

Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications

- Ph.D. (2000) in politics, University of Exeter, UK. Leigh Douglas Prize Laureate for the best Ph.D. thesis in 2000/2001 nationwide on Middle East topic. <http://www.ex.ac.uk/shipss/school/phdprize.shtml>
- MA (1997) in Middle East politics, University of Exeter, UK.
- BAsc (1991) in politics, University of King Abdulaziz, Jeddah, KSA.

Experiences

Current Positions:

- Member of Friends of Yemen – Group Law & Justice – that produced the report ‘DELIVERING JUSTICE IN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT: Key Issues and Challenges for the Rule of Law in Yemen’, June 17, 2010.
- Director, Sheba Centre for Strategic Studies (SCSS) www.shebacss.com
- Associate Dean, Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies (in association with Harvard University) www.ycmes.org
- Associate Professor of Politics, Sana’a University
- Chief-in-Editor, *Madarat Istratijiyah*
- Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Bahrain Centre for Strategic Studies and Research, Bahrain www.bcsr.gov.bh (2004-).

Previous Positions:

- Adjunct Professor of politics, American University of Sharjah (2005).
- Research Manager, Gulf Research Centre, Dubai, UAE. <http://www.grc.to> (2002-2005).
- Deputy Director, Arab Centre for American and European Studies, Amman, Jordan. <http://www.acaes.com> (2002-2005).
- Research Fellow at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, UK. <http://www.ex.ac.uk/iais/staff/saif/index.shtml> (2000 - 2005).
- Editor, *Journal of Gulf Studies* 2002-2005.
- Managing Editor for the series of *Iran Studies* and *Yemen Studies* 2002-2005.
- Member of Editorial Board, Gulf Research Centre, Dubai, (2002-2005).
- Deputy Director, Centre for Red Sea Studies, Exeter University, UK. <http://beehive.thisisexeter.co.uk/default.asp?WCI=SiteHome&ID=5713&PageID=29534> (2000–2002).
- Consulting Editor, Economist Intelligence Unit (Country Report–Yemen). 2002.
- Editor, Annual Register, Arab Levant 2000/2001.
- Teacher 1996-99 (History & Culture) at the Arabic School in Exeter, UK.
- Economist Assistant, jointly at the Arab Monetary Fund & Arab Trade Financing Programme 1993-96, based in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Researcher Assistant (part-time), Jeddah Chamber of Commerce & Industry 1987-1991.

Publications

1. Books

- Saif, Ahmed A. (ed.), *Yemen: Politics and Society*, Sanaá: SCSS, 2011.
- Saif, Ahmed A., *Al-Dimugratiyyia fi-al-Yaman* [Democracy in Yemen], Cairo: al-Madina Press, 1991.
- Saif, Ahmed A., *A Legislature in Transition*, Aldershot: Ashgate Publishers, 2001.
- Saif, Ahmed A., *Authority – Intellectual Relations in the Arab World*, (forthcoming).
- Saif, Ahmed A., *Constitutional and Legislative Developments in the Arab Gulf Countries*, (underwriting)

2. Chapters in Books

- ‘Misperception and Mistrust Relationships: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and UAE *vis-a-vis* Iran’, in Bernd W. Kubbig and Sven-Eric Fakenscher (ed.), *Arms Control and Missile Proliferation in the Middle East*, London: Routledge, 2012.
- "Citizenship Prospects in Post-Revolutionary Traditional & Multi-Fragmented Yemen", in Bryan Turner and Larbi Sidiki, *Arab Citizenship: Post-Revolutionary Social Reconstruction in North Africa and the Middle East*, London: Routledge, 2011.
- ‘Void vs. Presence: The in-between-ness of State & Society in Yemen’ in Larbi Sadiki, Layla Al-Zubaidi and Heiko Wimmen (eds.), *Unmaking Power: Negotiating the Democratic Void in the Arab Middle East*, London: Ithaca, 2011.
- Contributor to, *Cities of the Middle East and North Africa: A Historical Encyclopedia*, edited by Bruce Stanley and Michael Dumpe, ABC-Clio, 2006.
- ‘Deconstructing before Building: Perspectives on Democracy in Qatar’, in Anoush Ehteshami and Steve Wright, *Reforms in the Arab Gulf Oil Monarchies*, London: Ithaca, 2007.
- ‘A’afag Al-Istirattigiyyah Al-Amirikkiyyah fi-Al-Sharq Al-Awsat’ [Prospects of the American Strategy in the Middle East], in honorary of Hussein Al Amri, *Essays in History and Politics*, Damascus: Dar Al Fikr, 2005.
- ‘Political Developments in the GCC States’, in *Gulf Annual Report*, Dubai: Gulf Research Center, 2004.
- ‘Patterns of Political Opposition in the GCC States’, in *Gulf Annual Report*, Dubai: Gulf Research Center, 2004.

