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EDUCATION

- **Doctoral Candidate**, Department of Politics and International Studies
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK)
- 1999 **Masters of Science**, Department of Politics and International Studies
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK)
Graduated with Distinction
- 1998 **Honours Bachelor of Arts**, Department of Political Science
University of Toronto
Graduated with Distinction

AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Development Studies, Birzeit University, August 2010 - present
Doctoral Fellowship, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, May 2003 – May 2005
Fieldwork Grant, Palestinian American Research Centre, June 2003
Appointed Visiting Pre-Doctoral Scholar, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, January 2003
Fieldwork Grant, British Council for Research in the Levant, June 2002

LANGUAGES

Arabic fluent verbal skills and working reading abilities

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lead Researcher

Research Project: Alternatives to Mainstream Development and Neo-Liberalism,
Center for Development Studies, Birzeit University

Mar 2011 -

- Lead the programme of research on alternatives to mainstream development and supervise five research papers, including one written by myself, exploring this wide problematic
- Conceptualise the entire research programme and define the research areas, problems and case studies to be pursued as part of this project
- Intellectually supervise the work by leading regular meetings with the researchers to flesh out and circumscribe each of their research topics, provide researchers with reading material, monitor their progress, comment on all of their written work and provide comments and suggests to strengthen the studies
- Produce a research paper that examines the problems associated with humanitarian assistance to the occupied Palestinian Territories and explores alternative strategies and interventions

Visiting Lecturer

Institute for Women Studies, Birzeit University

Nov 2010 – Dec 2010

- Visiting lecturer, responsible for teaching the section on liberalism for the course “Concepts and Issues in Gender and Development”

- Prepared four lectures on liberalism: introduction to liberalism, Schmitt's critique of liberalism, liberalism and development and the feminist critique of liberalism
- Marked student essays and final examination
- Evaluated student participation and monitored student progress

Teaching Assistant

Department of Politics and International Studies

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

Oct 2008 – Dec 2009

- Teaching Assistant for "Comparative Political Sociology of Asia and Africa" 2008 – 2009 and "Nationalism, State and Ethnicity in Asia and Africa" 2009
- Prepared teaching material and lessons for tutorials, and led student discussions in order to facilitate student learning
- Graded student essays
- Monitored student progress in coordination with the course convener

Author, Palestine Country Reports

Economist Intelligence Unit, The Economist, London

Mar 2008 – January 2011

- Author of the country reports on the occupied Palestinian territories (produced quarterly)
- Conduct comprehensive research identifying and analyzing the main political and economic developments in the West Bank and Gaza Strip each quarter
- Produce a country report that presents and summarizes the latest developments within domestic politics, foreign relations, economic policies and domestic economy of the Palestinian territories in a concise manner, and analyzes the significance and the implications of these developments

Research Consultant

United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and Stuttgart University

Jan 2007 – June 2007

- Designed a research project to evaluate the effectiveness of UNRWA's policies and critically assess its humanitarian intervention to reconstruct Jenin refugee camp
- Conducted extensive fieldwork for the project. Carried out in-depth interviews with Palestinian refugees in Jenin camp, the popular committees and local leaders in the camp, as well as local UNRWA staff and the donor who funded the project
- Produced a paper presenting my qualitative data and analyzing the findings of my research
- Presented my findings at a UN workshop where I critically assessed UNRWA's policies and its humanitarian intervention in Jenin camp

Teaching Assistant

Department of Politics and International Studies

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

Sept 2003 – Mar 2005

- Teaching Assistant for "Introduction to Political Studies" 2003 – 2005 and "State and Society in Asia and Africa" 2003 - 2004
- Prepared teaching material and lessons for tutorials, and led student discussions and debates on course readings to facilitate student learning
- Graded student essays and course assignments
- Monitored and evaluated student progress in coordination with the course convener and provided academic support for students to further their learning

Research Fellow

Muwatin the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy, Ramallah

Sept 2001 – Sept 2003

- Wrote a chapter with Dr. Sari Hanafi (Senior Research Fellow) entitled "Donor Assistance, Rent Seeking and Elite Formation" for the book Corruption and State Formation in Palestine (see publications below)
- Conducted fieldwork and primary research for my own research project and produced on a paper on collective memory, national identity and the Oslo process
- Presented my research at international conferences, symposiums and workshops

Research Team Supervisor

Shaml, the Palestinian Center for Refugee and Diaspora Studies, Ramallah

Sept 2002 – Dec 2002

- Managed oral history project in Jenin Refugee Camp; designed the questionnaire and trained a research team comprised of ten interviewers
- Supervised the collection of data, including all phases of the interviewing process and provided ongoing support and guidance for the field researchers
- Led community consultations to seek community support and consensus for terms of reference of the research project, coordinated with the local community representatives as well the researchers involved in the project and incorporated their concerns and input

Research Fellow and Coauthor

Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Project: "Donors, International NGOs and Palestinian NGOs: Agenda Setting and Networking", with Muwatin, the Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy

May 2000 – Sept 2001

- Carried out 100 in-depth interviews with directors of NGOs, senior donor and UN officials and policy development experts in the West Bank and Gaza
- Conducted an extensive literature review and analyzed empirical data collected through fieldwork
- Presented preliminary findings in a peer review workshop and presented the final report at an international conference
- Co-authored book entitled: The Emergence of a Palestinian Globalised Elite: Donors, International NGOs and Local NGOs.

