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Education

- 1998 **PhD, Social Anthropology**
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK
- 1993 **MA, Sociology and Anthropology**
American University in Cairo, Egypt
- 1989 **BA, Middle Eastern Studies and French**
University of Arizona, Tucson, USA
- 1986 **Abitur**
Horkesgath Gymnasium, Krefeld, Germany

Languages German and English (fluent); Arabic and French (working knowledge).

Academic appointments

- 2026 – **Nancy Duke Lewis Chair in Gender Studies and Anthropology**
Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women and Department of Anthropology, Brown University
- 2019 – **Robert Family Professor of Middle East Studies; Professor of Anthropology and Middle East Studies**
2026
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and Department of Anthropology, Brown University
- 2010 – **Professor of Gender Studies**
2018
SOAS, University of London
- 2008 – **Reader in Gender Studies**
2010
SOAS, University of London
- 2007 – **Senior Lecturer in Gender Studies**
2008
Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS, University of London
- 2005 – **Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology**
2007
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter
- 2003 **Visiting Professor in International Women's Studies**
Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany
- 2000 – **Lecturer in Social Anthropology**
2004
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

- 1998 – **Research Fellow**
2000 Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex
- 1996 – **Teaching Fellow**
1998 SOAS, University of London
- 1989 – **Research and Teaching Assistant**
1993 American University in Cairo, Egypt

Leadership and administrative roles

- 2020 – 2024 **Director, Center for Middle East Studies**
Brown University
- 2020 – 2021 **Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Anthropology**
Brown University
- 2017 – 2018 **Head of Doctoral School**
SOAS, University of London
- 2014 – 2018 **Chair, Centre for Gender Studies**
SOAS, University of London
- 2013 – 2016 **President, University and College Union (UCU)**
SOAS branch
- 2011 – 2012 **Equality and Diversity Officer, UCU**
SOAS branch
- 2008 – 2011 **Chair, Centre for Gender Studies**
SOAS, University of London
- 2004 – 2007 **Director of Postgraduate Studies**
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

Research grants and funded projects

- 2024 – **Birkelund Fund for Research**
2025 Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
- 2017 – **Academic mentor, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellowship (with Latif Tas)**
2019 SOAS University of London; Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University; Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. Funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme
- 2012 – **Capacity building of female Iraqi academics, women's rights activists and researchers**
2014 UN Women
- 2010 – **Capacity building amongst Iraqi academics and researchers working on women and gender issues**
2012 Council for Assisting Academic Refugees (CARA) and Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Amman office

- 2010 – **Introducing women and gender studies into higher education in Iraqi Kurdistan**
2011 DelPHE project with Salahaddin University, funded by the British Council
- 2009 – **The roles and challenges of female Iraqi academics in Iraq and in the diaspora**
2011 Council for Assisting Academic Refugees (CARA), Iraq Fellowship Programme
- 2008 – **Perpetrators or victims of violence: Iraqi men and masculinities in the diaspora**
2010 British Academy
- 2005 – **Political transition, reconstruction and the transformation of gender relations in Iraq**
2008 British Academy

