

CURRICULUM VITAE

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❖ Academic Qualifications:

1995 Ph.D. in Political Science, jointly supervised by Cairo University and the University of Maryland at College Park. The dissertation graded outstanding and recommended to the University for Publication. The subject of the dissertation was *Theories of Comparative Politics and Their Application in the Study of Arab Political Systems*

1988 M. Sc. Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 1988, First Class with Honors. Thesis title: *Theories of Political Development: A Critical Approach*

1985: Postgraduate Diploma, College of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, May 1985, First Class with Honors.

1984: B.Sc. Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, May 1984, First Class with Honors.

❖ Fields of Specialization:

- Curriculum Development,
- Islamic Political Thought,
- Comparative Politics,
- Middle East Politics,
- Political development,
- Epistemological and Cultural Studies

❖ Present Position:

1-3-2017-present. Advisor, Office of the President of Zayed University, UAE

Professor of Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt,

❖ Major Academic Experiences:

Since 1988 I accumulated knowledge and practices in the following areas:

- Planning for founding Colleges and Universities,
- Designing general education programs (colloquy),
- Developing K-12 Curricula in Islamic and Social Studies,
- Developing and assessing general education courses,
- Assessing general education programs (colloquy),

- Planning for university specializations in social sciences and humanities,
- Academic administration in different University Levels
- Planning and managing research programs

❖ **Professional and other related work:**

- 2017 – present** Advisor, Office of the President of Zayed University, UAE
- 2014 –2017** Advisor to the Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development, UAE.
- 2010 – 2014** Executive Director, Institute for Islamic world Studies, Zayed University, UAE.
- 2011 – 2013** Assistant Provost for Graduate Institutes, Zayed University, UAE.
- 2004 – 2010** Chair, Department of Islamic Studies, Zayed University, UAE.
- 2005 – present** Professor of Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt.
- 2004 – 2014** Professor of Political Science, Zayed University, UAE.
- 2000 – 2004** Coordinator of Islamic Studies, Zayed University, UAE.
- 2000 – 2004** Associate Professor, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates.
- 2000 – 2005** Associate Professor of Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt,
- 1998 – 2000** Associate Professor, Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences, Leesburg, VA, USA.
- 1996 – 1998** Visiting Fellow, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, USA.
- 1995 – 2000** Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt.
- 1995 – 1997** Academic Advisor, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon, VA, USA.
- 1994 – 1996** Executive Director, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Cairo office, Egypt.
- 1989 – 1994** Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, College of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt.
- 1984-1989** Assistant Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, College of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt.

❖ **ACADEMIC AWARDS.**

Visiting Fellowship, , Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, USA, 17 September 1996- 16 September 1998.

The State Award in Political Science, Egypt 1996, this award granted for one scholar every year. I have received it for my book: *Sources of Political Literature in the Intellectual Heritage of Islam: a Study of the Problem of Generalization before Authentication.*

Visiting Fellowship, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland at College Park, Maryland, USA, 1990-1993.

❖ Curriculum Development:

Since 1995, I have developed the following curricula:

Master of Arts in Muslim Women Studies, Zayed University, UAE, 2010-2011

Master of Arts in Comparative Religions, Zayed University, UAE, 2010-2011

Master of Arts in Islamic World Studies, Zayed University, UAE, 2010-2011

Master of Arts in Endowment and Philanthropic Studies, Zayed University, UAE, 2010-2011

Master of Arts in Islamic economics and Wealth Management, Zayed University, UAE, 2010-2011

Master of Arts in Contemporary Islamic Studies, Zayed University, UAE, 2010-2011

Master of Arts in Judicial Studies, Zayed University, UAE, 2008

General education Course on Islamic Thought, UAEU, UAE, 2010

The UAE National Curriculum on Social Studies K-12 in the United Arab Emirates 2009.

The general education courses, Qatar University, Qatar, 2008

Head of the authoring committee of Islamic Studies textbooks Grades 1 - 12, 2003 - 2010

Bachelor of Arts in Arabic and Islamic Studies, AlIttihad University, UAE, 2006.

The UAE National Curriculum on Islamic Studies K-12 in the United Arab Emirates 2003.