3. Monographs

- ‘Regional Comparative Study: Improving the Legal Framework - The Experiences of Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE, and Yemen’, UNDP, 2009. <http://www.arabparliaments.org/publications/legislature/2009/parloversight/saif-a.pdf>
- ‘Terrorism: A Problematic Concept’, *Series of Political Studies*, Issue 1, SCSS, 2008.
- ‘The Role of Parliaments in Preventing and/or Resolving Political Conflict: the Case of Yemen’, UNDP, 2005. <http://www.arabparliaments.org/publications/legislature/2005/conflict/yemen-e.pdf>
- Yemeni Parliamentary Elections: A Critical Analysis, Gulf Research Centre: *Series of Yemen Studies*, issue2, 2004.
- The Arab Gulf Judiciaries, Dubai, GRC, 2003. http://local.grc.to/files/portals_main/3_fullreport_file.pdf
- Constitutionalism in the Arab Gulf State, Dubai, Gulf Research Centre, 2002, http://local.grc.to/files/portals_main/3_fullreport_file.pdf
- ‘Political and Economic Liberalisation in the Middle East), Unpublished Monograph, 1999.

4. Articles

- 'The Engagement of Superpowers in the Gulf of Aden', ICWA, New Delhi, 17, April, 2012.
- 'The New Turkish Orientation Towards the Middle East: The New Ottomansim', 3RD THINK TANKS FORUM OF THE OIC COUNTRIES, 'Change and Transformation in the OIC Countries', Center for Strategic Studies (SAM-Azerbaijan) & TASAM Institute of Islamic Studies, 2-3 March, 2012, Baku-Azerbaijan.
- 'Democratic Transformation in the Middle East and Potential Scenarios', 'Revolution and Democratic Transformation in the Arab World: Towards a Road Map', Center of Arab Unity Studies & Swedish Institute in Alexandria, 6-10 February 2012, Tunisia.
- 'Iranian Meddling in Yemen', Fifth Focus of Barcelona Discussion – Putting the U.S./EU 'Containment plus Strategy' into the Domestic, Regional, and International Contexts: Country-related Perspectives and Assessments from the Middle East, Frankfurt Peace Research Institute & Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 24-27 January 2012, Barcelona, Spain.
- 'Historical Background & Observations of Political change in the Middle East', 2nd International Middle East Congress, "Change in the Middle East", 7-9 December 2011, Hatay, Turkey.
- 'Failed States and Terrorism: The Current State of Power Transition in Yemen', Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East: How to Make the Envisaged Middle east Conference 2012 Happen, Successful and Sustainable, Frankfurt Peace Research Institute, 26-28 September 2011, Budapest, Hungary.
- 'Implications of the Arab Spring on NATO's Agenda', NATO Military Committee Conference, 16-17 September 2011, Seville, Spain.
- 'Federalism: the Solution for Yemen's Statehood', *Madarat Istratijyah*, Issues 7-8 (January-April) 2011.
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- 'Threats to the Security in the Red Sea and Horn of Africa' *Middle East Papers*, Issue number 50 (October) 2010, Cairo: Arab National Center for Middle East Studies, pp. 155-1166.
- 'What Role for Regional Actors in Helping Resolve Conflicts in Yemen?', in 1060th WILTON PARK Conference in partnership with the NATO Defense College, Rome, 'Managing Conflict in the Middle East: The Role of Regional Actors', 30 November – 3 December 2010, UK.
- 'The Current Situation in Yemen and its Regional & International Implications', German Council for Foreign Affairs, Berlin, 16 September, 2010.
- 'State Building in Yemen: Unfinished Process', *Europe's World*, Summer, 2010.
- 'Rebuilding State Effectiveness in Yemen: the EU as a partner for Yemen's civil society?', EU Office Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, June 10, 2010, Brussels.
- "Imamate & Caliphate: Sacred or Propane", *Madarat Istratijyah*, Issue 4 (Jul-Sep) 2010, Sana'a: Sheba Center for Strategic Studies.
- "Devil's Routes: Overlapping the Routes of Smuggling, Oil Installations, Distribution of Terrorism and Ancient Caravans in Central Asia & Algeria and Yemen", *Madarat Istratijyah*, Issue 3 (Apr-Jun) 2010, Sana'a: Sheba Center for Strategic Studies.
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- 'Regional Security Cooperation', The EU-GCC Partnership Security and Policy Challenges, March 16 – 17, 2010, Berlin, Germany.
- 'Why Arab Nationalism was not Liberal' *Madarat Istratijyah*, Issue 1 (Nov-Dec) 2009, Sana'a: Sheba Center for Strategic Studies.
- 'The Huthis: Iran's Puppet in Yemen', *Madarat Istratijyah*, Issue 1 (Nov-Dec) 2009, Sana'a: Sheba Center for Strategic Studies.
- 'Relationship among Tribes, Political Power and the Opportunities for al Qaida', Norwegian Peace-building Centre, Feb 2010.

