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Education

London School of Economics and Political Science (2013-2016)

PhD: *Negotiating decline in Cairo's 'old' middle class youth*

Enrolled on 1+3 ESRC Funding Award in the Department of Geography and Environment

London School of Economics and Political Science (2012-2013)

MSc Human Geography and Urban Studies (Research)

Degree Class: Distinction (Results available on request)

Courses included: Contemporary Debates in Human Geography, Urban Ethnography, and Popular Politics in the Middle East.

London School of Economics and Political Science (2009-2012)

BA Human Geography

Degree Class: *First Class with Honours* (Results available on request)

- George and Hilda Ormsby Prize for Best Undergraduate Dissertation in the Department of Geography and Environment: *Living La Vida Gloca': English Language Use by the Young 'Glocal' Middle Class in Cairo*

Publications

Forthcoming: Chapter: 'Iftar in McDonald's: The Everyday Encroachment of Cairo's Young Subaltern Cosmopolitans' in *Contentious Politics in the Middle East*, ed by Fawaz Gerges.

Conference Presentations

- Undergraduate thesis in joint LSE-Cairo University conference (September 2012) on Egypt in the Arab Spring: Perspectives from Economics and Democratisation Studies.
- 'Iftar in McDonald's: The Everyday Encroachment of Cairo's Young Subaltern Cosmopolitans' at LSE Middle East Centre Conference (September 2013): *Contentious Politics in the Middle East*
- 'Dreaming beyond the City: Negotiating Decline in Cairo's 'old' middle class youth' at ESRC interdisciplinary PhD conference, April 2014.

Relevant Work Experience

Centre for Development Services, Cairo (August 2012)

- Working within a team implementing a project funded by GIZ aimed at improving youth participation in informal areas of Cairo.
- Undertaking fieldwork with youth themselves, literature research, formulating capacity assessment tool and monitoring and evaluation table, and writing up strategy report.

Ibdaa Cultural Centre, Dheisheh refugee camp, Bethlehem, Palestine (August 2011)

- Working in a team running the centre and organising projects such as teaching English, performing plays, and dance classes.
- Valuable experience and understanding of the present Palestinian situation and day to day life of refugees through living and talking with them.
- Undertaking an administrative position to aid the running of the office, organising events and funding as well as email correspondence.

Salisbury World refugee charity, North London (Sept 2011-July 2012)

- Volunteering as an Educational Mentor for refugee students at the Capital City Academy and after-school homework club at Salisbury Primary School.
- Helping students to raise confidence, educational attainment and career aspirations.

LSE Events Office Steward (Feb 2012 – present)

- Stewarding LSE public and departmental lectures and events.

Banana Republic, London: Sales-assistant (Sept 2010-July 2012)

- Experience gained working and communicating within a constantly changing team.
- Headed up the stock room team alongside a sales role.

Volunteering

Sadhana Forest, Tamil Nadu, India (reforestation volunteering project) (July 2010)

- Living and working within a small sustainable community of approximately 40 people.
- Reforesting an area of land as part of the wider sustainable living project of Auroville in Pondicherry.
- Working in an administrative role on correspondence and organisation of funding and events.

Activities and Interests

Egypt (July-August 2011 and August-September 2012)

- Three months overall living and working in Cairo. Studied Arabic at the International Language Institute and with a private tutor: I have now acquired level 2 Modern Standard Arabic and an intermediate level in Egyptian dialect, I plan to continue this study.

Student journalism: published an article addressing controversial LSE-Gaddafi connection. Reading both novels and non-fiction, with a specific interest in class formation and contentious politics.

Languages:

Arabic – Upper intermediate
German – Intermediate

IT Skills

Competency in Microsoft Office, email and internet research

Referees upon request