Master of Islamic and Social Sciences, the Graduate school of Islamic and Social Sciences, VA, USA, 1997 and 2000;

The general education courses on Islamic Studies, Zayed University, UAE, 2000;

Bachelor of Islamic Studies with six concentrations, Institute of Shariy'ah Studies, Muscat, Oman, 1999;

Master of Religious Practice, the Graduate school of Islamic and Social Sciences, VA, USA, 1997 and 2000;

Member of the curriculum development committee, International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1986-2000 (The committee developed curricula for IIUM and SISS and other colleges and universities)

❖ UNIVERSITY SERVICES

1986 - 1995 Member of the following committees at Cairo University:

- Curriculum Committee
- Library Committee
- Faculty Seminar Committee

1996 - 2000 Chairperson of the following committees at The Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences, VA, USA:

- Graduate Council
- Curriculum Committee
- Library Committee

- 2000 - 2014 Member of the following committees at Zayed University, UAE:
- Curriculum Committee (Played major role in developing ZU colloquy)
 - Planning Committee
 - Library Committee
 - Academic Affairs Committee
 - Challenging Material Committee
 - Promotion Committee
 - Accreditation Committee
 - Research Committee

❖ NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES:

Member, Board of Directors, Zayed House of Islamic Culture, Crown Prince Court, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Member, Board of Directors, Abu Dhabi Judicial academy, 2008- 2014

Member of the Editorial Board of the journal of Social Affairs, 2007-

Member, Ministry of Culture and Information's committee on developing the UAE public libraries, 2001- 2004.

Chair, Ministry of Education Committee on Islamic Studies Curriculum Development, UAE. 2002- 2010

Member, Ministry of Education Higher Committee on Curriculum Planning, UAE.

Member of the Editorial Board of the *America Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 1996-2000;

The Advisory Board of the *Islamiyyat al-M'arifah*;

Co-founder of the Center for Epistemological Studies, Cairo, Egypt,

Co-founder of the Center for African Future Studies; Cairo, Egypt

Founder and Director of the Integrated Welfare Project for African Students at al-Azhar (A project that offered academic, health, social and financial assistance to African Students in Egypt,) 1986- 1995;

❖ PUBLICATIONS

▪ *Books and Monographs*

New Direction in Development: Bias, Globalization and Postmodernity (Cairo: AL-Hai'a Al-Misriya Al-Ammah Lilkitab, 2008) (*Published in Arabic*).

New Directions in Comparative Politics: From State to Society and from Culture to Market (Amman, Center for Political studies, 2006)

The disenchantment of Political development: Episteme, Culture, and Policies" (Lanham MD: University Press of America, 2002).

The Re-enchantment of Political Science: An Epistemological Approach to the Theories of Comparative Politics (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2001).

Western Political Science in a Non-Western Context: Theories of Comparative Politics in the Arab Academia, (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2000).

Theories of Comparative Politics and the Methodology of Studying Arab Political Systems: An Epistemological Approach (Leesburg, VA, School of Islamic and Social Sciences, 1998) *(published in Arabic)*

Editor, *Methodological Issues in Islamic and Social Sciences*, (Cairo, International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1997) *(published in Arabic)*

Editor, *Problematic Issues in Contemporary Islamic Thought* (Cairo, International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1996). *(Published in Arabic)*

Sources of Political Literature in the Intellectual Heritage of Islam: A Study of the Problem of Generalization Before Authentication, (Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1994) *(published in Arabic)*

Civilization, Culture, and Civil Society: A Study of Terminology and Concepts, (Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1994) *(published in Arabic)*

Theories of Political Development: A Critical Approach from Islamic Perspective, (Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1992) *(published in Arabic)*.

▪ **Projects in Progress**

Rediscovering Islamic Political Thought;

The political Analysis of the Qura'nic Discourse: The People of the Book as a Model;

The Social institutions in Islamic Civilization.

Educational reform in the Arab World.

Contemporary Arab Politics.

Islam and Politics in the contemporary world.

