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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 01 December 2023 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Sun Yat-sen University (Zhuhai Campus)**

- Research on soft power diplomacy, comparing China's methods in the Middle East and East Asia

Teaching Experience (Sun Yat-sen University)

Spring 2024

- Introduction to International Relations
- Theories of Diplomacy and International Conflict

Fall 2024

- Strategic Negotiations in International Relations
- Belt and Road Initiative: Theory and Practice
- Middle Eastern Studies: Politics, Society, and History

Spring 2025

- Introduction to International Relations
- Political Economy of Development
- Asian Politics and Chinese Foreign Policy

Fall 2025

- Diplomatic Negotiations and Strategy
- Social and Economic Impact of Migration
- The Arab World: History and Contemporary Issues
- Research Design and Methodology in Political Science

Spring 2026

- Introduction to International Relations

31 July 2024 – 31 December 2024 **Research Fellow at Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA), Malaysia**

- Conducted comprehensive research on social financial grants, combining both quantitative and qualitative methodologies.
- Explored a wide array of social and economic issues, providing valuable insights and developing strategies to impact social and economic policies.
- Focused on analyzing and addressing social financial grants, contributing significantly to the academic community and policy-making processes.

01 January 2024 – 31 December 2024 **Consultant, Centre for Lebanese Studies, University of Cambridge, England, United Kingdom**

- ***Focus on The Macroeconomic Impact of Forcible Migration on Lebanon's Economy***
- Conducted in-depth analysis and research on the economic ramifications of forcible migration in Lebanon, developing strategies and policy recommendations to mitigate negative impacts and promote sustainable economic growth.

Since 01 February 2024 **The Secretary-General of the Middle East Studies Unit at the Institute of International and Regional Studies, Sun Yat-sen University (Zhuhai Campus)**

- Coordinating meetings and academic events related to Middle Eastern studies.
- Fostering collaborations with other institutions, scholars, and research centers.
- Managing strategic planning to align the Unit's activities with broader academic goals.
- Contributed to the strategic direction of the Center's research focus, particularly

01 June 2021 – 30 November 2023 **Research Department Director, Center for Asian and Chinese Studies, Beirut, Lebanon**

- Led and supervised research activities, content production, and publication monitoring within the department.
- Coordinated with academic and research organizations to foster collaborative projects and partnerships.
- Provided administrative support for organizing workshops, conferences, and other academic events.

- Supervised research staff and mentored junior researchers, ensuring the timely execution of projects.
- Contributed to the strategic direction of the Center's research focus, particularly in Asian and Chinese studies.

25 February 2022 – 25 May 2022 **Lead Editor for the Mideast/Africa group at Modern Diplomacy.**

September 2018 – June 2021 **Doctoral Researcher at School of Politics and International Studies, Central China Normal University, Wuhan - China**

September 2019 – June 2020 **Editor for the English Section of the "Always CCNU" University Magazine.**

March 2019 – July 2019 **Volunteered as an English Teacher at Chunmiao Primary School in Hankou, China, in association with Yang Leifeng.**

Since 2018 **Political Analyst and Commentator**

- My op-ed pieces, as well as analytical studies on politics and political economy, are regularly featured in international magazines, newspapers, and research centers such as South China Morning Post, The Diplomat, China Daily, CGTN, Al Mayadeen, Modern Diplomacy, Eurasia Review, and more.

September 2018 – January 2019 **Arabic language instructor for non-Arabic speakers**

- Instructed an Intermediate Arabic course for Chinese students at Central China Normal University.

February 2018 – November 2018 **Online Volunteer Translator**

- Provided translations between Arabic, English, French, and Spanish for several agencies unaffiliated with the UN, including UN Women and UNESCO.

July 2014 – August 2018 **Freelance Translator**

- Collaborate with translation firms
- Maintained a personal network of translators and organizations.

EDUCATION

2018 - 2021 **PhD in International Relations – Central China Normal University, Wuhan, People's Republic of China**

Doctoral dissertation entitled: "Belt and Road Initiative in Arab Region: A Modern Initiative to Consolidate Lebanese-Chinese Relations"

Supervisor: Dr. Zhao Changfeng

2015 - 2016 **Master 2 <<International Law: Diplomacy and Strategic Negotiations>> - Université Paris-Sud**

Simulations of international negotiations for 9 months on the theme of education in emergencies (representative of Venezuela)

Acquisition of knowledge in negotiation theory and political communication

Acquisition of techniques for the implementation of strategies and political negotiations

2014 - 2016 **Master 2 <<Political Science and International Relations>> - La Sagesse University, Lebanon**

Knowledge acquisition in conflict resolution and mediation

Knowledge acquisition in foreign policy formation and military strategy

The diplomatic profession (its history and practical information)

* Master's thesis: « *The Lebanese Community in Brazil: An Endangered Bridge* »

Supervisor: Dr. Amine Lebbos

2010 - 2014 **Bachelor Degree in Translation and Interpretation – Lebanese International University, Lebanon**

Acquisition of knowledge in legal, technical, scientific, literary, journalistic, political, medical and economic translation

Ability to translate under pressure in consecutive and simultaneous mode

Bachelor thesis entitled: "Dubbed production and its impact"

Supervisor: Ms. Anita Abi Nader

April - Sep 2020 **Level 7 Diploma in Social Sciences (High Distinction) - London Institute of Business Studies**

Communications, Writing, Political Science, Sociology, Statistics, World History (120 Credits)

Awards and Grants

- ✓ Consultant Grant - \$5,000 USD Awarded by Education Development Centre in Lebanon, for the research project: "Analyzing the Macroeconomic Effects of Forced Migration on Lebanon's Economy".
- ✓ Received the Chinese Government Scholarship from the Chinese Scholarship Council to undertake a PhD in International Relations from 2018 to 2021.

Professional Affiliations

- * Director of Research, Publications, and Scientific Studies Board Member at Intelligentsia Center for Research and Studies (ICRS), Beirut, Lebanon (since November 2025)
- * Member of the Arab-Chinese Association for Dialogue and Communication - Responsible for the R&D division, overseeing both research initiatives and the publication of related work (since May 2025)
- * Full member of the British International Studies Association (3 Nov 2024 – 3 Nov 2025)
- * Board member of Paris Center of Business and Investments (since October 2025)
- * Member of the Belt and Road Initiative Research Lab, contributing towards innovative research and providing valuable insights into the impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on the global community (since April 2023)
- * Served as a reviewer for various top-indexed journals, Web of Science, and Scopus. (100+ manuscripts)
- * Head of the Lebanese Community in Wuhan - The gathering of Arab communities in Wuhan, China (October 2020 – October 2021)
- * Member of the International Federation of Arab Journalists and Writers, Friends of China (Since July 2018)

Further Information

- I have numerous publications in top-tier journals and book chapters; details available upon request.
- I've earned various certificates in politics, Chinese affairs, and related domains from esteemed platforms and institutions; course lists and certificate copies are available upon request.
- Participated in multiple high-caliber conferences; further information can be provided upon request.

Languages:

- ✓ **English:** Excellent
- ✓ **Arabic:** Native
- ✓ **French:** Advanced
- ✓ **Spanish & Portuguese:** Conversational
- ✓ **Chinese (Mandarin):** Basic

Technical Proficiencies:

- Excel
- Word
- Microsoft Outlook

Professional Skills:

- Excellent social and communication abilities
- Advanced research capabilities
- Proficient in prioritizing tasks