

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Nationality: British and Syrian

Academic Qualifications

- 1971 License-ès-Lettres in Philosophy and Sociology, University of Alexandria/Beirut Arab University.
- 1973 Magister Artium in Philosophy with Islamic Studies and Political Science as a subsidiary subjects, Eberhard-Karls University, Tübingen.
- 1977 Doctor of Philosophy in Oriental Studies, University of Oxford (supervisor: Albert Hourani)

Honours and Distinctions

- 1993 The Republican Order of Merit, for services to Arab culture, was conferred by the President of Tunisia in May.
- 2005 An international conference was held at the Central European University, Budapest, to mark the tenth anniversary of the publication of my book *Islams and Modernities*. The proceedings, papers delivered and transcript of discussions, are in preparation for publication.

Fellowships

- 1993-94 Nuffield Foundation Fellow in the Social Sciences.
- 1994-5 Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute of Advanced Study), Berlin.
- 1996-8 Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute of Advanced Study), Berlin.
- 1998 Fellow of the Swedish Collegium of Advanced Studies, Uppsala.
- 1999 Visiting Scholar, Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge.
- 1999 Directeur de Recherches Associé, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris.
- 2000 Resident Scholar, Rockefeller Foundation Study Center, Bellagio.
- 2001 Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Cambridge.
- 2001 Directeur de Recherches Associé, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris.
- 2004 Visiting Scholar, Cornell University
- 2005 Fellow of the Collegium Budapest (Institute for Advanced Study)

Present Position

- 2007 – CEU University Professor, School of History and Interdisciplinary Historical Studies, Central European University, Budapest

Previous Appointments

1980-81 Fellow of the Centre for Near East Studies, American University of Beirut.
1981-83 Lecturer in the Faculty of Letters, Kuwait University.
1983-December 1984 Research Fellow, University of Exeter.
1985-1996 Sharjah Professor of Islamic Studies, University of Exeter (on leave at St. Antony's College, Oxford, 1989-90, 1993-94 and at the Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin, 1994-95).
2000-2002 Zayed Professor of Islamic Studies, Department of History, American University of Beirut
2002 - 2004 Distinguished Visiting Professor, Humanities Center, Central European University, Budapest
2004-2007 Professor, Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University

Visiting and ad hoc Appointments

1993 Professor at the doctoral summer school of the Arab Sociological Association (Tunis).
1995 Visiting Professor, Center for the Study of Islam and of Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Fall semester
1996 Professor at the postgraduate summer school of the Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam (Berlin).
1997 Professor at the postgraduate summer school of the Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam (Berlin)
1999 Visiting Professor, Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, New York, Fall semester
2000 Visiting Professor, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University, Spring semester
2000 Professor at the Mediterranean Studies doctoral summer school, Robert Schuman Centre of Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence
2001 Sultan Visiting Professor, University of California, Berkeley, February
2002 Cleveland Dodge Distinguished Visiting Professor, American University of Cairo, February
2004 Professor and Course Co-Director at the summer university course on Reconsidering Islamic reformism, Central European University, Budapest
2004 Professor at the summer university course on Changing Landscapes of Late Antiquity, Central European University, Budapest
2005 Professor and Course Co-Director of the summer university course on Bookish Traditions: The Authority of the Book in Scripturalist Religions, Central European University, Budapest
2008 Visiting Lecturer, Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, London
2009 Visiting Lecturer, Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, London

Publications

Books, 1 : Monographs:

- 1981 *Ibn Khaldun in Modern Scholarship*, London, Third World Centre for Research and Publishing, pp xxix, 333.
- 1982 *Ibn Khaldun: An Essay in Reinterpretation* , London, Frank Cass, pp. 176. Paperback edition: London, Routledge, 1990; paperback impression: Cairo, American University of Cairo Press, 1993; 2nd. ed. (hardback and paperback), Budapest, Central European University Press, 2003, pp. 163. Arabic translation by A. Nasif, Beirut, Dar al-Tali'a 1983; 2nd ed., 1987.
- 1983 *Historical Writing and Historical Knowledge: Introduction to the Craft of Historical Writing in Arab-Islamic Culture* (in Arabic), Beirut, Dar al-Tali'a; 2nd ed., 1995; pp.151
- 1986 *Arabic Thought and Islamic Societies* , London, Croom Helm, pp.xii, 295
- 1991 *Arabs and Barbarians: Medieval Arabic Ethnology and Ethnography* (in Arabic) - London: Riad El-Rayyes Books, pp. 246.
- 1992 *Secularism in Modern Arab Life and Thought* (in Arabic) - Beirut, Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-`Arabiyya. pp.378; 2nd edition, 1998; 3rd. ed. 2008. Translations into English (London, al-Saqi books) and French (Paris, Actes Sud/Sindbad) are now in process. Extracts printed in *Kitab fi jarida*, a syndicated supplement to a number of Arabic newspapers, September, 2008.
- 1997 *Muslim Kingship: Power and the Sacred in Muslim, Christian, and Pagan Polities*, London: I B Tauris. pp. 296; paperback edition, 2000. Arabic translation published as *al-Malakiyya al-Islamiyya*, Damascus, Qudmus Publishers, 2008, 374 pp.
- 2000 *Secularism: A Dialogue* (in Arabic -- with `A. al-Masiri), Damascus, Dar al-Fikr al-Mu`asir, pp. 334.
- 2003 *Constantine Zureik* (in Arabic), Beirut, Institute for Palestine Studies, pp. 297
- 2004 *L'Obscurantisme postmoderne et la question musulmane*, Paris, Sindbad-Acted Sud, pp. 55

Books, 2 : Collections of my Articles:

