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Academic and Work Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany **September 2017 – present**

Assistant Professor, Department of Oriental Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany **August 2017 – present**

Fellow in the Volkswagen Foundation-project “[A study in explanatory power](#)” at the University of Duisburg-Essen **October 2016 – present**

Visiting Researcher, Department of Oriental Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany **July 2016 – July 2017**

Mentor in [The Jamiya Project](#) for Syrian refugees **2016 - 2017**

Social Worker (Betreuer) and Translator, Borough Council, Wermelskirchen, Germany **2014 – 2016**

Freelance Researcher **2010 – 2014**

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Tishreen, Latakia, Syria **2002 – 2004**

Teacher, Secondary School, Aleppo, Syria **2001 – 2002**

Education

PhD in Philosophy	2010
Department of Philosophy, University of Bordeaux 3, France; Grade “Très honorable avec felicitations” (highest grade)	
Thesis “The Problem of Method in Paul Ricœur’s Hermeneutics and its Relationship with the Human and Social Sciences: towards an Extension of Paul Ricœur’s Hermeneutics”	
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Claudie Lavaud	
Master Degree in Philosophy	2006
Department of Philosophy, University of Bordeaux 3, France	
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Charles Ramond	
Educational Habilitation Diploma,	2001
University of Aleppo, Faculty of Education	
Higher Studies Diploma,	1999
Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Damascus	
Bachelor in Philosophy	1998
Department of Philosophy and Social Science, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Tishreen	

Fellowships and Awards

Fellow, Scholar Rescue Fund and Cologne University	2016 – 2018
Fellow, VolkswagenStiftung-project “ A study in explanatory power “	2016 – 2018
Academic Distinction awarded for a doctorate from University of Bordeaux 3	2010
Certificate of Study Excellence from Tishreen University	1998
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Taught Seminars and courses

- University of Duisburg-Essen, Department of Philosophy **2017/2018**
 - Undergraduate seminar *Introduction to Thick Concepts*
- University of Cologne, Department of Oriental Studies **2017/2018**
 - Graduate seminar *The Relationship between Politics and Religion in Arab-Majority Countries*
 - Undergraduate seminar *(Mis-)conceiving Each Other: (Mis-)understanding Transcultural Concepts*
 - Arabic courses (Conversation and Exercises)
 - Graduate seminar *(Political) Islam and Political Modernity (Democracy, Secularism and Human Rights)* **2016/2017**
 - Undergraduate seminar *The Arab Uprising: from the Spring to the Fall. Syria as a Distinguished Example*
 - Arabic courses (Reading and Translating)
- University of Tishreen, Department of Philosophy **2002/2004**
 - Undergraduate seminar *Eastern Philosophy*
 - Undergraduate seminar *Introduction to Philosophy*
 - Undergraduate seminar *Islamic Theology*
 - Undergraduate seminar *General Problematics in Philosophy*
 - Undergraduate seminar *Philosophical Doctrines*
 - Undergraduate seminar *Epistemology of Natural Sciences*
- High schools in Aleppo **2001/2002**
 - Philosophy, logics, sociology

Publications

Books:

- [*Paul Ricœur : Problématique de la méthode et herméneutique du dialogue*](#), (Saarbrücken: Presses Académiques Francophones, 2017), (French)
- [*Critical Texts on Arab Political Thought, Syrian Revolution and Asylum*](#), (Beirut: Arab Scientific Publishers Inc., 2017), (Arabic)
- [*The Problematique of Method in Paul Ricoeur's Hermeneutics and its Relationship to the Humanities and Social Sciences: towards establishing hermeneutics of dialogue*](#), (Doha: Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies, 2016), (Arabic)

- [Paul Ricoeur. La problématique de la méthode et le déplacement herméneutique du texte à l'action et à la traduction. Vers une Herméneutique du dialogue](#), (Paris: L'Harmattan, 2012), (French)
- [Paul Ricoeur et la problématique de la méthode dans l'herméneutique. Interpréter, comprendre et expliquer dans les théories du symbole, du texte, de la métaphore et du récit](#), (Paris: L'Harmattan, 2011), (French)

Published papers:

- ["On the Relationship between Culture and Politics: a Critique of the Culturalist Approach"](#), 4 *Kalamoon*, January 2018, pp. 29-45, (Arabic)
- ["On the Understanding of Al-Azm's Thought: between Philosophism, Ideologism and Scientism"](#), 8 *Awraq*, 2017, pp. 57-71, (Arabic)
- ["On the Distinction between Critique and Criticism: the Thought of Sadiq Jalal al-Azm as a Case Study"](#), 1 *Kalamoon*, May 2017, pp. 27-58, (Arabic)
- ["The Critique and the \(Sexual\) Taboo in the Thought of Sadiq Jalal Al-Azm"](#), *Mominoun without Borders Institute*, 23 April 2017, (Arabic)
- ["Some Incentives of Al-Azm's Critique"](#), 82 *Nizwa*, April 2015, pp. 60-64, (Arabic)
- ["Critical Study of Azmi Bishara's Book" The Arabian Question: Introduction to Arabian Democratic Manifesto"](#), 43 *Alam Al Fiker*, 2014, pp. 257-296, (Arabic)
- ["An Introduction to the Legitimacy of the Philosophical and Arabic Study of Jean-Jacques Rousseau"](#), 3:10 *Tabayyun*, 2014, pp. 7-36, (In Arabic)
- "Translation as a Paradigm for Hermeneutics", 42 *al-Tafahom Journal*, 2013, (Arabic)
- ["Justice as Recognition: a Preliminary Conceptual Study"](#), 2:5 *Tabayyun*, 2013, pp. 97-120, (Arabic)
- ["Critical Discussion on Mohammed Jamal Parrott's Research about the Syrian Revolution"](#), *Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies*, 3 January 2012, (English)
- ["The Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur and its Relationship with Religion and Science \(2\)"](#), *alawan*, 11 July 2011, (Arabic)
- ["The Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur and its Relationship with Religion and Science \(1\)"](#), *alawan*, 11 June 2011, (Arabic)