Publications

BOOKS

- 2024** (Co-edited with Tunay Altay and Katy Galor) *Resisting Far-Right Politics in the Middle East and Europe: Queer Feminist Perspectives*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- 2019** (Co-edited with Deniz Kandiyoti & Kathryn Spellman) *Gender, Governance & Islam*. Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press.
- 2013** (Co-edited with Deborah Al-Najjar) *We are Iraqis: Aesthetics & Politics in a Time of War*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.
- 2013** *Zhnany Eraq: Chiroke Newtrawekan le 1948-we ta Emro*. National Center For Gender Research: Sulaimaniya, Iraq.
- 2009** (Co-edited with Nicola Pratt) *Women & War in the Middle East: Transnational Perspectives*. Zed: London & New York.
- 2009** (Co-authored with Nicola Pratt) *What kind of Liberation? Women and the Occupation of Iraq*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- 2009** *Irakli Kadınların: Anlatılmayan Öyküsü 1948'Den Bugüne*. Istanbul, Turkey: İLETİŞİM.
- 2009** *Mujeres iraquíes. Historias nunca contadas desde 1948 hasta la actualidad*. Barcelona: Sirpus.
- 2007** *Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present*. Zed: London & New York.
- 2006** *Al-'almaniya, al-naw wa al-dawla fi shark al-awsat: al-haraka al-nissaiya fi' misr*. Cairo, Egypt: Supreme Council of Culture.
- 2002** (Co-edited with Khalid Koser) *New Approaches to Migration: Transnational Communities and the Transformation of Home*. London, New York: Routledge.
- 2000** *Secularism, Gender and the State in the Middle East: The Egyptian Women's Movement*. Cambridge Middle East Studies, Cambridge University Press.
- 1994** *Gender Writing - Writing Gender: The Representation of Women in a Selection of Modern Egyptian Literature*. Cairo: The American University in Cairo Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023** (co-authored with Mashuq Kurt) "From Islamists to Religious Patriots: Intersectional Identities of Religious Kurdish Women". *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 1 November 2023; 19 (3): 357–378. [doi](#)
- 2022** (co-authored with Isabel Kaeser) "Beyond Feminism? Jineoloji and the Kurdish Women's Freedom Movement", *Politics & Gender*, vol. 1, no. 18, 212–243. doi:10.1017/S1743923X20000501.
- 2022** "Film Review: Maysoon Pachachi's "Our River...Our Sky" in Iraq", *Markaz Review*, 05/30/2022.

- 2021** (co-authored with Latif Tas) 'Kurdish women's struggles with gender equality: from ideology to practice', *Third World Quarterly*, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2021.1906642.
- 2020** 'Covid-19 and feminism in the Global South: Challenges, initiatives and dilemmas'. *European Journal of Women's Studies* 2020, Vol. 27(4) 333-347 (open access) [link](#)
- 2019** 'Feminist dilemmas: how to talk about gender-based violence with reference to the Middle East?', *Feminist Review*; Issue 122: 16- 31.
- 2018** (with Latif Tas) 'Clashes, Collaborations & Convergences: Evolving Relations of Turkish and Kurdish feminists', in *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*.
- 2018** 'Sexual violence in Iraq: Challenges for transnational feminist politics.' *European Journal of Women's Studies*. Vol. 25(1): 10-27.
- 2018** (with Latif Tas) 'Dialectics of struggle: challenges to the Kurdish women's movement'. *LSE Middle East Centre Paper Series*, 22. Middle East Centre, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK.
- 2018** (with Latif Tas) 'Reconsidering Nationalism and Feminism: The Kurdish Political Movement in Turkey', in *Nations & Nationalism* 24 (2): 453-473.
- 2017** (with Latif Tas) "'War is like a Blanket...'" Feminist Convergences in Kurdish and Turkish Women's Rights Activism for Peace.' *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, 13 (3)
- 2017** 'Reflections from the other side of the pond', *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, 13 (3)
- 2016** 'How to talk about gender-based violence?', in *Kohl: A Journal for Body and Gender Research*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Summer 2016)
- 2014** 'Reflections on (Counter) Revolutionary Processes in Egypt', in *Feminist Review*, Special issue on Revolutions, No. 6. February 2014: 122-128.
- 2014** 'Potatoes or rice?', in *Feminist Review*, Special issue on Food, 114: 12-13.
- 2013** 'Feminist Dilemmas in (Counter) Revolutionary Egypt', *NORA: Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*, 20th anniversary issue, Autumn 2013.
- 2012** 'Gendering the Arab Spring.' *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication*, 5 (1), pp. 26-31.
- 2011** (with Nicola Pratt) 'Between Nationalism and Women's Rights: The Kurdish Women's Movement in Iraq', in *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication* 4 (2011) 337-353.
- 2011** 'Iraqi Women: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives.' *Orient: German Journal for Politics, Economics and Culture in the Middle East*, 52, pp. 32-38.
- 2011** 'A Feminist Perspective on the Iraq War.' *Works & Days*, 29, pp. 99-114.
- 2011** 'Conspiracy of Near Silence: Violence against Iraqi Women.' *Middle East Report* (MERIP), 258, pp. 34-37.
- 2008** 'Iraqi Women and Gender Relations: Redefining Difference.' *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 35 (3), pp. 405-419.
- 2008** 'The Perils of Forgetting History [Anthropology in Conflict: An Exchange].' *Survival; global politics and strategy*, 50 (3), pp. 151-155.
- 2008** (with Nicola Pratt) 'The Iraqi Women's Movement'. *Feminist Review* 88, Special issue on War, pp. 74-85.
- 2008** (with Nicola Pratt) 'Researching women in post-invasion Iraq: negotiating 'truths' and deconstructing dominant discourses', *Bulletin for Interfaith Studies* (BRIFS), Amman.
- 2007** 'Iraqi Women in Diasporic Spaces: Political Mobilization, Gender & Citizenship', in *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, special issue L'Irak en Perspective, summer 2007, No. 117-118, pp. 137-156.
- 2006** (with Nicola Pratt) 'Women in Iraq: Beyond the Rhetoric', in *MERIP*, June 2006.
- 2005** 'Gendering Reconstruction: Iraqi Women between Dictatorship, wars, sanctions and Occupation in *Third World Quarterly*, vol. 26, no. 4-5, pp. 739-758.

