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**DATE OF BIRTH** 19 March 1966 (Al Mahala Al Kubra - Egypt)

**NATIONALITY** Yemeni/Swiss (Zürich)

### EDUCATION

3/2006-12/2010 Habilitation (venia legendi) in Political Science  
University of Zurich, Institute for Political Science, Department of  
International Relations

8/1996-11/2000 Ph.D. (high honours) in Political Science  
University of Zurich, Institute for Political Science, Department of  
International Relations

08/1993-08/1995 M.A. (cum laude) in Comparative Politics  
The American University, Washington, D.C.

09/1985-05/1989 B.A. (summa cum laude) in Political Science  
Kuwait University

### ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 01/2023<sup>^</sup> Titular Professor of Political Science, University of Zurich, Institute for  
Political Science, International Relations

Since 03/2011 Privatdozentin, University of Zurich, Institute for Political Science,  
International Relations

Since 02/2017 Senior Lecturer, University of Luzern, Zentrum für Religion, Wirtschaft  
und Politik (ZRWP) Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät

Since 09/2014 Senior Lecturer, Department of Humanities, Social and Political  
Sciences, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)

2009//2012/2017 Lecturer & Senior Lecturer, University of Bern, Institute for Islamic and  
Middle Eastern Studies

9/2014 – 9/2016 Senior Researcher, Project Safeguarding Democracy: Contests of Values  
and Interests, Swiss South African Joint Research Programme  
(SSAJRP)

03/2006-03/2009 Post-doc Fellow “UFSP Asien und Europa”, University of Zurich  
Institute for Political Science, Department of International  
Relations

07/2005-2010 Affiliate Researcher, NCCR Democracy: "Challenges to Democracy in  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" – Project 3 “Democratizing Divided Societies in Bad  
Neighbourhoods”, University of Zurich

Since 03/2005 Lecturer in Political Science, University of Zurich  
Institute for Political Science, Department of International  
Relations

01/1991-07/1993 Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department  
University of Sana'a, Republic of Yemen

## **OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Since 07/2021 Senior Mentor, Mentorship program for Writing Fellowships – the  
Fourth Cycle of the New Paradigm Factory (NPF), “Gendered  
Resistance: Ethical Practices in Oral Narratives”, Arab Council for the  
Social Sciences (ACSS), (October 2021 -June 2022).

Since 09/2020 Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Documentation Centre  
for Political Islam, Austria

Since 07/2020 Vice President, Swiss Federal Commission for Migration

Since 06/2020 Member of Consultative Board, Geneva Centre for Security Sector  
Governance (DCAF), MENA Division - Building Peace Through  
Security Sector Reform in Yemen

Since 01/2020 Member, Swiss Federal Commission for Migration

By appointment of the Swiss Federal Council

Since 03/2019 Co-Editor, Academic Series Impulse: Debatten zu Politik, Gesellschaft,  
Kultur, ibidem Verlag (Stuttgart, Germany)

March 2019 Country Expert Coding for Historical Varieties of Democracy Survey,  
Yemen, Oslo University

Since 08/2018 Pro Bono Consultant, Die Fachstelle Zwangsheirat, Kompetenzzentrum  
des Bundes, Schweiz

06/2016-06/2019 Senior Fellow, The European Foundation for Democracy, Brussels

Since 05/2008 Consultant for governmental, NGOs and international organizations

01 Nov 2016 Expert Witness to the Home Affairs Select Committee Hearing on Sharia  
Councils - Evidence Session, House of Commons, UK Parliament

21 Nov 2016 Expert Witness, Montréal Courthouse, Canada

Since 07/2015 Scientific Consultant, Channel 4 Documentary on Unregistered Muslim  
Marriages in the UK

Since 09/2014 Fellow of the Secular Global Institute (SGI), Washington, DC

01/2010-12/2019 Member, Federal Commission for Women Affairs

By appointment of the Swiss Federal Council

03/2010-03/2018 Member, Roundtable “Female Genital Mutilation and Child Protection”,  
UNICEF Swiss Section

01/2004-12/2005 Deputy Head of the Arabic Service, Swissinfo, Bern, Switzerland

06/1997-12/2003 Multimedia Journalist and Radio Presenter, Swissinfo /  
Swiss Radio International, Arabic Service, Bern, Switzerland

