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EDUCATION

- 2022 - 2026** **PhD in Political Sciences - Peacebuilding studies**
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences – The Eberhard Karls Universität
Tübingen - Germany
- 2008 - 2010** **Master's degree in Strategic Negotiations and Diplomacy with distinction**
La Sagesse University – Beirut, in partnership with Université Paris-Sud 11
– France
- 2005 - 2007** **Master's degree in Journalism with distinction**
Lebanese University – Beirut, in partnership with Université Panthéon -
ASSAS, Paris II - France
- 2001 - 2005** **Bachelor of Arts in Journalism**
Lebanese University – Fanar, Lebanon
- 2001 - 2004** **Bachelor of Arts in Musicology**
Holy Spirit University – Kaslik, Lebanon

SELECTED CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS

- **Certified in designing and facilitating “National Dialogue and Peace”**, (September-December 2024), an online course designed and delivered by Berghof Foundation, Berlin.
- **Certified in “Designing Peacebuilding Programmes”**, (December 2011), designed and delivered by PATRIR & IPDTC, Romania.
- **Intensive Courses on conflict analysis, negotiation and peacebuilding**, (May – June 2010), delivered by the Eastern Mennonite University, Virginia, USA.
- **Multiple ToTs on Advocacy, Mediation, Nonviolence, Human Rights, and Peace Practice** (full list upon request)

EXPERIENCE

PROJECT MANAGEMENT/ PROJECT COORDINATION

The Green Party of Lebanon,GPL, Lebanon	May. 2022 - Ongoing
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Senior Project Manager for the project entitled “Building the party capacity” Funded by IFG

Organize and facilitate initiatives for women’s and youth participation in politics and environmental advocacy, including seminars and side events on the green economy, climate resilience, and women’s roles in climate adaptation.

BERGHOF FOUNDATION, Lebanon	Jan. 2022 - Dec.2023
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Senior Project Manager for the project “Next Leaders - Network-building, Training and Support for next Leaders in Peace Organisations in the MENA region”.

Senior Project Manager for the project “Inclusive pathways for dialogue and trust in Lebanon through women’s engagement in peace and security” implemented in cooperation with UNW.

UNDP, Lebanon	Feb. 2013 - Apr. 2014
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Peacebuilding Local level conflict mitigation coordinator

Supported local authorities and schools in enhancing social cohesion between Lebanese and Syrian communities in crisis-affected regions through the design and implementation of peacebuilding initiatives.

Led planning, coordination, and delivery of workshops, local peace committee establishment, and partnership building with municipal and educational stakeholders to strengthen conflict mitigation efforts.

PEACEBUILDING ACADEMY (PBA), Lebanon	Mar. 2010 - Jan 2013
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Project manager

Developed and managed strategic peacebuilding programs, training materials, and advocacy initiatives for diverse stakeholders across the MENA region in collaboration with international partners.

Supervised knowledge production, capacity-building workshops, and project evaluation to enhance the effectiveness of NGOs and governmental agencies in peace support and conflict resolution.

Project Manager – Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) Project 2009 – 2010

Funded and supervised by Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Project coordinator – Advocacy and Leadership in Local communities 2009 – 2010

Funded and Supervised by Partners (Jordan and USA)

Project coordinator – Arms Trade Treaty coalition in the MENA region 2012 - 2016

Funded and Supervised by Oxfam France and Control Arms coalition

Coordinator of the conference on “Combating Illicit trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Arab Region” that was organized in partnership with the Arab League and took place in its premises in Cairo.

Coordinator of the Arms Trade Treaty campaign in the MENA region with OXFAM France and Control Arms coalition, including attending the 3 Diplomatic conference that took place in the UN headquarter in New York in 2012 and 2013.

FACILITATOR/TRAINER/CONSULTANT

Main tasks include: developing strategies, facilitation, compilation and conducting trainings and capacity building workshops for individuals and NGOs from the MENA region with several international and national agencies on divers topics including: Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution, Mediation, Gender, Arms Control, Child Soldiers, Advocacy, Media, M&E.

