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EDUCATION

- Aug 2022 - Present** **City University of New York (CUNY), New York-United States**
- MPhil. in Political Science
 - Specialization in International Relations and Comparative Politics
- Oct 2021 - Aug 2022** **Europa Institut – Saarland University, Saarbrücken-Germany**
- Master of Laws (LL.M.) in European and International Law
 - Specialization in European and International Human Rights Law
 - **Thesis:** “Examination of Climate Refugees in Light of International Law and Case Law Development Post Teitiota v New Zealand.”
- Sept 2017 - Jun 2018** **Central European University (CEU), Budapest-Hungary**
- Master of Arts in Human Rights
 - Specialization in International Justice
 - **Thesis:** “Where to Return? The Implications of Palestinian Refugees’ Secondary Movements from UNRWA Mandate Area to EU on their Right of Return.”
- Jan 2014 - Jan 2017** **American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut-Lebanon**
- Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration – Specialization in Public Management
 - GPA: 3.9 – Graduated with “High Distinction” – Ranked 1st in the department
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Aug 2023 - Present** **Adjunct Lecturer, Baruch College, New York, US**
- POL 2260: Comparative Politics, **Fall 2025**
 - POL 1101: American Government, Fall 2023-2024 (hybrid), **Spring 2024-2025**
 - POL 3339: Contemporary Political Ideologies (hybrid), **Spring 2024**
- Aug 2023 – Present** **Adjunct Lecturer, Hunter College, New York, US**
- HR200: Introduction to Human Rights, **Fall 2025**
 - POLSC 115: Introduction to International Relations, **Fall 2023**
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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2023 - Present** **Research Assistant at the Center for International Human Rights (CIHR), New York-US**
- Conducts research on contemporary human rights issues such as freedom of expression in academia, humanitarian intervention, climate migration, EU human rights law, and others
 - Develops regular reports on human rights matters, including case law development on climate migration and freedom of expression in US universities
 - Organizes in-person and online events covering human rights issues
 - Connects with experts in the field and coordinates their participation in the center’s events

<i>Aug 2022 - Present</i>	Human Rights Hub Coordinator Ralph Bunche Institute (RBI), New York-US <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizes in-person and online events at the European Union Studies Center within RBI Prepares and disseminates the monthly newsletter of the European Union Studies Center Keeps records and regularly updates the list of European studies related grants and fellowships Organizes regular workshops and paper presentations for the Human Rights Hub Manages and tracks the database for human rights network within CUNY campuses
<i>Aug 2021-Aug 2022</i>	Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) Officer at International Medical Corps (IMC)-Global MEAL Team (Rover) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitored the implementation of IMC's accountability strategy in several missions Periodically reviewed the performance of country missions in terms of organizational commitment to accountability to beneficiaries Reviewed grant proposals submitted to international donors
<i>Sept 2018- Jul 2021</i>	Accountability Officer at International Medical Corps (IMC), Beirut-Lebanon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted solely the Accountability Framework of IMC Lebanon Coordinated the implementation of the accountability work plan by program teams Facilitated and organized numerous trainings and capacity building sessions for staff Drafts the accountability and participation sections in donor reports Organized regular community events
<i>Jun 2018-Aug 2018</i>	Community Development Officer at ACTED, Beirut-Lebanon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented a shelter community development project in a Palestinian refugee camp Conducted socio-economics assessments for Syrian and Palestinian refugees in Beirut Analyzed assessments' findings in order to identify eligible households for assistance Drafted proposals for community improvement projects in deprived areas in Beirut
<i>Jan 2017 - Apr 2017</i>	Research Intern at Human Rights Watch (HRW), Beirut-Lebanon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted researchers in conducting field interviews and direct interpretation from Arabic to English Conducted time-sensitive and thorough legal research assignments in English and Arabic to assist in the production of reports and press releases related to freedom of expression in the Arab Gulf, unlawful killings and chemical attacks in Syria, and disability rights in Lebanon Monitored and documented human rights' developments in Lebanon and Syria Translated news, reports, and legal documents from Arabic to English

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Blog posts:

- Harb, Malak: Externalising Migration Control: S.S. and Others v Italy Marks a Missed Opportunity for Accountability, [VerfBlog](#), 2025/7/02

Conference Presentations:

- September 2025:** "A Critical Cosmopolitan Approach Toward Climate Refugees' Protection and Global Participation." **American Political Science Association (APSA) 121st Annual Meeting**, in Vancouver, Canada.
- March 2025:** "International Migration Law: Investigating Colonial Continuities, Organized Hypocrisy, and South-South Migratory Policies," **International Studies Association (ISA) 66th Annual Convention**, in Chicago, United States.
- July 2025:** "Rentier Refugee States from the Inside: The Role of Lebanese Local Authorities in the Commodification of Syrian Refugees," **IMISCOE 22nd Annual Conference**, in Paris, France.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	DSRG Research Grant (\$840), CUNY Graduate Center
2025	Travel Grant (\$250) to support conference expenses, CUNY Graduate Center
2025	Open-Knowledge Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center
2025	Open-Source Fellowship, Baruch College
2022	Graduate Assistant Fellowship to support PhD studies, CUNY Graduate Center
2019	Certificate of Completion of the Conflict Sensitivity and Do No Harm Training by UNDP
2018	Research Grant Award (1390 €) for Best Academic Performance, CEU
2017	CEU Masters' Scholarship to cover tuition fees and living expenses in Hungary
2017	Houssein Oueini Memorial Award for attaining the highest-grade average, AUB
2014	Placed on Deans' Honor List for five consecutive semesters at AUB
2017	Certificate of Completion of the International Criminal Law and Procedure Inter-University Program

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Arabic (Native)	English (Native Fluency)	French (Intermediate)
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TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH SKILLS

Microsoft tools (Word, Excel, Teams, Outlook, and PowerPoint), WordPress, Blackboard and Brightspace (LMS), Canvas, qualitative research, legal analysis, project management, report writing, fieldwork.