- 1987 *The Politics and the History of 'Heritage'* (in Arabic), Beirut, Dar al-Tali'a and Casablanca: Manshurat 'Uyun; 2nd. ed., 1990. pp.174.
- 1993 *Islams and Modernities*, London, Verso, pp. 157. A second edition, incorporating two further chapters, appeared in 1996; 197 pp. Third, expanded edition to be published in 2009. Electronic version: New York, Questia Online Library, 2001. German translation by Ulrich Enderwitz as *Die Islamisierung des Islam* , Frankfurt, Campus Verlag, 1996; 244 pp. Turkish translation by Elcin Gen as *Islamlar ve Moderniteler*, Istanbul, Iletisim, 2003 (*Politika*, 45); pp. 278. A French translation is being commissioned by Actes Sud, Paris
- 1996 *Religion and Society in the Contemporary Arab World*, (in Arabic) Beirut, Dar al-Tali'a, pp 232; 2nd revised edition, 2002, pp. 255.
- 2007 *The Times of History*, with a Foreword by Hayden White, Budapest, Central European University Press; pp. 310.

Books, 3 : Edited Books:

- 1988 *Islamic Law: Social and Historical Contexts* (London: Routledge); 2nd. impression, 1989. Turkish translation by Fethi Gedikli as *Sosyal ve Tarihi Baglami Icinde Islam Hukuku*, Istanbul, Ist Yayincilik, 1992.
- 1989 (with Elizabeth Hallam et al.), *The Chronicles of the Crusades. Eye-Witness Accounts of the Wars between Christianity and Islam*, London, Weidenfeld and Nicolson; repr. Godalming, Bramley, 1996; repr. New York, Welcome Rain Publishers, 2000
- 1995 (with Fawwaz Trabulsi) *Ahmad Faris al-Shidyaaq: Unknown Works*, with an Introduction (in Arabic), Beirut, Riad El-Rayyes Books; pp. 420.
- 2000 *Ibn Taimiyya: An Anthology*, with an Introduction (in Arabic), Beirut, Riyad al-Rayyes Books; pp. 499.
- 2000 *Al-Mawardi: An Anthology*, with an Introduction (in Arabic), Beirut, Riad al-Rayyes Books; pp. 333.
- 2000 *Muhammad Ibn 'Abd al-Wahhab: An Anthology*, with an Introduction (in Arabic), Beirut, Riad al-Rayyes Books; pp. 151.
- 2000 *Ibn Khaldun's History: An Anthology*, with an Introduction (in Arabic), Beirut, Riyad al-Rayyes Books; pp. 297.
- 2001 *Abu Bakr al-Razi: An Anthology*, with an Introduction (in Arabic), Beirut, Riyad El-Rayyes Books, pp. 203
- 2001 *Al-Mas'udi: An Anthology*, with an Introduction (in Arabic), Beirut, Riyad El-Rayyes Books, pp. 419
- 2002 *Ibn al-Rewandi: An Anthology*, with an Introduction (in Arabic), Beirut, Riad El-Rayyes Books, pp. 139
- 2004 (with Janos Bak), *Monotheistic Kingship. The Medieval Variants*, Budapest, Central European University Press. pp.
- 2007 (with Effie Fokas), *Islam in Europe: Diversity, Identity, Influence*, ed. A. Al-Azmeh and E. Fokas, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press. pp. 223

Other Editorial Experience

- 1989 Editor for the articles on Islamic subjects for the British and Commonwealth edition of the *Columbia Encyclopedia*, (*The Longmans Encyclopedia*, London).
- Initiator and sometime General Editor of the *Exeter Arabic and Islamic Series*.

Booklets

- 1992 "*Authenticity and the Flight from Reality*", London, Al-Saqi Books (in Arabic) - pamphlet containing the text of my article "Authenticity and its Cognates" consolidated with an Arabic translation of my "Islamist Revivalism and Western Ideologies", pp. 87.

Lectures

- 1986 *Islamic Studies and the European Imagination. Inaugural Lecture*, Exeter, University of Exeter, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, pp.18. A shorter version appeared in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, 19 and 26/12/1986; reprinted in my *Islams and Modernities*.
- 1996 *Reconstituting Islam*, Washington, D.C., Georgetown University, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Occasional Papers Series, pp. 26; Swedish translation as "Att rekonstituera islam", in *Tidskrift för mellanösternstudier*, n. 2, 1998, pp. 4-21
- 2004 *After the Fact: Reading Tocqueville in Baghdad*, Budapest, Central European University (*CEU Occasional Papers*, no. 1), pp. 28
- 2008 *Rom, das neue Rom und Bagdad: Pfade der Spätantike/Rome, New Rome and Baghdad: Pathways of Late Antiquity: Carl Heinrich Becker Lecture der Fritz-Thyssen Stiftung*, Berlin, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Fritz-Thyssen Stiftung and Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, pp. 80

Articles in Arabic (approximate titles):