Presentations and Panel Discussions:

- “The Syrian Crisis – A Philosophical and Legal Overview”, lecture and discussion, co-authored with dr. Anan Alsheikh Haidar, presented at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, organized by ZAK | Centre for Cultural and General Studies in cooperation with the International Scholars & Welcome Office (IScO) at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Karlsruhe, 12 December 2017.
- “Academic Freedom and Political Repression in the University Sector in Syria”, paper presented at the Conference on “Academic Freedom and Political Repression in the University Sector”, organized by Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi), Cologne, 5-7 November 2017.
- “Integration”, discussion (co-authored with Salam Said), organized by Ibn Rushd Fund for Freedom of Thought, Berlin, 28 September 2017.
- [“The Obstacles to Establishing Democracy in Syria: the Relationship between Culture and Politic”](#), lecture organized by Campus Cosmopolis, Berlin, 23 September 2017.
- “What Should we Really Call the Syrian Crisis?”, paper presented at the Conference Deutscher Orientalistentag “Asien, Afrika und Europa”, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Jena, 18–22 September 2017.
- [“Arab Political Thought, the Syrian Revolution & the Question of Asylum”](#), lecture at Ibn Rushd Fund for Freedom of Thought, Berlin, 26 April 2017.
- [“On the Distinction between Critique and Criticism: the Thought of Sadiq Jalal al-Azm as a Case Study”](#), paper presented at [Sadiq Jalal Al-AZEM Symposium](#), organized by Harmoon Center for Contemporary Studies, Berlin , 11 February 2017.
- [Online-talk about the thought of Sadiq Jalal Al-Azm](#), organized by Dr. Badr Eddine Arodaky, Cultural Café, Episode V, 22 January 2017.
- Participant in an online panel discussion about ["Sadiq Jalal Al-Azm thought"](#), organized by Dr. Badr Eddine Arodaky, Cultural Café, 11 December 2016.
- Participant in a panel discussion ["Which and How Many Refugees Should We Receive?"](#), University of Cologne, organized by The German Society for Philosophy and the Society for Analytical Philosophy, 11 May 2016.

Miscellaneous:

- [“Academic Freedom and Political Repression in the University Sector in Syria”](#), 24 *Abwab*, December 2017, (Arabic)

- [“Contemporary German Philosophy: the Question of Translation”](#), 121 *Aldoha Magazine*, November 2017, pp. 108-111, (In Arabic)
- [“Islam, Democracy and secularism”](#), *Qantara*, 5 July 2017, (Arabic)
- [“Welcome in Wermelskirchen \(Germany\)”](#), *Al-Jumhuriya*, 4 July 2017, (Arabic)
- [“When You Say ‘you \(don’t\) do’: Word’s Responsibility ”](#), *geroun*, 23 December 2016, (In Arabic)
- [“The Sigh of Mounzer Massry, “Wishing It Didn’t Happen””](#), *geroun*, 11 December 2016, (Arabic)
- [““Dictator, But ...!” About the \(non\) Priority of the Democracy and Sadiq Jalal Al-Azm”](#), *geroun*, 2 December 2016, (Arabic)
- [“On the Difference and Takfir Mentality of Secularism”](#), *geroun*, 8 November 2016, (Arabic)
- [“About Belonging and Recognition”](#), *geroun*, 19 October 2016, (Arabic)
- [“Is the Syrian Revolution over? In the Historiography of the Present and the Future”](#), *geroun*, 7 September 2016, (Arabic)
- [“Ideology and the Question of Priorities”](#), *geroun*, 16 August 2016, (Arabic)
- [“The Arab Thought between Discourse of Axioms and Discourse of Intuitions”](#), *geroun*, 6 August 2016, (Arabic)
- [“\(Muslim\) Refugees and Terrorism: Why is it Difficult for Refugees to be a \(Normal\) Human Being”](#), 8 *Abwab*, August 2016, (Arabic)
- [“Integration between the Necessity of the Respect for Law and the Negativity of German Bureaucracy”](#), 7 *Abwab*, July 2016, (Arabic)
- [“Which and How Many Refugees Should We Accept?”](#) 6 *Abwab*, June 2016, (Arabic)
- [““About Working in the Black Market by Dina Aboul Hosn’: Void Intended to serve Right”](#) 5 *Abwab*, May 2016, (Arabic)
- [“Authority, Patriotism and Democracy in the Countries of the Arab Spring”](#), *Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies*, 20 November 2013, (Arabic)
- [“Rationality”](#), *Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies*, 28 October 2013, (Arabic)
- [“Principles and Men of Principles: A Critical Overview”](#), *Modern Discussion*, 12 November 2011, (Arabic)

- “Politics is the Art of the Possible: the Revolution is the Field of Making the Impossible Possible”, *alawan*, 5 July 2011, (Arabic)
- “Dialogue and Ideology”, *alawan*, 26 June 2011, (Arabic)
- “The Revolution between Rationality and Emotionality, between Fear and Anger, between Dialogue and Debate”, *alawan*, 16 May 2011, (Arabic)
- “Thoughts on the Revolutions or Uprisings Prevailing in the Arab World”, *alawan*, 13 April 2011, (Arabic)

Translated Texts:

- Cornelia Seng, “[Kultureller Respekt! Anfragen an den Zehn-Punkte-Plan von Thomas de Maizière](#)”, 6 *Abwab*, June 2016, (to Arabic)