▪ **Book chapters and Journal articles:**

“*The Arabs and the Western Paradigm: The Ontological and Epistemological Dilemmas*”, , Cairo: Al-Dimocratiya, Issue No.64, October. 2016. *(in Arabic)*

“*The Problematic of Politicizing Islam*”, Cairo: Ahwaal Masriya, Issue No.57, Summer. 2015. *(in Arabic)*

“*Virtual Parties: A model for Petting Democracy*”, Cairo: Rouaa Masriya, Issue No.7, Aug. 2015. *(in Arabic)*

“*Egyptian Salafis: Movement Shifts and Changing of the State*”, Cairo: Rouaa Masriya, Issue No.1, Feb. 2015. *(in Arabic)*

“*Islamic Movements and Power: An Appraisal*”, Cairo: Center for Political and Strategic studies, Arab Strategic Report 2015, *(in Arabic)*

“*The Mini-States in the Arab World: The Transformation from Nation-State to Gang-State*”, Abu Dhabi: Itigahat Al-Ahdath, Issue No. 3, Oct., 2014. *(in Arabic)*

“The Intellectual Sources of the Functional Jihadi Groups”, Cairo: Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya, Issue No.198, Oct. 2014. (in Arabic)

“The virtual Challenge: The Muslim Brothers’ Regional Alliances to Boycott the Egypt”, Cairo: Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya, Issue No.197, July. 2014. (in Arabic)

“From Sect to Society: The End of Functional Faith”, Abu Dhabi: Al-Mizmah Center, March. 2014. (in Arabic)

“The Geology of Political Legitimacy: From Values to Procedures”, Cairo: Al-Dimocratiya, Issue No.51, July. 2013. (in Arabic)

“The Closed Circle: The End of the Modernist Islamist Ideology of the Muslim Brothers”, Cairo: Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya, Issue No.194, Oct. 2013. (in Arabic)

“Contrasting Ideologies: The Conflict between the Traditional and the Pragmatic sources of Legitimacy”, Cairo: Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya, Issue No.192, April. 2013. (in Arabic)

“The Future of the Arab World in the Light of Competing Change Projects”, in: Nezam Barakat, Change Project in the Arab World, (Amman: Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 2013)

“The Transitional Tunnel: The Confused Paths of the Arab Revelations”, Cairo: Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya, Issue No.188, April. 2012. (in Arabic)

“Political thought and Political Jurisprudence: Differences and Similarities”, Rabat: ISESCO, 2012, (in Arabic).

“New Political Equations: The Future of the State in the Arab World”, Cairo: Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya, Issue No.186, Oct. 2011. (in Arabic)

“Political Science: The Discipline of Human Societies Administration”, in: Abedel Aziz Alqassim, An Introduction to Social Sciences, (Beirut: Alshabaka AlArabia, 2010) (in Arabic).

“The Future of Religious Education in the Islamic World: From teaching Information to Learning Ways of Thinking and Values”, Rabat: ISESCO, 2009, (in Arabic).

“Waqf and Sustainability, Kuwait, Awqaf Journal, 2008. (in Arabic).

“Waqf and non-Muslims”, Kuwait: Awqaf Journal, Issue 15, 2008. (in Arabic).

“The One-Dimensional Education System in the Islamic Universities”, Rabat: ISESCO, 2008, (in Arabic).

“The Dialectic of the Self and the Other in the Islamic Civilization”, Rabat: ISESCO, 2007, (in Arabic).

“Theories of Political Development: A Case of Biased Discourse in the Political Sciences”, in: Abdelwahab M. Elmessiri ed., Epistemological Bias in Physical and Social sciences, (Herndon: IIIT, 2006)

“The Islamization of Political Science: A Critical View”, Riyadh: The Islamic League, 2006, (in Arabic).

“Waqf and Sustainability”, Kuwait: Awqaf Journal, Issue 9, 2005. (in Arabic).

Values, Education, and Development: Methodological foundations for Education Reform in the Muslim World, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 2005.

“*New Directions in Comparative Politics: An Alternative Perspective*”, Cairo: Al-Ahram center for Strategic Studies, 2005. (in Arabic).

“*The Impact of the Iraqi Crisis on the Future of the Arab State*”, Dubai: Center for Gulf Studies, March 2005, (in Arabic).

“*The Crisis of the Muslim World: An Epistemological Approach*” Tehran: Islamic Issues, April, 2004. (in Arabic).

“*On the Epistemology of Colonialism*”, Paris: Center for Civilizations studies, May 2004, (in Arabic).

“*The Crisis of Development in the Arab World*”, a paper presented at the Arab strategic Report Symposium, Rabat, Morocco, 4-6 /12/ 2003. (in Arabic).

“*The Epistemological Foundations of the Islamic Political Systems*”, Cairo: Center for Political Studies, Cairo University, June 2004. (in Arabic).

“*The Origin of Despotism in the Arab World*”, a paper presented at conference on “Despotism in the Arab World”, Oxford, 28/8/2004. (in Arabic).