- 1981 "Considerations on Contemporary Islamic Movements", *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 17, no.6, pp.48-58.
 "The Notion of Cultural Authenticity", *Al-Karmel* 1, no.2, pp.80-98.
 "The Expression of Orientalist Notions", *Al-Mustaqbal al-'Arabi* 32, pp.43-62.
 "The Notion of the Political in Islamic Thought", *Al-Fikr al-'Arabi* 3, no.22, pp.281-291.
- 1982 "Religion, Culture and the Concept of Ideology", *Al-Fikr al-'Arabi al-Mu'asir* 20-22, pp.25-36.
- 1983 "The Politics and History of 'Heritage'", *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 19, no.8, pp.60-92.
- 1985 "Objective" Marxism and the End of History: A Discussion of the Ideas of Abdallah Laroui', *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 21, no.3, pp.3-27. Reprinted in *Autour de la pensée de Abdallah Laroui*, ed. B. El Kurdi, Casablanca, Le Centre Culturel Arabe, 2000, pp. 35-62
- [All the above articles were reprinted in my *The Politics and History of 'Heritage'*]
- 1986 "The Discourse on the Nation and the Politics of Discourse", *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 23, no.1, pp.52-59.
- 1987 "The Historicity of the Reason and the Critique of Reason", *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 23, no.5, pp.3-20. Reprinted in *The Politics and History of 'Heritage'*.
- 1990 "Myth, Text, and History", *Islam and Modernity* (in Arabic - London, Al-Saqi Books), pp.259-284. Reprinted in *Religion and Society in the Contemporary Arab World*.
 "Authenticity and its Cognates", *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 26, no. 12, pp.31-52.
- 1993 "Religion and the World in the Arab Present", *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 29, no. 5-6, pp.3-17. Reprinted in *Qadaya Fikriyya* 13/14 (1993), pp.346-355. French translation as "Le religieux et le temporel dans le present arabe", *Revue d'Etudes Palestiniennes* 49 (1993), pp.65-80; German translation as "Imaginäre Welten des Islamismus: Das Religiöse und das Weltliche in der arabischen Gegenwart", *Merkur* 49, no. 7 (1995), pp 582-594; English translation as "The Religious and the Secular in Contemporary Arab Life", in the second edition of my

- Islams and Modernities*, pp. 458. The Arabic original is reprinted in *Religion and Society in the Contemporary Arab World*
- "Secularism in the Mashriqi *Nahda*", *Al-Ma'rifa* (Damascus) 32, no.360, pp.8-27.
- "The Islamisation of Knowledge and the Politics of the Irrational", *Qadaya Fikriyya* 13/14, pp.407-414.
- 1994 "Secularism and the Transformation of Arab Societies: A Response to Critics", *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 30, no. 11-12, pp 3-19. Reprinted in *Religion and Society in the Contemporary Arab World*.
- "Arab Societies and the Question of Democracy", *Al-Nahj* 11, no. 37, pp 197-208. Reprinted in *Religion and Society in the Contemporary Arab World*.
- 1995 "Irrationalism in Modern Arab Thought", *Abwab*, 4 (Spring), pp 22-35. Reprinted in *Religion and Society in the Contemporary Arab World*.
- "The Renaissance Outsider" (with Fawwaz Traboulsi), Introduction to our edition of *Ahmad Faris al-Shidyayq: Unknown Works*, Beirut, Riad el-Rayyes Books, pp. 7-47.
- 1996 "Tradition and Globalisation", *Al-Nahj* 6, pp 86-100; reprinted in *Religion and Society in the Contemporary Arab World*, pp 33-48, and in *The Arab World and Alternative Projects for Integration*, Beirut, Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-'Arabiyya and Cairo, Arab Society for Economic Research, 1997, pp. 87-102
- 1997 "The Limits of Reformist Discourse", *Dirasat 'Arabiyya* 33, no. 9-10, pp. 2-12. Reprinted in my *Religion and Society*, 2nd. ed., pp. 125-138
- 1998 "History, Arab Nationalism, and Secularism: Constantin Zureik in Counterpoint", *Majallat al-Dirasat al-Filastiniyya* 35, pp. 3-22. Reprinted in *al-Tariq*, 60/4(2001), pp. 100-115
- 1999 "Whither the *Nahda* ? Politics and the Attrition of Modernism", in *Abwab* 21, pp. 9-28; also in *'Asr al-nahda: muqaddimat libaraliyya lil-hadatha*, Beirut. Rene Mu`awwad Foundation and al-Nadi al-Thaqafi al-'Arabi, 2000, pp. 75-95.
- 2001 " Religion, Culture, Political Culture: An Investigation of Current Concepts and Distinctions" (in Arabic), in *Abwab*, 29, pp. 9-27, reprinted as "Religion, Culture, Political Culture: An Investigation of Concepts and Distinctions" in my *Religion and Society*, 2nd. ed., pp. 66-79. Reprinted in M. Qassis (ed.), *Challenges of the New Millennium and the Horizons of Development in the Arab World*, Bir Zeit, Bir Zeit University, pp. 22-31
- 2001 "The Global Environment" (in Arabic) in *Towards an Arab Civilisation*, Beirut, Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-'Arabiyya, Beirut, pp. 167-188 (Discussions and comments: pp. 189-228)
- 2001 "Westernisation and the Emergence of Arab Encyclopaedism in the Nineteenth Century: Butrus al-Bustani", in *Al-Nudwa* (Amman), 12/2, pp. 32-38
- 2004 "Ambiguties of Modernity" in *Modernity and Arab Modernity*, Damascus, Dar Petra, pp. 269-301
- 2007 "Secularism and the Question of Civilisation", in *Secularism in the Arab East: Conference on Secularism in the Arab East. Damascus, May 2007*, ed. L. Hussein, Damascus, Petra and Atlas Publishers, pp. 95-107; repr. in *Al-Adab*, 55/7-9 (2007), pp. 5-12

Articles in European Languages:

- 1976 "What is the Islamic City", *Rev. of Middle Eastern Studies* 2, pp. 31-52.
- 1976 "The Progressive Forces", in *Essays on the Crisis in Lebanon*, ed. R. Owen, London, pp. 59-72.
- 1979 "*The Muqaddima* and *Kitab al-'Ibar*; Perspectives from a Common Formula", *The Maghreb Review* 4, no.1.
- 1981 "The Articulation of Orientalism", in *Arab Studies Quarterly* 3, pp.384-402.
- 1984 "L'annalistique entre l'histoire et le pouvoir: Une conception de l'histoire sous-jacente aux chroniques, biographies et gestes dans l'aire culturelle arabo-islamique", *Histoire et diversité des cultures*, ed. UNESCO, Paris, pp.95-116. (A Spanish translation appeared under the title *Historia y diversidad de las culturas*, Barcelona, 1984), pp.118-143.
- 1986 "Histoire et narration dans l'historiographie arabe", *Annales, Economies, Sociétés, Civilizations* 41, no. 2, pp.409-430.
- 1986 "Wahhabite Polity" in *Arabia and the Gulf; From Traditional Society to the Modern States*, ed. I.R. Netton, London, Croom Helm, pp.75-90. Reprinted in Aziz Al-Azmeh, *Islams and Modernities*. London 1993.
- 1987 "Islamic Political Thought" and "Ibn Khaldun", *Blackwell's Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (Oxford, Blackwell's); Hungarian translation, Budapest, Kossuth, 1995.
- 1988 "The Middle East and Islam: A Ventriloquial Terrorism", *Third World Affairs 1987* (London, Third World Foundation), pp.23-34.
- 1988 "Islamic Legal Theory and the Appropriation of Reality" in *Islamic Law: Historical and Social Contexts*, ed. A. Al-Azmeh, London, Routledge, pp.250-265. Turkish translation as "Islam Hukuk Kavrami ve Gerçekliğin özgülleştirilmesi", in *Sosyal ve Tarihi Bağlami İçinde İslam Hukuku*, ed. Aziz El-Azme, translated by Fethi Gedikli, Istanbul, İz Yayıncılık, 1992, pp.317-336.
- 1988 "Islamism and Arab Nationalism", *Review of Middle East Studies* 4, pp.33-51. Reprinted in my *Islams and Modernities*. Turkish translation as "Arap Milliyetçiliği ve İslamcılık" in *Toplum ve Bilim*, (Istanbul), 29/30 (1985), pp 29-43.
- 1988 "Orthodoxy and Hanbalite Fideism", *Arabica* 35, pp.253-266
- 1990 "Utopia in Islamic Political Thought", *History of Political Thought* 11, pp.9-20. Reprinted in my *Islams and Modernities*.
- 1991 "The Discourse of Cultural Authenticity: Islamist Revivalism and Enlightenment Universalism", Eliot Deutsch (ed.), *Culture and Modernity. East-West Philosophic Perspectives*, Honolulu, University of Hawaii Press, pp.468-486. Reprinted in my *Islams and Modernities*.
- 1991 "Islamist Revivalism and Western Ideologies", *History Workshop Journal* 32, pp.44-53. Reprinted in my *Islams and Modernities*.
- 1992 "Barbarians in Arab Eyes", *Past and Present* 134, pp.3-18.
- 1992 "Muslim Genealogies of Knowledge", *History of Religions* no. 3, May, pp.403-411.
- 1992 "Mortal Enemies, Invisible Neighbours: Northerners in Andalusian Eyes", *The Legacy of Muslim Spain*, edited by Salma Khadra Jayyusi, Leiden, E.J. Brill, pp 259-272; Arabic translation in *Al-Hadara al-'Arabiyya al-Islamiyya f-'l-Andalus*, Beirut, Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-'Arabiyya, 1998, vol. 1, pp. 398-410.

- 1993 "Muslim 'Culture' and the European Tribe", in my *Islams and Modernities*, pp.1-17.
 "Islamism and the Arabs" in my *Islams and Modernities*, pp. 18-38.
- 1994 "Populism Contra Democracy: Recent Democratist Discourse in the Arab World", G. Salamé (ed.): *Democracy without Democrats*, London, I.B. Tauris, pp. 112-129; French translation in *Démocraties sans démocrates*, Paris, Fayard, 1994, pp 233-252; Arabic translation in *Dimuqratiyya min dun dimuqratiyin*, Beirut, Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-'Arabiyya, 1995, pp 207-228; German translation in my *Die Islamisierung des Islam*, pp 145-175; Persian translation in *Goftegu*, 14 , 1375 [1997], pp. 85-107.
- 1994 "Chronophagous Discourse: A Study of the Clerico-Legal Appropriation of the World in a Muslim Tradition", *Religion and Practical Reason. New Essays in the Comparative Philosophy of Religions*, ed. Frank Reynolds and David Tracey, Albany, State University of New York Press (Chicago Studies in the Philosophy of Religions), pp 163-212. Reprinted in *The Times of History*.
- 1995 "Rhetoric for the Senses: A Consideration of Muslim Paradise Narratives", *Journal of Arabic Literature* 26, no. 3, pp 215-231; French translation in *La Virilité en Islam*, eds. by Fethi Benslama and Nadia Tazi, Paris 1998, pp. 75-90; reprinted, Paris, L'Aube, 2004, pp. 121-146. Reprinted in *The Times of History*.
- 1995 "Nationalism and the Arabs", *Arab Studies Quarterly* 17, no. 1-2, pp. 1-18; reprinted in *Arab Nation, Arab Nationalism: The Antonius Lectures*, ed. D. Hopwood, London, Macmillan, 2000, pp. 63-78. French translation as "Les Arabes, la nation, et le nationalisme", *Revue d'Etudes Palestiniennes*, n.s., no. 3 (Spring, 1995), pp. 81-93.
- 1996 "Culturalism, Grand Narrative of Capitalism Exultant", in my *Islams and Modernities* (second edition), pp 17-40. Reprinted in *Cross-Cultural Conversation*, ed. Anindita Niyogi Balslev, Atlanta, Scholars Press, 1996 (American Academy for Religion, Cultural Criticism Series, no. 5), pp. 77-100.
- 1996 "Muslim Modernism and the Canonical Text", in my *Islams and Modernities*, 2nd. ed., pp. 101-127; reprinted in *Islam and the Challenge of Modernity: Historical and Contemporary Contexts*, ed. Sharifa Shifa Al-Attas, Kuala Lumpur, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, 1997, pp. 391-428.
- 1998 "Geschichte, Kultur und die Suche nach dem Organischen", *Die Vielfalt der Kulturen: Erinnerung, Geschichte, Identität 4*, eds. J. Rüsen, M. Gottlob and M. Mittag (Frankfurt/M., Suhrkamp), pp. 74-114. English version as "History, Culture and the Quest for Organism", in *Time and History. The Variety of Cultures*, ed. J. Rüsen, New York and Oxford, Berghahn Books, 2007, pp. 109-134. Revised version printed in *The Times of History*.
- 1998 "Muslim History, Reflections on Periodisation and Categorisation", *The Medieval History Journal* 1/2, pp.195-231.
- 1998 "Afterword" to Mushirul Hasan (ed.), *Islam, Communities, and the Nation. Muslims in South Asia and Beyond*, New Delhi, Menohar Publishers, pp. 491-506.
- 1998 "The Muslim Canon from Late Antiquity to the Age of Modernism: Typology, Utility, and History", in *Canonization and Decanonization*, ed. A. van der Kooij and K. van den Toorn, Leiden, Brill (*Studies in the History of Religions -- Numen Book Series*, vol. LXXXII), pp. 191-228. Reprinted in *The Times of History*.
- 1998 "Ibn Khaldun", "al-Mas'udi", and "Muqaddima", in *Encyclopedia of Arabic Literature*, eds. Julie Scott Meisami and Paul Starkey, London, Routledge.
- 1999 "Die Kohärenz des Westens: Eine nüchterne Romanze", in *Westliches Geschichtsdenken*, ed. J. Rüsen, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1999, pp. 106-116; English version in J.