Main selected tasks with international agencies/INGOs:

- **The What If project, (2024-2025):** Senior advisor and Lead facilitator for the “WHAT IF” project on Media and Peace project in Lebanon.
- **AMBERO-CMC-CRISP, (2023-2024):** Lead Trainer for the project “Young enumerators and mediators (YEM)” implemented in Iraq in the framework of the TC measure “Strengthening resilience in dealing with crises and conflicts in Ninewa Province in Iraq”, financed by the GIZ.
- **International Alert and French Development Agency (AFD), (2022-2025):** Conduct series of trainings for the staff members of AFD to reinforce dialogue and mediation capacities and mainstream mediation and conflict prevention tools in development practices in the Middle East Region.
- **International ALERT, (2021-2024):** Conduct series of training workshops and coaching to develop the capacities of youth groups and women to conduct community initiatives to strengthen social stability in the areas of Central and North Bekaa and Tripoli.
- **International Alert and FAO, (2021-2022):** Design and implement awareness activities campaigns and materials (Adapting the Gender Action and Learning System) (GALS) framework for qualitative gender action research) aiming at gender behavioural change for Lebanese and Syrian youth.
- **UNDP – Lebanon, (2015 – 2018):** Lead trainer on the project entitled “violence freeschool”, implemented in around 50 public schools in Lebanon.

- **GPPAC (Global Partnership for prevention of Armed Conflicts), (2007 - 2012):** delivering a series of workshops and awareness raising workshops for different groups from all the MENA region on the importance of developing conflict prevention strategies in their respective countries including child soldiers and arms control.
- **AKTIS - Turkey, (2011):** training a group of Syrian Judges on community mediation.
- **Berghof foundation - Germany, (2012 - 2013 - 2014):** senior trainer in peacebuilding, dialogue and mediation for a group of young peacebuilders from 20 different countries. for 3 consecutive years in a program entitled: summer peacebuilding academy for young leaders.
- **Berghof foundation - Jordan, (2012 - 2013):** delivering a series of workshops for schools' teachers on peacebuilding skills for kids and youth in Jordan.
- **WPP, (2009-2010):** training different groups of youth on the role of women in political mediation and peacebuilding processes.
- **Partners Jordan, (2009-2010):** delivering a series of training on Advocacy and the role of youth in the political change in Lebanon and Jordan.

TEACHING

LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Lebanon

Jan. 2018 - Present

Lecturer

Compile, edit and teach the following courses for students from different disciplines:

- "Community Conflict and Conflict resolution"
- "Mediation"
- "Intercultural Communication and Conflict"
- "Negotiation and Bargaining"
- "Fundamentals of Conflict Resolution"
- "Fundamentals of Gender Discrimination"

Université La Sagesse, Lebanon

Jan. 2025 - Present

Lecturer

- Compile, edit and teach a course entitled "Practical politics: hands-on simulations" for BA students from Political science and Law discipline
- Compile, edit and teach a course entitled "Peacebuilding and simulations" for MA students from Political Science and Law disciplines

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY of BEIRUT, Lebanon

Jan. 2020 - Feb. 2020

Instructor

Compile, edit and teach a course entitled "Interpersonal Conflict and Conflict Resolution" for BA students from Public Health discipline

Instructor

Compile, edit and teach a course entitled “International Conflict Resolution” for BA students from Political Science discipline

SELECTED TRAININGS

-Training Workshop on UN Human Rights Mechanisms and the UPR of Lebanon, (December – January 2026), Geneva

A course designed and delivered by Norwegian Center of human Rights – University and Oslo and

-“Training of Trainers in Advocacy using New Tactics for Human Rights method”, (December 2017), Amman-Jordan

A training organised by New Tactics Programme, Jordan and USA office

-“Training of Trainers”, (October 2014), Geneva-Switzerland

A training organised by UNITAR and 4Change Programme

-“Key Concepts and Advanced Practice of Peacebuilding”, Executive training programme (January 2013), Beirut-Lebanon

A training organised by UNDP and DPO / IPDTC Romania

-“Training of Consultant/Advisors in Reflecting on Peace Practices” Concepts and Tools (May 2012), Cyprus

A Training organized by CDA Collaborative Learning, Reflecting on Peace Practices Program

-“Gender-sensitive Nonviolence for Sustainable Peace” Training of Trainers, (September 2011), Cyprus

A training organized by The Women Peacemakers Program (WPP) of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR)

-“Reflecting on Peace Practice (RPP), training of Peace Practitioners”, (March 2010), Beirut-Lebanon

A training organized by The Peace Building Academy and Interpeace – Geneva office

-“Training of Trainers on Advocacy and Leadership”, (March 2009), Beirut - Lebanon

A ToT organized by Partners Jordan and UN Democracy funds (UNDEF)

LANGUAGES

Arabic: native language

French and English: spoken and written fluently

MISCELLANEOUS

1 - Piano tutor: since 2002

2 - Interests: Theater, cooking, painting, singing