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Academic Experience and Positions

- Associate Professor, Department of Quran and Sunnah – College of Sharia and Islamic Studies – Qatar University (2021–Present)
- Coordinator of Graduate Studies in the Department of Quran and Sunnah, College of Sharia and Islamic Studies – Qatar University
- Senior Research Associate and Lecturer in Islamic Studies, Frankfurt University (2007–2021)
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies – Free University of Berlin (2013–2017)
- Associate Professor, Faculty of Sharia – Aleppo University (2013–2014)
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Sharia – Aleppo University (2006–2013)
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Sharia – Damascus University (2005–2006)
- Teaching Assistant in Islamic Law and Quranic Studies, Damascus University (1995–2004)

Education:

- Doctorate degree: Ph.D. in Islamic Sciences (Tafsir and Quranic Studies), Al-Zaytouna University, Tunisia, 2004.
- Master's degree: Advanced Studies in Fundamentals of Religion (Tafsir and Qur'anic Studies), Al-Zaytouna University, Tunisia, 1998.
- Diploma: Diploma in Islamic Jurisprudence, Faculty of Sharia, Damascus University, Syria, 1995.
- Bachelor's degree: BA, Faculty of Sharia, Damascus University, Syria, 1994.

Publications:

Books and Chapters:

- Introduction to Arabic Translation and Review of Oxford Handbook of Quranic Studies, Renaissance Center for Studies – Kuwait 2024.
- "Imam al-Shafi'i and the Rereading of Texts: A Study of the Origin of the Term 'Context' in al-Shafi'i's Code". *Qur'anic Studies: Between History, Theology and Exegesis*, edited by Mehdi Azaiez and Mokdad Arfa-Mensia, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, 2023, pp. 219-232. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111051567-016>
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- The vision of the world between al-Kawakibi and Malik bin Nabi: the Islamic world before and after the fall of the caliphate. Chapter in: Reformist Visions of the Renaissance Thinker Abdul Rahman Al-Kawakibi: Contemporary Readings, edited by Muhammad Jamal Tahhan, Damascus, Arab Writers Union, 2007.
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- Religious renewal and the phenomenon of extremism in the contemporary Islamic context. Chapter in: Islam in a Changing World: Islamic Reform after September 11, Dar Al-Fikr - Damascus, and Almultaka Forum, 2005. 91-104
- Renewal Issues: A Reading of Transformations and Causes of Stumbling. Chapter in: The New Islamic Discourse: Times and Questions, Dar Al-Fikr - Damascus, and Almultaka Forum, 2004. 69-82
- Freedom of belief in the Quran. Arab Cultural Center – Beirut – Casablanca 2001.
- Authentic doctrine of Al-sahaba. Beirut 1997.
- The concept of treasure in Islam. Beirut 1997.

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