- Rüsen (ed.), *Western Historical Thinking: An Intercultural Debate*, New York and Oxford, Berghahn Books, 2002, pp. 58-64
- 1999 "Genealogie, Typologie, und Organismus: Islamische und andere. Geschichtsverläufe", in *Kontinuität und Wandel: Geschichtsbildern in verschiedenen Fächern und Kulturen*, eds. E. Schulz and W. Sonne, Zürich, Hochschul Verlag an der ETH Zürich, pp.453-478
- 2001 "Civilisation, Culture, and the New Barbarians", in *International Sociology*, 16/1, pp. 75-93; Arabic translation as "Al-Hadara wa'th-Thaqafa wa'l-Barbariyya al-jadida", in *Al-Thaqafa al-'Alamiyya*, 113(2002), pp. 6-27
- 2001 "Civilization, Concept and History of", in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Oxford, Pergamon Press, pp. 1903-1909
- 2001 "Islamic Fundamentalism", in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Oxford, Pergamon Press, pp. 7931-34
- 2003 "Postmodern Obscurantism and 'The Muslim Question'", in Leo Panitch and Colin Leys (eds.), *Fighting Identities: Race, Religion and Ethno-Nationalism (The Socialist Register, 2003)*, New York and London, Monthly Review Press and the Merlin Press, pp. 28-50. Republished online in *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 5(2003), pp. 21-47.
- 2004 "Une question postmoderne ?", in Nadia Tazi (ed.), *Les mots du monde: l'identité*, Paris, La Découverte, pp. 11-24; English version as "Identity in the Arab World", in *Keywords: Identity*, New York, The Other Press, pp. 47-64; Arabic translation in *Mafahim 'Alamiyya: Al-Huwiyya*, tr. `A. Qinnini, Casablanca and Beirut, Arab Cultural Centre, pp. 13-30
- 2004 "Islam and the History of Civilisations", in *Tidskrift för Mellanöststudier*, no. 2, pp. 61-87. Reprinted in *The Times of History*.
- 2004 "Monotheistic Kingship", in *Monotheistic Kingship*, ed. J. Bak and A. Al-Azmeh, pp. 9-29. Reprinted in *The Times of History*.
- 2004 "God's Chronography and Dissipative Time: *Vaticinium ex eventu* in Classical and Medieval Muslim Apocalyptic Traditions", in *Medieval History Journal*, 7/2, pp. 199-225. Reprinted in *The Times of History*.
- 2006 "Preamble", *Mapping the Gaze: Vision and Visuality in Classical Arabic Culture*, ed. Nadia al-Bagdadi -- special issue of the *Medieval History Journal*, 9/1, pp. 17-36
- 2007 "Epilogue: Romancing the Prose of the World", *Reflections on Europe. Defining a Political Order in Time and Space*, ed. H.-A. Persson and B. Stråth, Bruxelles, Peter Lang, pp. 249-276
- 2007 "Human Rights and Contemporary Islam: A Matter of Dialogue?", in *The Universal of Human Rights: Precondition for a Dialogue of Cultures*, ed. Hamilton Magalhães Neto, Rio de Janeiro, Educam, pp. 65-81
- 2007 "Islamic Political Thought: Current Historiography and the Frame of History", in Al-Azmeh, *The Times of History*, pp. 185-266
- 2007 "Afterword", *Islam in Europe: Diversity, Identity, Influence*, ed. A. Al-Azmeh and E. Fokas, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, pp. 208-215

Forthcoming publications:

Review of *Muhammad's Grave: Death Rites and the Making of Islamic Society*, by Loer Halevi, New York, Columbia University Press, 2007, in *Bulletin of the Royal Institute of Inter-Faith Studies*

Islam in Late Antiquity, a book in progress expected to be ready for the press in summer 2009

A Short Introduction to Arabic Philosophy, and *A Short Introduction to Arabic Free-Thinking*, both under contract

Occasional writings for newspapers and other periodicals:

1. In European languages

"Comments on Eisenstadt: The Romance of Muslim Exceptionalism", in *Erwägen, Wissen, Ethik*, 17/1 (2006), pp. 18-20

"Muhammad und die Frauen", in *Cicero*, September 2005, pp. 44-47 (full version published online in November 2005: <http://www.cicero.de>)

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"Muslime und Supermuslime", *Basler Zeitung -- Magazin* 1, March 1997.

