



CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic qualifications:

- 1995: Ph.D. in Political Science, jointly supervised by Cairo University and the University of Maryland at College Park. The dissertation graded outstanding and recommended to the University for Publication. The subject of the dissertation was Theories of Comparative Politics and Their Application in the Study of Arab Political Systems
- 1988: M. Sc. Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 1988, First Class with Honors. Thesis title: Theories of Political Development: A Critical Approach
- 1985: Postgraduate Diploma, College of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, May 1985, First Class with Honors.
- 1984: B.Sc. Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, May 1984, First Class with Honors.

Fields of specialization:

Curriculum Development
Comparative Politics
Politics in the Middle East
Political development
Epistemological and Cultural Studies
Islamic Political Thought

Present position:

Professor of Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt,
Chair, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates.

Major Academic Experiences:

Since 1995 I accumulated knowledge and practices in the following areas:

- Designing general education programs (colloquy),
- Developing and assessing general education courses,
- Assessing general education programs (colloquy),
- Planning for university specializations in social sciences and humanities,
- Academic administration in departments and research programs

Professional and other related work:

- 2005- Professor of Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt,
2004- Professor of Political Science, Zayed University, UAE.

2000- 2004	Coordinator of Islamic Studies, Zayed University, UAE.
2000-2004	Associate Professor and coordinator of Islamic Studies, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates.
2000-2005	Associate Professor of Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt,
1998-2000	Associate Professor, Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences, Leesburg, VA, USA (Course: 'Prophethood and Politics, Islamic Epistemology, Social and Economic Institutions in Islamic History, and Islamic Political Thought').
1996-1998	Visiting Fellow, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, USA.
1995-2000	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt. (Course: 'Theories of Comparative Politics, Egyptian Political System, Contemporary Arab Political Thought, Research Methodology, Political Theory, and Islamic Political Thought').
1995-1997	Academic Advisor, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon, VA, USA.
1994-1996	Executive Director, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Cairo office, Egypt.
1989-1994	Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, College of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt. (Course: 'Comparative Governments, Egyptian Political System, Political Theory, and Islamic Political Thought').
1984-1988	Assistant Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, College of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt.

ACADEMIC AWARDS.

Visiting Fellowship, , Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, USA, 17 September 1996- 16 September 1998.

The State Award in Political Science, Egypt 1996, this award used to be granted for one scholar every year. I have received it for my book: Sources of Political Literature in the Intellectual Heritage of Islam: a Study of the Problem of Generalization before Authentification.

Visiting Fellowship, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland at College Park, Maryland, USA, 1990-1993.

Curriculum Development:

Since 1995, I have developed the following curricula:

Master of Islamic and Social Sciences, the Graduate school of Islamic and Social Sciences, VA, USA, 1997and 2000;

Master of Religious Practice, the Graduate school of Islamic and Social Sciences, VA, USA, 1997 and 2000;

Bachelor of Islamic Studies with six concentrations, Institute of Shariy'ah Studies, Muscat, Oman, 1999;

The general education courses on Islamic Studies, Zayed University, UAE, 2000;

The UAE National Curriculum on Islamic Studies K-12 in the United Arab Emirates.

Head of the authoring committee of Islamic Studies textbooks Grades 1-12.

Bachelor of Arts in Arabic and Islamic Studies, AlIttihad University, Ras Alkhaima, UAE, 2006.

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- 1986-1995 Member of the following committees at Cairo University:
 Curriculum Committee
 Library Committee
 Faculty Seminar Committee
- 1996-2000 Chairperson of the following committees at The Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences, VA, USA :
 Graduate Council
 Curriculum Committee
 Library Committee
- 2000-2007 Member of the following committees at Zayed University, UAE:
 Curriculum Committee (Played major role in developing ZU colloquy)
 Planning Committee
 Library Committee
 Academic Affairs Committee
 Challenging Material Committee
 Promotion Committee
 Accreditation Committee
 Research Committee

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES:

Member of the Editorial Board of the journal of Social Affairs, 2007-

Member, Ministry of Culture and Information's committee on developing the UAE public libraries, 2001- 2004.

Chair, Ministry of Education Committee on Islamic Studies Curriculum Development, UAE. 2002-Now

Member, Ministry of Education Higher Committee on Curriculum Planning, UAE.

Member of the Editorial Board of the America Journal of Islamic Social Sciences, 1996-2000;

The Advisory Board of the Islamiyyat al-M'arifah;

American Political Science Association;

Middle East Studies Association;

Co-founder of the Center for Epistemological Studies, Cairo, Egypt,

Co-founder of the Center for African Future Studies; Cairo, Egypt

Founder and Director of the Integrated Welfare Project for African Students at al-Azhar (A project that offered academic, health, social, and financial assistance to African Students in Egypt,) 1986-1995;

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

The disenchantment of Political development: Epistemes, Culture, and Policies" (Lanham MD: University Press of America, 2002).

The Re-enchantment of Political Science: An Epistemological Approach to the Theories of Comparative Politics (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2001).

Western Political Science in a Non-Western Context: Theories of Comparative Politics in the Arab Academia, (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2000).