- 'The Huthis of Yemen and the Arab National Security' *Middle East Papers*, Issue number 47 (January) 2010, Cairo: Arab National Center for Middle East Studies, pp. 88-100.
- 'Evaluating the Impact of the US Occupation of Iraq on the Sociopolitical Institutions in Saudi Arabia and Yemen: A Comparative Analysis', *Journal of Social Affairs*, Winter 2006.
- 'Yemeni Party Law: A Comparative Perspective', *Journal of Social Affairs*, Spring 2006.
- 'Local Governance and Participation in the GCC States', Sixth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, March 2005.
- 'Politics of Survival and the Structure of Control in Yemen 1990-2003', Fifth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, March 2004.
- 'Women in GCC Legislatures' *Ara'a*, Issue 3, 2004.
- 'The New Elite in the Arab World', *Ara'a*, Issue 2, 2004.
- 'The Unexpected Allegiances in Iraq Produce Unexpected Outcomes' *Ara'a*, Issue 1, 2004.
- The Role of Military in the Arab World, GRC, 2003.
- 'Rethinking Dual Containment', *Al-Masar Journal*, vol. 1, no. 4, 2001, pp. 18-35.
- 'Yemen: State Weakness and Society Alienation', *Al-Masar Journal*, vol. 1, no. 2, 2000, pp. 1-13.
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- Unpublished collection of poetry.

5. Book Reviews & Translations

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- 'Strengthening Arab Parliamentary Oversight', UNDP Focused Group, Rabat 17-19 June 2010.
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- 'Legislating Political Parties in the Arab Countries', UNDP, Rabat, 17-19 March 2006.
- 'Impact of the American Invasion to Iraq on the Arab Countries', George Washington University November 2005.
- 'Reform in the Arabian Peninsula', Durham University, 9-10 September 2005.
- 'The Role of Parliaments in Preventing and/or Resolving Political Conflict: the Case of Yemen', UNDP, Beirut June 2005, Geneva July 2005 and Brussels January 2006.
- Challenges to Humanities and Social Sciences: the Search for Paradigm, AUS, Feb 2005.
- Good Governance and Rule of law, Abu Dhabi April 2004.
- Longevity and Durability of Authoritarianism in the Arab World, EIU, March 2004.
- Political Reforms in GCC States, Gulf Research Center & Carnegie Endowments for International Peace, Dubai, 23-24 September 2004.
- Arab Political Parties: Challenges and Areas of Reform, Lebanese Center for Policy Research & Konrad Adenour, Beirut, 13-14 October 2004.
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- Yemen: Crises and Solutions, SOAS, London University, 1994,

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