

Curriculum Vitae

Information:

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Lecturer and Doctoral Researcher

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Education:

- 2019– Doctoral Candidate, Urban Studies, University of Basel
Supervised by Prof. Dr Kenny R. Cupers, Prof. Dr Andrew Tucker, Prof. Dr Romola Sanyal and Prof. Dr Sarah Lopez.

- 2017–19 Doctoral Candidate, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETH Zürich).
Institute of Construction History and Preservation (IDB), Department of Architecture (D-ARCH). Supervised by Prof. Dr Stefan Holzer (discontinued).

- 2016–17 Master in Urban Design (MAS ETH), ETH Zürich.
Institute for Urban Design, Chair of Prof Dr. Marc Angélil, D-ARCH.

- 2014–16 Master in Architecture (Master d'État en Architecture), Lebanese University.
Department of Architecture, Institut of Fine Art and Architecture, Beirut.

- 2011–14 Bachelor of Architecture (Diplôme d'Études en Architecture), Lebanese University.
Department of Architecture, Institut of Fine Art and Architecture, Beirut.

- 2010–11 Baccalauréat Franco-Libanaise, Orientation Scientifique (SVT), Beirut.

Previous Employment and Current Position(s)

- 2021– Lecturer and Researcher, Urban Studies, University of Basel.
Supervised by Prof. Dr. Kenny R. Cupers

- 2019–21 Principal Researcher, Social Science Department, University of Basel.
Supervised by Prof. Dr. Ayata Bilgin

- 2017–18 Postgraduate Researcher and Teaching Assistant. D-ARCH, ETH Zürich.
Supervised by Prof. Dr. Stefan Holzer

- 2015. Intern, Restoration and Preservation, Chantier Histoire et Architecture Médiévales (CHAM),
France.

- 2011–15 Research and Lab Assistant, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Libanais (CNRSL),
Beirut, Lebanon. (Part-time).

- 2013. Intern, El Mada Building Development, Ghassan Jabri Architectural Office, Beirut.

Institutional Responsibilities

- 2021– Teaching Committee (TC), Communication Committee (CC) and Management Committee
(MC) of the MA Critical Urbanism program, University of Basel.

2021– PhD representative at PhD Student Group (PhDSG), Urban Studies, University of Basel.

2021– G3S steering committee, Social Science, University of Basel.

Teaching Activities

2021– MA courses at the University of Basel: Critical Cartography (FS2023), Visualizing Urban Research (FS2022 and FS2021), and Critical Urbanism: Current Debates (FS2021).

2017–18 Co-teaching MSc courses at D-ARCH, ETH Zurich: Case Studies Construction History and Building Preservation (SS2017), and Preservation of Cultural Heritage II (FS2017).

Activity in Panels, Boards, and Scientific Activities

Panels, Conferences and Presentations:

- 2023. ETH - DocTalks in Architectural History and Theory: Moderation of “Arrival Architecture”.
- 2022. ETH - DocTalks in Architectural History and Theory: Paper Presentation on “The Role of Infrastructure in EU Migration Management, 2.0 Hotspots”.
- 2021. Critical Urbanism Lecture Series 2021: Organization and Moderation of 4 sessions.
- 2021. Universität Kassel - Kolloquium Presentation on “The pre-fabrication of Migration Management Infrastructure”.
- 2021. The Royal Geography Conference, RGS-IBG: Conference Paper on “The Role of Infrastructure in EU Migration Management: An Architectural Lens”.
- 2021. ESCAPES Conference, Mediterranean Crossings: Conference Paper on “The Role of Infrastructure in EU Migration Management”.
- 2020. EWIS 2020 Conference: Co-authored paper on “The EU Hotspot Approach as Infrastructure Space: Migration Management in the Mediterranean Borderscape”.

Lectures and Workshops:

- 2020. Lecture at Critical Urbanism Winter School on “Mapping the Greek Hotspots”.
- 2020. Presented and Co-Organized the SNIS “Data-analysis” Workshop at the Department of Social Science, University of Basel.
- 2019. Research Workshop on Mediterranean Fascism(s) at the Urban Studies, University of Basel.
- 2018. Research Workshop on Studying Infrastructure Across Disciplines in collaboration with the University of Basel and the University of Freiburg.
- 2018. Presented and Co-Organized the SNIS “Kick-off” Workshop at the Department of Social Science, University of Basel.
- 2017. Co-organized the ETH Seminar Week HS2017 on Roof constructions and vaults from the XIIIth to the XIXth century in Southern Germany.

Exhibitions and Field Trips:

- 2022. Multi-sited ethnographic field trips to migration management facilities on the Aegean Islands.
- 2019. Multi-sited ethnographic field trips to EU “hotspot” facilities in Greece and Italy, and Reception facilities in Tunisia.
- 2017. Presented Master’s project at the exhibition “*Making Heimat. Germany, Arrival Country*” in Deutsches Architekturmuseum, Frankfurt Main (DAM).

Other Workshops and Collaborative Engagements:

- 2016. Research Workshop “*Deriver Veneto Industrial Hybrids*” under the supervision of Prof. Marc Angélil at ETH.
- 2014. Workshop at École Nationale d’Architecture a Rabat in collaboration with the Lebanese University in Rabat, Morocco.
- 2012. Research Workshop on Soviet Architecture organized in collaboration with the Saint-Petersburg State University in Saint-Petersburg, Russia.

Prizes, Awards, Scholarships

- 2024–25 Scholarship, Doc.Mobility - funded by the University of Basel and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).
- 2021. Scholarship, Die Freiwillige Akademische Gesellschaft (FAG), Basel
- 2018–20 Research Grant, Swiss Network for International Studies (S.N.I.S.)

Active Membership in Scientific Societies

- 2021– Member of PhD Student Group (PhDSG), Urban Studies, University of Basel.
- 2019– Member of the Graduate School of Social Sciences – G3S Social Science, University of Basel.
- 2017– Alumni ETH Zurich.
- 2016– Member of the Order of Engineers & Architects in Beirut, Lebanon.

Personal Skills

Languages: Arabic (Native), French (Bilingual Proficiency), English (Bilingual Proficiency).

Digital Skills: AutoCAD (2D and 3D), Adobe Suite, Sketch Up, V-Ray, ArcGIS, GIS, 3D Max, MAXQDA, HTML Coding.