Research Consultant

Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT)

Oct 1999 – Apr 2000

- Provided support for institutional capacity building within the Palestinian Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation; wrote reports for senior officials on the policies of the UN agencies' and briefed officials in preparation for negotiations with UNICEF on the forthcoming *Plan of Action*
- Trained team of researchers to write policy-oriented papers and to evaluate UN agencies' programs
- Prepared a document for the Head of the UN and International Organizations Department on institutional capacity building methods and the document was used by the Director to define the Department's institutional priorities

Policy Advisor

The Canadian Arab Federation (CAF), Toronto

1998 – 2000

- Prepared a submission on behalf of the organization for the Minister of Immigration and Citizenship on Bill C-16 "An Act Respecting Canadian Citizenship", June 2000
- Presented the submission for Bill C-16 to the Senate's Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration
- Member of the CAF delegation sent to the 1998 meeting of the North American Co-ordinating Committee for NGOs, at the UN headquarters in New York

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Sari Hanafi and Linda Tabar (2005)

The Emergence of a Palestinian Globalised Elite: Donors, International NGOs and Local NGOs. Muwatin and the Institute for Jerusalem Studies: Ramallah.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

Linda Tabar (2011) "The Reconstruction of Jenin Refugee Camp: Humanitarian Intervention and Rational Violence." *Journal of Palestine Studies*. University of California Press, Forthcoming 2011.

_____ (2007)

"The Reconstruction of Ground Zero in Jenin Camp: the Challenges of Building Participation with Vulnerable Refugee Populations." *UNRWA Report*.

_____ (2007)

"Memory, Agency, Counter-Narrative: Testimonies from Jenin Refugee Camp." *Critical Arts: A Journal of South-North Media and Cultural Studies*, Routledge, July 2007.

_____ (2007)
"The Rise of Localized Resistance Popular Resistance Formations: Jenin Camp and the Future of Palestinian Political Activism." Tikva Honig-Parnass and Toufic Haddad (eds). Between the Lines: Readings on Israel, Palestine and the U.S. 'War on Terror'. Haymarket Books: Chicago.

Sari Hanafi and Linda Tabar (2004)
"Donor Assistance, Rent-Seeking and Elite Formation." Mushtaq Khan and George Giacaman (eds.) Corruption and State Formation in Palestine. Routledge: London.

Sari Hanafi and Linda Tabar (2003)
"The Intifada and the Aid Industry: the Impact of the New Liberal Agenda and the Palestinian NGOs." *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*. Duke University Press, 23: 1&2 (2003).

Linda Tabar (2003)
"Jenin Refugee Camp: A Model of National Regrouping." *Between the Lines*, March, 2003.

_____ (2002)
"A Clash of Civilizations? Relations between the Arab World and Western Countries After September 11th. Dialogue or Disengagement?" May 2002. Available on the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development's web site: www.cfp-pec.gc.ca/

Reports

Author. *Country Report: Palestinian Territories*. Economist Intelligence Unit: London.
Between March 2008 - January 2011, I produced 11 country reports.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Nov 2009** **Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Annual Conference, Boston, USA.** Present a paper "The Reconstruction of Jenin Refugee Camp: Humanitarian Intervention and Rational Violence." For a panel I co-organized entitled : "60 Years on: A Critical Revisiting of UNRWA for Palestine Refugees.
- March 2007** **UNRWA Workshop on Community Participation, Ramallah, West Bank.** Presented a paper: "Community Participation and the Reconstruction of Ground Zero: Lessons from Jenin Camp."
- May 2004** **Chr. Michelsen Institute - Muwatin Symposium, Bergen, Norway.** Presented a paper: "Memory, Nationalist Discourse and Colonial Sovereign Power: Excavating the Dissimulations of Oslo."
- March 2003** **International Women's Day Symposium: Women's Voices from the Middle East, York University, Toronto.** Presented a paper: "The Other Side of Silence: Women's Voices from Jenin Refugee Camp."
- September 2002** **First World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), University of Mainz, Germany.** Presented a paper: "Democratization and NGOs in the Arab World: The Labyrinth of Agendas."
- July 2002** **International Conference for the Canadian International Development Research Centre's Project, Donors, International NGOs and Palestinian NGOs: Agendas and Networking.** Ramallah, West Bank. Presented final findings of the project.
- April 2002** **Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, 4th Annual Graduate Student Seminar, Ottawa, Canada.** Presented a paper: "A Clash of Civilizations? Relations between the Arab World and the Western Countries After September 11th. Dialogue or Disengagement?"
- August 2000** **Peer Review Workshop for the Canadian International Development Research Project. Donors, International NGOs and Palestinian NGOs: Agendas and Networking.** Presented a paper: "West Bank, Ramallah. Agenda Setting: Preliminary Findings."

DISCUSSANT/CHAIR

Discussant: Session "Gender and Governance: Resisting or Securing the Occupier?" The Institute for Women's Studies, Annual Conference, Birzeit University, March 16-17, 2011.

Discussant: Public Lecture "Security/Insecurity: Architecture, Space and Power." Prof Friedrich von Borries and Dr Yazid Anani. Goethe Institute, Ramallah, January 15, 2011.

Panel Chair: Session "Development Under Occupation." For the International Conference: **Geographies of Aid Intervention in Palestine**. Birzeit University, September 28, 2010.

References

Available upon request.