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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Current Ph.D. Candidate at the University of South Florida with 10 years' experience working in various fields including sustainable development in underserved communities of Jordan, as well as teaching/mentoring in higher education institutions. Present academic focus involves conducting research on regional political reform and social progress in the Middle East post Arab Spring.

**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy**, Politics and International Affairs

**Expected May 2024**

Dissertation: *State-Society Relations: Political Reform Processes in Jordan*

University of South Florida– School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, Tampa Florida

**Masters**, Global Sustainability

**May 2018**

Capstone Research Project: *A Future Towards Environmental Governance in Jordan*

University of South Florida- Patel College of Global Sustainability, Tampa Florida

**Master of Business Administration**

**June 2014**

Dissertation: *Investigating the Relationship Between Export Strategic Orientation, Marketing Strategy, Competitive Advantage and Market Performance*

Middle East University–Amman, Jordan

**Bachelor of Arts in Marketing**

**June 2011**

University of Jordan - Amman, Jordan

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Agenda:

Studying the nuances involved in the processes of social and democratic reform and progress in the Middle East by identifying critical players and groups in state-society relations. This includes an understanding of the key values and norms that underly those processes of transformation.

The major themes of this body of work focuses on exploring and contributing to:

- The impact of social networks and linkages between political leaders among the state and society.
- The political strategies and policies that advance the role of women, youth, and other underserved groups.
- The role of influential religions and ideologies in the advancement of political and social understanding and cohesion.

Interests:

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Middle East Studies, State-Society Relations, Democratization and Political Reform, Islam and Politics, Human Rights Norms (Refugee, Women's, and Youth Rights), Qualitative Research Methodological Approaches

## **HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE**

### **Teaching**

- University of South Florida Spring 2024      Instructor of Record - *Introduction to Comparative Politics*
- University of South Florida Spring 2023      Instructor of Record - *Introduction to Comparative Politics*
- University of South Florida Fall 2022          Instructor of Record - *Introduction to International Relations (Online)*
- University of South Florida Spring 2021      Instructor of Record - *Introduction to Comparative Politics*
- University of South Florida Fall 2021          Instructor of Record - *Introduction to Comparative Politics*
- University of South Florida Fall 2020          Section Instructor - *Globalization*

### **Advising**

Undergraduate Research Advisor, USF

Spring 2023

*Sociological Research Experience- Jordan Country Mentor*

- Led a group of undergraduate students in an-depth research project of Jordan's political reform process since 2011.
- Guided students on varying ways to use qualitative methodological tools such as document analysis of HM King Abdullah II Discussion Papers; observations of interviews of key political figures; and analysis of international reports on democratization in Jordan.
- The *Sociological Research Experience* course was designed to introduce undergrad social science students to an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary research on reform and citizenship in the Middle East, Africa, and Europe.

*Note: I have also mentored, advised, and recommended an estimated 10 former students from USF on undergraduate and postgraduate studies, as well as internships and study abroad programs in the Middle East.*

## **INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

**Field Research**, Ph.D., Jordan

Fall 2022- Present

- Conducted in-depth interviews with key political figures and activists on the major contributions and impediments to political and social reform in Jordan since 2011.
- Consulted with various sources on the process and outcomes of the Royal Committee for the Modernization of the Jordanian Political System.
- In-depth interviews and document analysis of significant resources serves as a key tool to the methodological approach of doctoral dissertation project.

**Field Research, MA, Jordan**

Spring 2018

- Conducted ethnographic research of environmental civil society organizations in Jordan through observations of member organizations of the Jordan Environmental Union and participation in advocacy initiatives.
- Consulted with major legislative bodies (parliamentary and senate committees) of Jordan, the Ministry of Environment, and environmentalists on major issues related to sustainability and the environment to develop policies to make effective change Jordan's national environmental policy.
- Observation and participation in advocacy and lobbying allowed for the opportunity to gauge the level of effectiveness of civil society in Jordan.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

<b>August 2021 – Present</b>	Instructor of Record, University of South Florida - School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies (SIGS) <i>Tampa, Florida</i>
<b>August 2019 – May 2020</b>	Graduate Assistant, University of South Florida - School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies (SIGS) <i>Tampa, Florida</i>
<b>August 2018-May 2019</b>	Teacher, American Youth Academy <i>Tampa, Florida</i>
<b>December 2017-July 2018</b>	Advocacy Coordinator, Jordan Environmental Union <i>Amman, Jordan</i>
<b>January 2015 – August 2015</b>	Assistant to Director & International Volunteers' Lead Hashemite Fund for the Development of the Jordan Badia <i>Amman, Jordan</i>
<b>October 2014 – August 2015</b>	Translator School for International Teaching International Honors' Program for Human Rights <i>Amman, Jordan</i>
<b>August 2011 – June 2014</b>	Teacher SABIS International School of Choueifat <i>Amman, Jordan</i>