- 2003** 'Gender & Civil Society in the Middle East', in *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 5 (2) July 2003: 216-232.
- 2002** 'Gender relations, transnational ties and rituals amongst Bosnian refugees', in *global networks: a journal of transnational affairs* 2 (3) July 2002: 249-262.
- 2001** 'Refugees and transnationalism: the experience of Bosnians and Eritreans in Europe', *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 7(4), October 2001: 615-634.
- 2001** 'The limits to transnationalism', *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 24 (4) July 2001: 578-600.
- 2000** 'Nationalisms, national identities and nation states: gendered perspectives', in *Nations & Nationalism* vol. 6, part 4 (October 2000): 631-638.
- 2000** 'Women and Sanctions in Iraq', in *Economic Sanctions on Iraq*. Published conference proceedings by CASI. Cambridge University Press.
- 1999** 'Inside\Out: the Native and the Halfie Unsettled', joined paper with Heba El-Kholy. *Cairo Papers of Social Science* 22 (2): 14-40. Cairo: The American University in Cairo Press.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2022** 'COVID-19 and Feminism in the Middle East: Challenges, Initiatives, and Dilemmas', in *COVID and Gender in the Middle East*, ed. Rita Stephan, University of Texas Press.
- 2022** 'Women's Movements in the Middle East', *Routledge Handbook on Women in the Middle East*, eds. Suad Joseph and Zeina Zaatari, Routledge, pp. 212-220.
- 2020** 'Iraqi Women's Agency: From Political Authoritarianism to Sectarianism and Islamist Militancy', in Rita Stephan & Mounira Charrad (eds). *Women Rising: In And Beyond The Arab Spring*. New York: New York University Press, pp. 98-106.
- 2019** 'Iraq: Gendering violence, sectarianisms and authoritarianism', in Deniz Kandiyoti, Nadjie Al-Ali & Kathryn Spellman (eds), *Gender, Governance & Islam*. Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press.
- 2019** (co-authored with Ghiwa Sayegh). 'Feminist and Queer Perspectives on West Asia', in *Queer Asia* (eds.) Jonathan Daniel Luther & Jennifer Ung Loh. London & New York: Zed Books.
- 2018** 'Arab Family Studies: Iraq', in *Arab Family Studies: Critical Reviews*, ed. by Suad Joseph, Syracuse: University of Syracuse Press.
- 2018** 'Memory, History and Contestations in present-day Iraq', in Katrina Srigley, Stacey Zembrzycki, and Franca Iacovetta (eds). *Beyond Women's Words: Feminisms and the Practices of Oral History in the Twenty-First Century*. London & New York: Routledge, pp. 137-148.
- 2017** 'Foreword.' In: *The Political Thought of Abdullah Öcalan: Kurdistan, Women's Revolution and Democratic Confederalism*. London: Pluto Press, vii-xvii. (Politics)
- 2016** 'Gender, protest and political transition in the Middle East and North Africa.' In: Steans, Jill and Tepe-Belfrage, Daneila, (eds.), *Handbook on Gender in World Politics*. Cheltenham, UK; Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar, pp. 127-136. (International Handbooks on Gender series)
- 2016** (with Nicola Pratt) 'Positionalities, intersectionalities and transnational feminism in researching women in post-invasion Iraq', in Annick Wibben, ed. *Research War: Feminist Methods, Ethics and Politics*, London and New York: Routledge, 2016.
- 2013** 'Introduction: Writing Trauma, Memory and Materiality', with Deborah Al-Najjar, in Al-Ali, Nadjie & Deborah Al-Najjar (eds) *We are Iraqis: Aesthetics & Politics in a Time of War*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.
- 2012** 'The Iraqi Women's Movement: Past and Contemporary Perspectives', in *Mapping Arab Women's Movements: A Century of Transformations from Within*, ed. by Pernille Arenfeldt & Nawar Al-Hassan Golley. Cairo: The American University in Cairo Press.
- 2011** 'Iraq's Triple Challenge: State, Nation, and Democracy,' with Nicola Pratt, in Burnell, Peter and Randall, Vicky and Rakner, Lise, (eds.), *Politics in the Developing World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 406-416.