"Images-miroirs de l'orientalisme", *Qantara* 13, November-December 1994, pp 37-38.

"Speaking Volumes", *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, 24.12.1993.

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2. In Arabic:

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2001 *Islam and the Present: Challenges and Horizons* (in Arabic), by S. R. al-Buti and T. Tizini, Damascus, Dar al-Fikr, 1998 (*Al-Fikr al-'Arabi al-Mu`asir*, 116-117, pp. 56-62

2000 *The Dream Palace of the Arabs: A Generation's Odyssey*, by Fouad Ajami, New York, Pantheon Press, 1998 (*Journal of Palestine Studies*, XXIX.2, pp. 108-9

1999 *Islam in Britain, 1558-1685*, by Nabil Matar. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1998 (*Renaissance Studies*, 13.4, pp. 498-501)

1998 *The Curse of Cain: The Violent Legacy of Monotheism*, by Regina M. Schwartz, Chicago University Press, 1996 (*Journal of Religion*, 78.4, pp. 614-616)

1998 *A History of Islamic Legal Theories. An Introduction to Sunni Usul al-fiqh* by Wael Hallaq, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1997 (*History of Religions*, 38.1, pp. 79-80)

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1994 *Culture and Intellectuals in Arab Society* (in Arabic), (*Al-Mustaqbal al-Arabi*, 180, pp.118-123).

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- 1986 *Ibn Khaldun and Islamic Ideology*, edited by Bruce B. Lawrence (*Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* 1, pp.101-2).
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- Europe and Islam* by Hichem Djait (*Middle East Journal*, 40, p.763).
- 1985 *Ibn Khaldun: The Birth of History and the Past of the Third World* by Yves Lacoste (*Journal of Development Studies* 21, pp.493-4).
- L'Historiographie mérinide: Ibn Khaldun et ses contemporains* by Maya Shatzmiller (*Middle East Journal* 39, pp.165-6).
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- 1983 *Recommencements: on the Relation of Philosophy and History* (in Arabic) by Waddah Sharara (*Dirasat Arabiyya*, 19/3, pp.142-9).
- Recognizing Islam* by Michael Gilsean (*Frontier* 15/26, pp.14-15).
- 1982 *The Philosophical Roots of Structuralism* by Fuad Zakariya (*Al-Safir* 10/1/1982).
- L'Histoire et son discours. Essai sur la méthodologie d'Ibn Khaldoun* by Ali Oumlil (*The Maghreb Review* 7/5-6, pp.129-130).
- 1981 *Arab Nationalism and Islam* (in Arabic) (*Al-Safir* 28/6/81).
- Rodinson and the Prophet of Islam* (in Arabic) by Hasan Qubaisi and *Kinsfolk and Booty. The Bases of Politics in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia* (in Arabic) by Waddah Sharara (*Al-Karmil* 3, pp.299-301).
- 1980 *Islamic Roots of Capitalism: Egypt, 1760-1840* by Peter Gran (*The Middle East* May, p.82).
- 1979 *Al-Mas'udi and his World* by Ahmad Shboul (*The Middle East*, October, pp.118-120).
- 1978 *In Search of Identity* by Anwar Sadat (*The Spectator*, 10.6.1978, p.20).

Dissemination of Research

Delivered the following named lectures:

The First Annual Lecture of the Medieval History Society, supported by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, New Delhi, 2008; The Second Carl Heinrich Becker Lecture at the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (together with the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung and the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin), 2008; The Regents' Lectures at the University of California, Berkeley (2001), the Cleveland Dodge Distinguished Visiting Professor lecture at the American University of Cairo (2002), the 19th George Antonius Lecture at St. Antony's College, Oxford (1994), the Distinguished Arabist Lecture at New England College (1991); Ringvorlesungen: in the series *Kontinuität und Wandel: Geschichtsbilder in verschiedenen Fächern und Kulturen* (Zürich: University of Zürich and Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule – 1998), the Berliner Festspiele and the Einstein Forum lecture in the series 'Erbschaft Unserer Zeit' at the Staatsbibliothek Berlin (1996), the Free University, Berlin (1996), and at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau (2007).

Plenary speaker at Fourth Global Forum, Marrakesh (The United Nations and the Government of Morocco)

Delivered lectures, addresses or seminar papers at:

The Universities of Cambridge (School of Divinity; Centre for Middle Eastern Studies), London (Birkbeck College, Department of Politics and Sociology), Oxford (The Oriental Institute, the Race Relations Seminar, The Near East History Group), Essex (Centre for Theoretical Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities), Exeter (Institute of Arab and Middle East Studies), Hull (Department of Sociology), St Andrews (Department of Arabic), Marrakech (Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science), Damascus (Faculty of Letters), Lund (Faculty of Theology), Toronto (Religious Studies and Middle East Studies); Uppsala (Faculty of Theology); Balamand, Lebanon (Faculty of Letters); The International University of Japan; The Aga Khan University (Karachi); The American University of Sharjah; Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi), Jamia Millia Islamiya (New Delhi); India International Centre (New Delhi); the Central European University, Budapest (the Rectorate); Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-`Arabiyya (Beirut), Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-`Arabiyya and The Cultural League (Tripoli, Lebanon), Centre for Women's Research (Amman); The American University of Beirut (Center for Behavioral Research); The Lebanese American University (Beirut); The Free University, Berlin (Institute of Politics, Institute of Islamic Studies, Institute of Ethnology), Eötvös Löránd University (Budapest), The University of California, Berkeley (Mellon Foundation Symposium), The University of Virginia, Charlottesville (joint invitation from the departments of Government, Philosophy, and History), The University of Chicago (Divinity School), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (The Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture), Harvard University (Centre of Middle East Studies), Princeton University (Department of Near Eastern Studies), Yale University (The Witney Humanities Centre), the Tunisian University (Faculty of Letters and Social Studies), the Zeitouna University (Tunis), the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), the Collège International de Philosophie (Paris), Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Nantes), Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (Madrid), The Einstein Forum (Potsdam), Institut du Monde Arabe (Paris), The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (New Delhi), The Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (New Delhi), The Arbetermas Bildnings Forbund (Stockholm), The Haus der Kulturen der Welt (Berlin), The International Institute for Islamic Thought and Civilization (Kuala Lumpur), The Singapore Management University (Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences), The Royal Institute of International Affairs (London), Centre d'Etudes et de Documentation Economique, Juridique et Sociale (Cairo), Arab Lawyers' Union (Cairo), The Shoman Foundation (Amman), The Royal Cultural Centre (Amman), Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain (Rabat), the Goethe Forum (Munich); Transfuse Association/Bosch Stiftung (Sarajevo), The Cultural and Scientific Association (Dubai), the Zayed Centre for Heritage and History (al-`Ayn).

Invited participant at conferences, as chairman, speaker, respondent, or keynote speaker in:

Aix-en-Provence (under the auspices of IREMAM), Aleppo (Institute for the History of Arabic Science), Alexandria (The Swedish Institute), Al-`Ayn, United Arab Emirates (Zayed Centre for Heritage and Folklore), Amman (Bir Zeit University; The Joranian University ; The Association of Arab-American University Graduates; Academie de la Latinité and the Royal Centre for Inter-Faith Studies), Amsterdam and Oosterbeek (The Erasmus Ascension Symposium, 1996), Århus (Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Århus), Beirut (American University of Beirut; Arab Organisation for Translation; Arab Society for Economic Research; Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-`Arabiyya; UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; The United Nations Development Programme,

Bahithat/Multaqa al-mar`a wa`dh-Dhakira/American University of Beirut), Berlin (Humboldt University, Centre Franco-Allemand de Recherches en Sciences Sociales, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Institute for Advanced Study), Buenos Aires (International Political Science Association), Budapest (Central European University), Cairo (Al-Ahram Centre for International Studies, Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-`Arabiyya), Cambridge (Department of Social Anthropology and the Middle East Centre), Casablanca (Fondation du Roi Abdel Aziz , Institut du Monde Arabe), Chicago (University of Chicago, Divinity School), Damascus (University of Damascus and The Jordanian University; The Danish Institute), The Dead Sea (The Jordanian Centre for Strategic Affairs and Institute for Futurological Studies, Cairo), Dubai (Dubai School of Government); Fez (Markaz Dirasat al-Wahda al-`Arabiyya), Fiesole (European University Institute), Fiesole, New Delhi (India Social Institute), Granada (The Agha Khan Trust for Culture), Guernsey (the Ford Foundation), Hammamet, Tunisia (The Tunisian Society for Philosophical Studies), Honolulu (University of Hawaii), Kairouan (Faculty of Letters; Centre for Islamic Studies), Kuala Lumpur (International Institute for Islamic Thought and Civilization), Kuwait (The Graduates' Society, Kuwait University), Kyoto (International Institute for Advanced Studies), Leeds (Leeds University), Leiden (Leiden Institute for the Study of Religion), London (the journal *Mawaqif*; School of Oriental and African Studies; King's College; The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine; the Arts Council of Great Britain; The Arab Human Rights Organization; The City University), Lund (The Nordic Society for Middle East Studies); New York (The Remarque Institute, New York University); Oxford (All Souls College; Association of Arab-American University Graduates; Oxford Arab Group; Oxford Union Society), Paris (CNRS; College Internationale de Philosophie; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Institut du Monde Arabe, UNESCO); Sanaa (The University), Sousse (Tunisian Historical Society); Stockholm (Swedish Institute of International Affairs, with the Bank of Sweden Millenary Fund, the Compagnia San Paolo and the Volkswagen Foundation); Tunis (Ministry of Culture; UNESCO), Washington D.C. (The World Bank, The American University; The Association of Arab-American University Graduates), Varenna (Fondazione ENI Enrico Mattei), Wilton Park (Royal Institute of International Affairs).

Teaching Experience

Taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses across a broad thematic range of Arab and Islamic history and comparative history, medieval and modern, at the Central European University, the American University of Beirut, Yale University, Columbia University, and the University of Exeter. I have been in charge of the MA seminar, and of the Ph.D. seminar at my CEU department.

Taught a number of advanced interdisciplinary courses, often in collaboration with colleagues from different fields, some designed for summer schools or thematic working groups (for example, a year-long doctoral and post-doctoral seminar held at the Berlin Institute for Advanced Study on "Culture and the Transferability of Concepts in the Social and Human Sciences"); other interdisciplinary courses of a more routine nature (for example, seminars in the academic years 2002-6 on political thought Christian, Islamic and Jewish, on the school of the *Annales*, on Empires, and on Bookish Traditions: Scripturalist Authority in Christianity, Islam and Judaism, at the Central European University).