“*Trapped between Tribalism, Statetism and Elitism: The Egyptian Political Parties Disempowered*, The International Association of Political Science 19th convention, Durban, South Africa, 29-6 to 4-7-2003

“*The sources of the Islamic heritage in international relations*” Cairo: Institute of Arabic Manuscripts, 25-26 December 2002 (in Arabic)

“*How to approach the contemporary Muslim Realty*”, Shrajah: Center foe Islamic Studies, October 2002, (in Arabic)

“*The Institutional-Administrative Dimensions of Waqf in the Nile Valley*” in: *Waqf and Civil Society in the Arab World*” (Beirut: Center for Arab Unity studies, 2002) (in Arabic)

“*The notion of paradigm between Thomas Kuhn and el-Missiri*”, a paper contributed to a festschrift on the honor of el-Missiri edited by Ahmed Attia , 2002. (in Arabic)

“*The Independent Development: Potentials and Problems* in: *Toward a Civilizational Project to Revive the Arab World* (Beirut: Center for Arab Unity studies, 2001). (in Arabic)

“*Intellectual Discontinuity in Arab Scholarship: meaningfulness in decline*, in: Parviz Morewedge, ed., *The scholar between Thought and Experience: A biographical festschrift in honor of Ali A. Mazrui*, (Binghamton: State university of New York Press, 2001).

“*The contemporary Arab Intellectual Discourse: An Epistemological Approach*”. In a coauthored book titled “ *The Problematic of The contemporary Arab Intellectual Discourse* (Damascus: Dar alFikr, 2001). (in Arabic)

“*Cultural Impacts of Foreign Aid in the Arab World*, in: Mohammad Safiyaldin, ed. *Foreign Aid and Development in the Arab World: An Arab Perspective* (Amman, Jordan: The Academic Center for Political Studies, 2001); (in Arabic)

Impeding Development: Sanction and Aid, Cairo: Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya, Issue No.139, Jan. 2000. (in Arabic)

The Political Science in the Twentieth Century; The State of Art, Majalit al- Nahdha, Cairo University, first issue. Oct. 1999 (in Arabic).

Development Theory in the Postmodernist Era, Cairo: Center for Political Research and Studies, Cairo University, 1998 (published in Arabic). (in Arabic).

Science, Objectivity and Ethics in Research Methodology. The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences, vol.15, no.1, spring 1998.

Traditionalism and Modernism: Variant Perspectives, Al-Kalimah, no. 20, summer 1998. (in Arabic).

On the Islamic System of Knowledge: Preliminary Observations. Al-Kalimah, no. 23, spring 1999 (in Arabic).

The Dimension of Culture in the Asian Development Experience, Proceedings of the Conference on the Relationship Between Democracy and Development, Center for Asian Studies, Cairo University, 1996. (in Arabic).

Development Theories in Western and Islamic Thought, Proceedings of the Conference on Development, Kuwait, 1996. (in Arabic).

Reform, Mutual Interests, and Reconciliation: A Study of the Epistemological Foundations of Arab Reconciliation, Proceedings of the Cairo University Conference on the Arab Reconciliation Process, 1995. (in Arabic).

Scholarship, Objectivity, and the Ethics of Academic Research, Proceedings of the National Conference on Ethics in Research held at the National Center for Social and Criminal Research, Cairo, 1995. (in Arabic).

Elitism and the Study of Arab Political Systems: Possibilities and Problems, Proceedings of the Conference on Political Elitism in the Arab World, Center for Political Studies and Research, Cairo University, 1995 (in Arabic).

Methodological Delimitations in the Study of Arab Revivalist Projects, paper delivered at the Conference on the Civilizational Framework for the Arab World in the Twenty First Century, Dubai: December 1995 (in Arabic).

Management of Political Campaigns during the Egyptian Parliamentary Elections of 1995, Conference for the Analysis of Egyptian Legislative Elections, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 1995. (in Arabic).

Theories of Political Development as Examples of Bias in Political Science, Proceedings of the International Conference on Bias in the Social Sciences, Cairo, 1993 (in Arabic).

▪ **Conference presentations:**

(During the last thirty years I participated and organized tens of conferences).

▪ **Newspaper Articles:**

(A weekly writer at Al-Ahram Newspaper, and published articles in other Egyptian and Arab newspapers)