- 2010** 'The War on Terror and Women's Rights in Iraq,' in Robben, Antonius C.G.M., (ed.), *Iraq at a Distance: What Anthropologists Can teach us About the War*. University of Pennsylvania Press, pp. 57-79.
- 2010** 'Diasporas and gender,' in Knott, Kim and McLoughlin, Sean, (eds.), *Diasporas: Concepts, Intersections, Identities*. London & New York: Zed Books, pp. 118-122.
- 2007** 'Gender, Diasporas and Post-cold War Conflict', in Hazel Smith (ed.) *Diasporas and Post-Cold War Conflict*, Washington: United States Institute for Peace & United Nations University.
- 2006** 'The Enemy of my Enemy of not my Friend: Women's Rights, Occupation and 'Reconstruction' in Iraq', in Nira Yuval-Davis, Kalpana Kannabiran and Ulrike M. Vieten (eds.) *Situating the Politics of Belonging*. London & New York: Routledge.
- 2004** 'Secular Women's Activism in Contemporary Egypt', in Ayeasha Imam, Jenny Morgan & Nira Yuval-Davis (eds.) *Warning Signs of Fundamentalisms*. London: Women Living Under Muslim Law, pp. 147-154.
- 2003** 'Gender Relations and Transnational Ties among Bosnian Refugees', in Deborah Bryceson (ed.) *Forging New Frontiers in Europe: Transnational Families and their Global Networks*. Oxford & New York: Berg Publishers.
- 2003** 'Women and Economic Sanctions in Iraq', in Shams Inati (ed.) *Iraq: History, People and Politics*. Philadelphia: Prometheus Press.
- 2003** 'A mirror of political culture in Egypt', Kienle, Eberhard (ed.): *Politics from Above, Politics from Below: The Middle East in the Age of Economic Reform*. London: Al-Saqi Publications.
- 2003** 'Teen Life in Iraq', in Akbar Mahdi (ed.) *Teenagers in the Middle East*. Westport: Greenwood Publishing.
- 2002** "Transnationalism, international migration and home", in Nadjé Al-Ali & Khalid Koser *New Approaches to Migration: Transnational Communities and the Transformation of Home*, London, New York: Routledge.
- 2002** "Trans- or a-national: Bosnian refugees in the UK and the Netherlands", in Nadjé Al-Ali & Khalid Koser *New Approaches to Migration: Transnational Communities and the Transformation of Home*, London, New York: Routledge.
- 2002** 'Self and Generation: Formative Experiences of Egyptian Women Activists'. Mary Anne Faye (ed.). *Women's Biographies in the Middle East*, New York: St. Martin's Press.
- 2000** 'We Are Not Feminists: Egyptian Women's Rights Activists On Feminism'. Cynthia Nelson & Shahnaz Rouse (eds.) *Globalization And the Indigenization of Knowledge Debate: Comparative Perspectives*, University of Florida Press.
- 1997** 'Feminism and Contemporary Debates in Egypt', in Dawn Chatty and Anika Rabo (eds.) *Women Organized in Groups in the Middle East: formal and informal groups*. Oxford & New York: Berg Publishers.