Theories of Comparative Politics and the Methodology of Studying Arab Political Systems: An Epistemological Approach (Leesburg, VA, School of Islamic and Social Sciences, 1998) (published in Arabic)

Editor, Methodological Issues in Islamic and Social Sciences, (Cairo, International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1997) (published in Arabic)

Editor, Problematic Issues in Contemporary Islamic Thought (Cairo, International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1996). (published in Arabic)

Sources of Political Literature in the Intellectual Heritage of Islam: A Study of the Problem of Generalization Before Authentification, (Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1994) (published in Arabic)

Civilization, Culture, and Civil Society: A Study of Terminology and Concepts, (Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1994) (published in Arabic)

Theories of Political Development, A Critical Approach from Islamic Perspective, (Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 1992) (published in Arabic).

Projects in progress

Rediscovering Islamic Political Thought;
The political Analysis of the Qura'nic Discourse: The People of the Book as a Model;
The Social institutions in Islamic Civilization.

Book chapters and Journal articles:

"New Directions in Comparative Politics: An Alternative Perspective", Cairo: Al-Ahram center for Strategic Studies, 2005.

"The Crisis of the Muslim World: An Epistemological Approach" Tehran, Islamic Issues, April, 2004.

"On the Epistemology of Colonialism", Paris, Center for Civilizations studies, May 2004

"The Crisis of Development in the Arab World", a paper presented at the Arab strategic Report Symposium, Rabat, Morocco, 4-6 /12/ 2003.

“The Epistemological Foundations of the Islamic Political Systems” , Cairo: Center for Political Studies, Cairo University, June 2004.

“The Origin of Despotism in the Arab World”, a paper will be presented at conference on “Despotism in the Arab World” , Oxford, 28/8/2004.

“Trapped between Tribalism, Statetism and Elitism: The Egyptian Political Parties Disempowered, The International Association of Political Science 19th convention, Durban, south Africa, 29-6 to 4-7-2003

“The sources of the Islamic heritage in international relations” Cairo, Institute of Arabic Manuscripts, 25-26 December 2002 (in Arabic)

“How to approach the contemporary Muslim realty”, Shrajah, Center foe Islamic Studies, October 2002, (in Arabic)

The Institutional-Administrative Dimensions of Waqf in the Nile Valley” in: Waqf and Civil Society in the Arab World” (Beirut: Center for Arab Unity studies,2002) (in Arabic)

The notion of paradigm between Thomas Kuhn and el-Missiri”, a paper contributed to a festschrift on the honor of el-Missiri edited by Ahmed Attia (forthcoming). (in Arabic)

The Independent Development: Potentials and Problems in: Toward a Civilizational Project to Revive the Arab World (Beirut: Center for Arab Unity studies, 2001) .(in Arabic)

Intellectual Discontinuity in Arab Scholarship: meaningfulness in decline , in: Parviz Morewedge, ed., The scholar between Thought and Experience : A biographical festschrift in honor of Ali A. Mazrui , (Binghamton: State university of New York Press, 2001).

The contemporary Arab Intellectual Discourse: An Epistemological Approach". in a co-authored book titled “ The Problematic of The contemporary Arab Intellectual Discourse (Damascus: Dar al-Fikr,2001). (in Arabic)

Cultural Impacts of Foreign Aid in the Arab World, in: Mohammad Safiyaldin, ed. Foreign Aid and Development in the Arab World: An Arab Perspective (Amaan, Jordan: The Academic Center for Political Studies, 2001); (in Arabic)

Impeding Development: Sanction and Aid, Cairo, Al-Siyassa Al-Dawliya, Issue No.139, Jan. 2000. (published in Arabic)

The Political Science in the Twentieth Century; The State of Art, Majalit al- Nahdha, Cairo University, firs issue. Oct. 1999 (published in Arabic).

Development Theory in the Postmodernist Era, Cairo, Center for Political Research and Studies, Cairo University, 1998 (published in Arabic). (published in Arabic).

Science, Objectivity and Ethics in Research Methodology. The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences,vol.15, no.1, Spring 1998.

Traditionalism and Modernism: A Variant Perspectives, Al-Kalimah, no. 20, Summer 1998. On the Islamic System of Knowledge: Preliminary Observations. Al-Kalimah, no. 23, Spring 1999 (published in Arabic).

The Dimension of Culture in the Asian Development Experience, Proceedings of the Conference on the Relationship Between Democracy and Development, Center for Asian Studies, Cairo University, 1996. (published in Arabic).

Development Theories in Western and Islamic Thought, Proceedings of the Conference on Development, Kuwait, 1996. (published in Arabic).

Reform, Mutual Interests, and Reconciliation: A Study of the Epistemological Foundations of Arab Reconciliation, Proceedings of the Cairo University Conference on the Arab Reconciliation Process, 1995. (published in Arabic).

Scholarship, Objectivity, and the Ethics of Academic Research, Proceedings of the National Conference on Ethics in Research held at the National Center for Social and Criminal Research, Cairo, 1995. (published in Arabic).

Elitism and the Study of Arab Political Systems: Possibilities and Problems, Proceedings of the Conference on Political Elitism in the Arab World, Center for Political Studies and Research, Cairo University, 1995 (published in Arabic).

Methodological Delimitations in the Study of Arab Revivalist Projects, paper delivered at the Conference on the Civilizational Framework for the Arab World in the Twenty First Century, Dubai, December, 1995 (published in Arabic).

Management of Political Campaigns during the Egyptian Parliamentary Elections of 1995, Conference for the Analysis of Egyptian Legislative Elections, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 1995. (published in Arabic).

Theories of Political Development as Examples of Bias in Political Science, Proceedings of the International Conference on Bias in the Social Sciences, Cairo, 1993 (published in Arabic).