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EDUCATION

- Harvard University** Cambridge, USA
Ph.D. in Urban Planning Expected May 2021
- Harvard University, Graduate School of Design** Cambridge, USA
Master in Design Studies, in Urbanism, Landscape, Ecology (with Distinction) 2014
- Anhalt University of Applied Sciences** Bernburg, Germany
Master of Landscape Architecture 2010
- University of Salford** Salford, UK
Postgraduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (by distance learning) 2005
- University of Helwan, Faculty of Fine Arts** Cairo, Egypt
Bachelor of Architecture 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Urban Theory Lab, Harvard's Graduate School of Design** Cambridge, USA
Research Associate 2012-Present
Project: Extreme Territories of Extended Urbanization: North African and the Middle East, investigating large infrastructure projects supporting extended urbanization in the MENA region.
- Spatial Ethnography Lab, Terreform Center for Advanced Urban Research** New York, USA
Research Associate 2013-Present
Collaborative research and design consultancy developing knowledge, strategy, and media interventions supporting more just, open, and accessible futures. Recent work includes geospatial data creation, public access, and advisement on slum rehabilitation and urban development policy in Mumbai, India.
- Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure, Harvard's Graduate School of Design** Cambridge, USA
Research Assistant 2014
Next Generation Infrastructure for Sustainable Environments: funded by the SURDNA Foundation, research and GIS analysis of water, energy and food infrastructure in the US, investigating distribution, social accessibility, vulnerability to climate change, and synergies fostering sustainable urban futures.
- Sustainable Exuma Lab, Harvard University Graduate School of Design** Cambridge, USA
Research Assistant 2013
Ethnographic fieldwork and research on economic and ecological resilience in Exuma, Bahamas.
Deliverables: a rapid assessment report on the economic resilience of the tourism sector in the Bahamas, and design/planning brief for water infrastructure.
- Ökoplan Engineering Consultants, Ökoplan Landscape** Cairo, Egypt
Lead Senior Landscape Architect 2011-2012

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Harvard University, Cambridge, USA

Teaching Fellow:

Designing the American City: Civic Aspirations and Urban Form; Prof. Alex Krieger, Spring 2016-2019

History and Theory of Urban Interventions; Prof. Neil Brenner, Fall 2016-2018

The Nature of Difference: Theories & Practices of Landscape Architecture; Prof. Anita Berrizbeitia, Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant:

Extreme Territories of Urbanization, Project-Based Seminar; Prof. Neil Brenner 2014

Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Cairo, Egypt

Teaching Assistant: Urban Design Studio - Architectural Design 4; Prof. Heba Abou-Elfadl, Spring 2012

Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Bernburg, Germany

Teaching Fellow: Digital Planning: GIS for Landscape Architects; Prof. Erich Buhmann, 2006-2008

PUBLICATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, LECTURES

"From Human Settlements to Habitat: Notes toward an international history of the first 'Urban Age', 1972-1979"; paper delivered at the workshop: Transforming Cities: Urbanization and International Development Policies in the 'Global South' in the Twentieth Century, Europäische Akademie, Berlin. 11-12 October 2018

12 Instigations for a Becoming Middle East, Group Exhibition: Harvard Graduate School of Design, 2016

"Review of Cultivating the Nile: The Everyday Politics of Water in Egypt." Arab Studies Journal. 24(1), 325-329.

Extreme Territories of Urbanization: Sahara (with Urban Theory Lab led by Neil Brenner)

Exhibition: Radical Urbanism: Towards a New Cartography of the Urban, Shenzhen Biennale, China, 2015-2016

Coastal Membrane: Engineered Flows Across the Nile Delta Estuary (with Vineet Diwadkar), Report to the Department of Landscape Architecture. Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, 2013

Towards the New Urban Commons, Zawia Vol.01 Utopia, 2013

HONORS, AWARDS

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University / Dissertation Research Grant	2019
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University / Graduate Student Fellow	2017-2019
Harvard University, Graduate Society Summer Fellowship	2017
Social Science Research Council / Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship	2016
Aga Khan Fellowship, Harvard University Graduate School of Design	2014-2016
International Studies Association Travel Grant	2014
Harvard University Graduate School of Design: Penny White Prize	2013
Harvard University Graduate School of Design: Paul M. Heffernan Fellowship	2013
Harvard University Graduate School of Design: Full Tuition Fees Grant	2012-2014
Harvard's Graduate School of Design: Committee on General Scholarships, Grant and Stipend	2012-2014
Harvard University Harvard Arab Alumni Association Scholarship Fund	2012-2014
The Zero Award 2012 – in Green Architecture, Cairo: From Amenities to Infrastructure	2012
Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst: Stipend	2006 – 2008

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Native / English: Fluent / French: Intermediate