POLICY REPORTS AND WORKING PAPERS

- 2018** Report on strategies to exit violence in the Middle East. International Panel on Exiting Violence (IPEV); Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme (FMSH), Paris.
- 2017** 'Expert report on political situation in Turkey'. Westminster Crown Court, London.
- 2016** Arab Human Development Report 2016: Youth and the prospects for human development in changing reality. UNDP (coordinated chapter on women and gender) [link](#)
- 2017** 'Expert report on political and humanitarian situation in Iraqi Kurdistan'. Westminster Crown Court, London.
- 2013** Review of the June 2013 Country of Origin Report & Country Guidance Notes on Iraq, commissioned by the Independent Advisory Group on Country Information (IAGCI) and Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration.
- 2012** (with Irada Al-Jeboury, Inass Al-Enezy, Inass and Huda Al-Dujaili) 'Female Iraqi Academics In Post-Invasion Iraq: Roles, Challenges & Capacities'. London.
- 2012** (with Muzha Muhammed, Hataw Kareem, Dlaram Salih, and Kawther Akreyi) 'Female Iraqi Academics In Iraqi Kurdistan: Roles, Challenges & Capacities.' London: SOAS.

- 2011** Review of the March 2011 Iraq Country of Origin Report, commissioned by the Independent Advisory Group on Country Information (IAGCI)
- 2006** Commentary on Home Office Iraq Country Information Report, October 2006; prepared for the Advisory Panel on Country Information (APCI)
- 2005** (with Anita Fabos & Orob El-Abed) Middle East. Developing DFID's Policy Approach to Refugees. Oxford: Refugee Studies Centre; London: DFID.
- 2002** 'The Women's Movement in Egypt with Selected References to Turkey', Civil Society and Social Movement Series. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. Commissioned Report. Geneva: UNRSID.

SELECTED ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- 2016** (with Ayla Akat and Latif Tas) 'Kurds and Turks are at the edge of a cliff', Interview. Open Democracy. [link](#)
- 2016** (with Gultan Kisanak and Latif Tas) 'Kurdish women's battle continues against state and patriarchy, says first female co-mayor of Diyarbakir'. Interview. Open Democracy. [link](#)
- 2016** (with Zahra Ali & Isabel Marler) 'Reflections on Authoring the Chapter on Young Women for the 2016 Arab Human Development Report', Jadaliyya. [link](#)
- 2016** 'Professor Al-Ali Slams Government of Turkey over Peace Petition'. Bianet. [link](#)
- 2014** 'Sexualized violence in Iraq: how to understand and fight it'. Open Democracy. [link](#)
- 2014** 'Egyptian sexual harassment activists battle growing acceptance of violence'. The Conversation. [link](#)
- 2013** 'Iraq: gendering authoritarianism'. Open Democracy. [link](#)

Selected keynotes and invited lectures

- 'The entanglements of feminism and nationalism in the Middle East', annual gender studies lecture, Department of Gender Studies, University of Marburg, June 2026.
- "Beyond Exceptionalism and Area Studies: Transnational Feminist Perspectives on Anti-Gender/Feminist Discourses and Politics"; IRW Distinguished Lecture Series 2025-6 "Feminism, Academic Freedom, and Democracy." Rutgers University, Monday, October 13, 2025.
- Invited lecture. "Transnational feminist perspectives on anti-gender discourses and politics". University of Bern, Switzerland. 18 March 2025.
- Keynote: "Anti-Genderism in the Middle East", Conference entitled: Anti-Feminism and Anti-Gender Politics in Authoritarian Regimes: The Role of the State, Religion and Feminist Counter-strategies in the Near and Middle East and Eastern Europe, University of Marburg (Germany) 21-23 June 2023.
- Invited annual lecture: "Feminist Dilemmas and Ambivalences: Gendered and queer perspectives on the Middle East". British Middle East Studies Association, 17 November 2022. [video](#)
- Keynote: 'Beyond Academia: Transnational Feminist, and Queer Perspectives on the Middle East', German Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Berlin 09/13/2022.
- Invited lecture: "Reconstructing Gender: Iraqi Women between Dictatorship, War, Sanctions and Occupation", 27 May 2022; Duke University.
- Invited lecture: "Gender, Violence and Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Transnational Feminist Perspectives", Florida State University, 7 April 2022.
- Invited lecture: "Beyond feminism and nationalism: Reflections on Kurdish women's activism", Rutgers University, April 6 2022.
- Keynote: 'Beyond Backlash: Global Feminist Contestations', keynote at conference 'Conflicts over Women's and Gender Rights: Ambivalences and Contradictions'; University of Bielefeld, 11 March 2022.
- Keynote: 'The Politics of Gender: Transnational Feminist Perspectives', annual Political science conference, AUC, Cairo, 1 March 2022.