Among postgraduate courses taught: Muslim-Christian Polemics (CEU), Arabic sources for the history of medieval Europe (CEU), Introduction to Arab cultural history (CEU), medieval Arabic historical sources (CEU), the Annales school (CEU), medieval political thought (CEU), Islam and Late Antiquity (CEU), modern Arabic historical writing (American University of Beirut), topics and methods in Middle East studies (American University of Beirut), medieval Arabic historical sources (American University of Beirut), Ibn Khaldun (American University of Beirut, CEU), Historiography (CEU, American University of Beirut), Arabic historiography (Columbia and Yale), Islamic political thought (Columbia and Yale).

Among undergraduate courses taught (all at the University of Exeter): medieval Islamic history (annually), medieval Muslim societies, history of the Arabs, Islamic theology and philosophy, Ibn Khaldun.

Supervised over the years a considerable number of doctoral and MA theses to a successful conclusion, both at universities where I was a member of staff and as an external supervisor. Acted as internal and external examiner to doctoral and MA defences at universities in the UK, in Europe, and in the Arab World. Currently external supervisor to a doctoral dissertation at Harvard University.

Institutional Experience

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Foundation for Advanced Scientific Research in the Arab World, incorporated as a charity in the UK.

Member of the Advisory Council, Muhammad bin Rashid al-Maktoum Foundation.

Member of the Advisory Council, Arab Human Development Reports, United Nations Development Program

Founder-Member of the Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam, Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin (conferences, selection of Fellows for the Institute, running a post-doctoral fellowships programme, mounting an annual doctoral and post-doctoral summer school).

Member of the Académie de la Latinité.

Service on various university committees. Currently involved in administrative and curricular design of a History of Religion Program at the Central European University, Budapest, and in the recruitment of international students.

Initiator of the annual colloquium organized by the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter. Convenor of the first three such colloquia (1984-87). Convenor of a conference on "Religious Reform" at the Aspen Institute, Berlin, with the support of the Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin, the Centre Marc Bloch de Recherches en Sciences Sociales. Co-Convenor (with Dr. Nadia al-Bagdadi), with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, of a colloquium on "Mapping the Gaze: Vision in Arab Culture". Convenor, with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, and the Central European university, Budapest, of the colloquium on "Islam in Late Antiquity". Convenor, with the Institute for Advanced Study, Budapest and the Central European University, of the conference on "Theologies of Empire". Convenor (with Professor Gabor Klaniczay/CEU and professor Sverre Bagge/Bergen) of a conference on Religion and State Formation. Project director of the second in the series of Transatlantic

Dialogues, held at the Council on Foreign Relations, New York, sponsored by the Central European University, Budapest, and supported by the Carnegie Corporation. Convenor of an international conference on the UNDP Arab Human Development Reports, with the Central European University, Budapest, al-Akhawayn University, Ifren, Morocco, the UNDP, and the Ford Foundation, held under the patronage of HM King Muhammad VI. Convenor of the conference on Islam and the History of Religion: The Legacies of Ignaz Goldziher, Ernest Renan and Julius Wellhausen, at the Central European University, supported by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.

Co-Director (with Dr. Nadia al-Bagdadi) of the summer university courses on Reconsidering Islamic Reformism (2004), and *Bookish Traditions: Authority of the Book in Scripturalist Religions* (2005), both at the Central European University, Budapest

Membership of various committees involving the Institut du Monde Arabe (Paris), IREMAM (Aix-en-Provence), Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Paris), The Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (Athens -- chairman of the project "Islam and Christianity in the 21st. century"), UNESCO, the Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin, the Centre Marc Bloch de Recherches en Sciences Sociales, Berlin, UNESCO International Centre for Human Sciences, Byblos, Geisteswissenschaftliches Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, the Free and Humboldt Universities, Berlin.

Former member of Senate and of the Board of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Exeter. Service on various university committees there and at other universities. Consultant to ALECSO (Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization), UNDP, UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research (Dakar), UNESCO, The World Bank, the Council of Europe, the UNDP, BBC television, BBC World Service, the Open University (UK), and various other governmental and multilateral organizations, publishers and research institutions.

Assessor for professorial appointments and promotions at universities in the UK, the Arab World, the United States, and Malaysia.

Referee for research projects submitted to various foundations and other funding agencies. Assessor of applications for fellowship at various institutes for advanced study and other research organisms.

Member of the Scientific Board of the Member of the International Advisory Board, Center for Historical Studies, Central European University

Member of the Executive Committee, Religious Studies Program, Central European University, Budapest

Member of the Advisory Board of the Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies (online)

Member of the Advisory Board, *Al-'Arabiyya wa al-Tarjama*

Member of the Consultative Committee of the Arab Organisation for Translation, Beirut, and Chairman of the Humanities and Social Sciences committee.

Sometime member of the Permanent Consultative Committee of the Arab Community Conference in the United Kingdom.

Sometime Chairman of the British Section of the Arab Human Rights Organization.

Former member of the Board of Directors of Arts Worldwide (London).

Member of the editorial boards of various journals and book series.

Media Experience

Broadcaster on television in the United Kingdom (The Late Show and Fifth Column on BBC2; Bandung File and Rear Window on Channel 4; interviews on BBC2 and Channel 4); television interviews with Arte and in Tunisia, Morocco, the Yemen, and with various Arab satellite and cable channels. Radio interviews and other programmes (BBC Radio 4 and BBC World Service; Süddeutsche Rundfunk; the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; Sender Freies Berlin (3rd. programme), Westdeutscher Funk, and programmes in Syria, Lebanon, Tunisia, and the Yemen). Interviews in various periodicals, Arab and international.