06/1990-03/1993 Secretary of the Academic Staff Affairs Committee  
Office of the Vice Rector, Sana'a University

Since 2006 Field Work in Egypt; Kuwait; South Africa; Syria; Turkey; Oman,  
UAE; UK; Yemen

## UNIVERSITY COURSES

### *Master Courses*

Saudi Arabia and Iran: The Regional Rivalry between Realist and Constructivist Approaches  
University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) HS 2019, HS 2020, HS 2022

Yemeni Civil War: The Arab Spring, State Formation and Internal Instability

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) FS 2023

The Arab Spring, State Formation and Regional Rivalry, Master of Advanced Studies in  
Applied History, Modul 3.3: Massenbewegungen und Revolutionen der Neuzeit

University of Zurich, 27 August 2022

Yemeni Civil War: The Arab Spring, State Formation and Regional Rivalry

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) FS 2021, FS 2022.

ETHZ (2 hours weekly), FS 2022

University of Lucerne (2 hours weekly) FS 2023

Islamism: Ten Years after the Arab Uprisings

University of Zurich FS 2023

Islamism I & II

University of Zurich, (2 hours weekly) Alternating between Starting from FS and HS (starting  
from 2018)

Gender, Religion und Politik im Nahen Osten und Nordafrika

University of Lucerne (2 hours weekly) FS 2021, FS 2023

Muslim Minorities in Liberal Democracies

University of Lucerne, (2 hours weekly) FS 2019, FS 2020

Muslims in Europe: Migration, Integration and Conflicts

University of Bern (2 hours weekly) HS 2016

University of Luzern (2 hours weekly) FS 2017

Rechtspluralismus und Menschenrechte: Menschenrechte im Islam und im Christentum

(by Prof. Dr. Adrian Loretan & PD Dr. Elham Manea)

University of Luzern, Blockseminar HS 2016

Histories of Yemen in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Contested Perspectives and Historical Narrations  
(taught in Arabic and English)

University of Bern (2 hours weekly) HS 2012

### ***Bachelor Courses***

#### Yemen: A Failed State?

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) FS 2012, FS 2013, HS 2014, FS 2015; FS 2016, FS 2018, FS 2019, FS 2020, FS 2021

ETHZ (2 hours weekly): HS 2016, HS 2018, HS 2020, HS 2021

University of Bern (2 hours weekly) FS 2016

#### Gender and Politics in the MENA Region

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) FS 2014, HS 2016, HS 2017, HS 2018, HS 2019, HS 2020, HS 2021, HS 2022

#### Regional Politics of the Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia, Oman and Yemen)

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) SS 2005, WS 2005/2006, SS 2007, HS 2008, FS 2010, 2011, HS 2015; FS 2019

ETHZ (2 hours weekly) FS 2015, HS 2016, HS 2017, HS 2019

#### Activism' and Social, Ethnic and Political Exclusions in the MENA Region,

ETHZ (2 hours weekly) HS 2014

#### Political Islam: Islamists Parties in Arab MENA States

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) FS 2012, HS 2012, HS 2013, 2014, FS 2015, 2016, HS 2016, FS 2017

#### Islamism between Ideology and Context

University of Bern (2 hours weekly) FS 2016

#### Civil Society and Democratization in Arab States

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) HS 2009, 2011, FS 2013

#### Democratization of the Arabian Peninsula,

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) SS 2006, HS 2010

#### The Arab State and Women Rights

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) WS 2006/2007, HS 2007, FS 2009

#### Frauenrechte in den arabischen Staaten

University of Bern (2 hours weekly) HS 2009

#### Gender und Politik in den arabischen Staaten

University of Zurich (2 hours weekly) HS 2010, 2011, HS 2012, 2013

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

Stiftung für wissenschaftliche Forschung an der Universität Zürich (2022)

Research Grant of Privatdozenten-Stiftung, Zurich University (2020)

Courage Award, American Islamic Foundation for Democracy (2017)

Fellowship, Swiss-South African Joint Research Program (2014-2016)

Fellowship, UFSP Asien und Europa, University of Zurich (2006-2009)

Membership of the Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honour Society, USA, 1994

Fulbright Scholarship, USA, 1993-1995

The Golden Medal for Achievement, Kuwait University, 1991

## **LANGUAGES**

Arabic (mother tongue), fluent in English and German

