher in social media communication and terrorism studies, Newcastle University, UK
02.2017 – 01.2019	EU-Marie Curie Fellow and Post-doctoral Researcher, Newcastle University (UK) Project: ‘Media Warfare and the Discourse of Islamic Revival: The Case of the Islamic State’ https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/707482
05.2017– 08.2017	Visiting Researcher, Hamburg University (Germany): Project: Discursive and linguistic strategies of Islamist movements
06.2012 -07.2014	Right Livelihood College Workshop Alumnus, University of Bonn, the Campus of the Laureates of the ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’. https://www.zef.de/1741.html
10.2015–10.2016	Associate Member, Centre for Media and Communication, Hamburg University Project: Islamist, Radical Movements and social media: analysis of rhetoric propaganda of Islamist movements.
June 2012 - Now	Right Livelihood College (RLC) Fellow – University of Bonn. RLC is a global capacity building initiative of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation, popularly known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize".

Research Projects, Groups and Initiatives

12.2018 – 2.2019	Research associate for ERC Consolidating Grant Project, Newcastle University Project Title: ‘Techno-Discursive Analysis of Digital Discourses: Right wing populism, misogyny and Islamophobia in cyberspace (TeDADD)’
11.2018 – 2.2018	Research associate for Consortium Project, Newcastle University Project: European (dis)union: digital radicalization, nationalism in Europe’s public sphere

10.2017	Coordinator of Newcastle Discourse Group (NCDG). NCDG aims to address issues concerning the relationships between language, politics, media and culture
2013 - 2014	Coordinator, Graduate School Media and Communication, University of Hamburg
05.2012 –05-2015	Founder and co-organizer, War Interdisciplinary Studies Academy (WISA), University of Hamburg in cooperation with Prof Dr. Irene Neverla
10.2011 –10.2015	Founder and coordinator: an academic exchange and partnership, media and communication research center at University of Hamburg and Universities from the Arab World in cooperation.

Reviewing Experiences

April 2019 – now Member of the UK national Commission for UNESCO Team: Reviewer of Newton Prize projects and applications

Reviewer for these peer-review international journals:

- Palgrave Communications <https://www.nature.com/palcomms/>
- Australian Journal of Linguistics <https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/cajl20>
- Critical Discourse Studies <https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rcds20>
- Social Media + Society journal <http://journals.sagepub.com/home/sms>
- Journalism Journal <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/jou>
- Journals of Discourses (Majalat Khitabat in Arabic) <https://independent.academia.edu/MajalatKhitabat>

Research Scholarships, Grants and Awards

2022	Fulbright: research at Harvard University, (USA)
2017 - 2019	EU-Marie Curie Fellowship: Post doctorate Fellowship, Newcastle University (U.K.)
2016-2017 (I have rejected it)	Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships, Post doctorate Fellowship, Neuchâtel University, Switzerland
04.2011 –10.2015	DAAD scholarship, PhD Study, University of Hamburg
2014	Right Livelihood Campus, grant through DAAD, University of Bonn, Centre for Development Research (ZEF)
2008 – 2009	MA Grant, MA Study in Linguistics Anglia Ruskin University-Cambridge

Journalistic and Other Professional Experiences

2022	Founder and CEO of Media Access Centre for Media Relations and Studies
2017	Paydesk-UK, Reporting, covering and corresponding for several news agencies on G-20 in Hamburg, Germany
2016 - 2017	Expert of Media and Communication, Vielfalt Company in Germany, Vielfalt Company in cooperation with Jugenamt (Government Department of Youth), Pinneberg District, Germany: Media and Refugees
2016 - 2016	Social Worker: German Red Cross, Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
2010 - 2011	Co-founder, Mashahid Company for Media Production and Training, Gaza
1998 - 2003	Fixer and Editor at Arabic Press center, Gaza

Supervision Experiences

Cross-disciplinary Interests for PhD and Post-doctoral research supervision

Critical Discourse Analysis, Social Media Critical Discourse Studies, Digital Discourse Analysis, Multimodal Discourse Analysis, Political Communication, Politics, Power and Communication and Mass Communication Studies in relation to the Middle East, extremism, terrorism and beyond.

First Supervisor for MA Dissertations at Gaza University:

- In 2023, A Critical Discourse Analysis of the International Media Coverage: The Case of Assassination of Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh

First Supervisor for Completed MA Dissertations at Newcastle University:

- A study of how companies use social media on brand management and its impact
- An investigation of how supervision is used on social media by public opinions
- The Development Tendency of Media in China-New Media

- The role of paid media on Sina microblog (Weibo)
- Exploring Media use: Overseas Chinese master students and their parents on WeChat

Second Supervisor/Examiner for Completed MA Dissertations at Newcastle University: Examples,

- The study of social media on shaping and changing personal culture in China, taking WeChat and Weibo
- The Study of Self-representation on Different Social Media, Taking WeChat and Weibo
- Social Media, the Emergence of 'Meme Culture' and the effect on political discourse
- Real Key Opinion Leaders or just King of Like? An exploration of the rise of KOL engagement in Hong Kong
- Glocalization and Advertising in Africa

Citizenship: German

Arabic: Native

English: Fluency obtained from studying and working in England

German: B2 Level obtained by studying and living in Germany

Professional Membership

- Fulbright Alumni Association
- European Communication Research and Education Association
- Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis across Disciplines (CADAAD)
- Marie Curie Alumni Association
- DAAD Alumni Association