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**March 2020 (Discussant)** - "Climate Refugee Designation and International Policy Response"  
Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference

*Barry University*

**April 2021 (Discussant)** - "Democratization in Jordan: The Efficacy in Training CSO(s) in Political Advocacy" Symposium on Qualitative Methodologies

*University of South Florida*

**April 2021 (Presenter)** - "Citizenship in Jordan: The Forming of a National Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference – Chicago*

**March 2023 (Presenter)** – “A Case Study of Political Reform in Jordan: The Transformative Role of Social Organizations in Processes of Democratization”

*University of South Florida*

**April 2023 (Presenter)** – “State-Society Relations: Political Reform Processes in Jordan”

*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference- Chicago*

**April 2023 (Panel Discussant)** – “The MENA After Revolution: Prospects and Challenges”

*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference- Chicago*

### **GUEST LECTURES**

**April 2023 – “Principles of Islam and the Role of Fighting Terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan**

Why We Fight US Wars Undergraduate Course (Invited by Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude)

*University of South Florida*

**April 2022 – “Introduction to Islam and It’s Early History”**

Why We Fight US Wars Undergraduate Course (Invited by Brigadier General Thomas V. Draude)

*University of South Florida*

**March 2021 – “Syrian Refugee Crisis: The Case of Jordan”**

Conflict in the World (Invited by Professor Holly Dunn)

*University of South Florida*

**April 2021 – “Environmental Globalization”**

Globalization Undergraduate Course (Invited by Rebecca Sohl)

*University of South Florida*

**November 2020 – “Human Rights in International Relations”**

International Relations Undergraduate Course (Invited by Rebecca Sohl)

*University of South Florida*

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Manuscript Under Review**

El-Fayez, A. (under review). *Online Research: Challenges and Opportunities*. Submitted to *Sage Research Methods*.

#### **Manuscript in preparation**

El-Fayez, A. (in preparation). Citizenship in Jordan: A New National Identity?

El-Fayez, A. (in preparation). Democratization in Jordan: The Efficacy in Training CSO(s) in Political Advocacy.

El-Fayez, A. (in preparation). State-Society Relations: Trust and Legitimacy in Forming Social Linkages.

Shumaila, F. and El-Fayez, A. (Book manuscript in preparation). *Saudi Arabia and Jordan: Monarchies, tribes, and change*.

#### **Manuscript Translations**

Pieri, Z. and Partaw, A. (in preparation) Untitled Manuscript. (Translated Arabic text and Quranic writings in a study related to document analysis of statements from extremist and terrorist-affiliated organizations).

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Member, Southern Political Science Association, <i>SPSA</i>	2023 - Present
Member, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, <i>ASMEA</i>	2022 - Present
Member, Midwest Political Science Association, <i>MPSA</i>	2021 - Present
President, Global Studies Scholars, <i>GSS</i>	2019 – 2022

## **AFFILIATIONS**

### **2018 Climate Change Mitigation Strategy Negotiation Training Workshop**

Hosted by Jordan Ministry of Environment - Representative of Environmental NGOs

Civil Society Representative - *Amman, Jordan*

### **2018 Refugee Emergency Response in Waste Management in The Case of The Syrian Refugee Crisis** - Hosted by European Union SWIM H2020 Support Mechanism

Civil Society Representative - *Beirut, Lebanon*

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, Graduate Student

Tuition Award, 2019 – Present

School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, Field Research Award, 2022

## **SKILLS & CERTIFICATES**

**Certifications:** CITI Certification

Preparing for College Teaching, USF CITL

**Computer:** Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams)

**Systems/Platforms:** Canvas, Blackboard

**Languages:** English (Fluent), Arabic (Fluent)

## **SERVICE:**

2019-2020 – Secretary of Global Studies Scholars (School for Interdisciplinary Global Studies Graduate Student Organization)

2020-2021– President of Global Studies Scholars

- Established GSS Lecture Series – A series of weekly online lectures from academics and experts from USF, MIT, India, and Jordan.
- Goal of GSS Lecture Series was to create a space during the COVID pandemic for scholars, policy experts, and graduate students from USF to engage in meaningful discussion on topics related to methodological tools of inquiry, cybersecurity, citizenship, refugee rights, and women's rights.

2022 - Volunteer English Teacher - Manja Village Secondary School for Girls– Amman, Jordan