Invited lecture: Women and gender in Iraq, The Iraqi Society, University of Exeter, 1 February 2022.

'Gendering Protest and Revolutionary Moments: the significance of body politics in the Middle East', University of Wisconsin Madison, November 2021.

"Women, violence, and exiting from violence with a gendered approach", Sweet Briar College, October 2021.

"Reflecting on the costs of war in the Middle East", The Costs of War project, Brown University, September 2021.

"Human rights and political change in America and in the Middle East since 9/11", American University, September 2021.

"Feminist anti-imperialism", Panel discussion on the new internationalism, The Nation magazine, May 2021.

Women in the MENA Region Before and After the Arab Spring, Foundation Maison des Sciences de l'homme (Paris) and Carnegie Corporation (New York), May 2021.

'Transnational Feminism in the Middle East', Gender and Sexualities Studies Institute, The New School, April 2021.

'Reflections on Academic Freedom in Global Perspective', 30th Annual Davis, Markert and Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture, University of Michigan, February 2021.

"Space and Time: Crowds, Bodies, Affects". Global Uprising series, Hagop Kevorkian Center, NYU, February 2021.

'Rethinking Orientalism: Gender, Body Politics and Authoritarianism in the Middle East'. Rutgers – Newark, November 2018.

'Gendering Activism: Rethinking Power, Authoritarianism and Resistance'; invited keynote at Connecting Resistances in West Asia, North Africa and Europe; Al-Sharq and Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin, October 2018.

'Feminist Dilemmas: How to talk about gender-based violence in the Middle East'; invited lecture at Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS University of London, October 2018.

'Feminism in Crisis? Gender and the Arab Public Sphere', invited keynote address, AUB, Beirut, 18-19 January 2018.

'Queering Ethnoheterogenesis in transnational perspective: (De) ethnicising Muslim migrants', invited keynote at Ethnoheterogenesis: The dialectics of hetero- and homogenization in processes of ethnic framing and membership; Hannover, Germany, 14 December 2017.

'Defining the Contours of Activist Scholarship in Human Rights', invited keynote at conference on Activist Scholarship in Human Rights: New Challenges, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, June 2017.

'Transformation(s) in the Middle East and Beyond: Transnational Feminist Perspectives and Dilemmas', invited keynote at conference on Political transformations – transformations of the political: feminist perspectives. University of Frankfurt, Germany, October 2016.

'Gendered perspectives on refugees and refuge', invited lecture, German-Jewish Centre, University of Sussex, Brighton, 20 June 2016.

'Gendering migration & diasporas', keynote at Dutch anthropological association, Utrecht, 20 May 2016.

'Body politics and gendered resistance in the MENA region: A Focus on Egypt and the Turkish-Kurdish conflict,' invited keynote at Athens Biennale, May 2016.

'Between authoritarianism and radical democracy: Women's rights struggles in the Middle East', invited lecture; The Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; Seminar Series: Current Issues in Anthropology; 19 May 2016.

'Protest, Body Politics and Authoritarianism: A gendered perspective on Political developments in the Middle East.', invited lecture, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, March 2016.

'Identity & Political Mobilization of Diasporas', keynote lecture; Jewish Community Centre, Duisburg, Germany; 21 April 2015.

'Gendering protest and authoritarianism in the Middle East', keynote, Italian Association of Middle East Studies, Venice, Italy, January 2015.

'Iraq 10 years after', invited keynote at "Gertrude Bell in Iraq", British Academy, September 2013.

'Revolutionary Moments – Reactionary Processes: A Feminist Reflection on Protest, Mobilization and Change in the Middle East', invited keynote address at bi-Annual Feminist & Women's Studies Association (FWSA) University of Nottingham, June 2013.

'Gendering revolutionary and counter-revolutionary processes in Egypt', invited keynote lecture, University of Bergen, Norway, June 2013.

'Transnational Feminism in the Middle East', invited keynote lecture at "Grounding Cosmopolitanism: Theory and Practice through the Prism of Women's Rights", Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, Turkey, March, 2013.

'Gendering Rage: Protest, Cultural Productions, and the Making of New Men and Women in the Middle East', invited keynote lecture, Yale University, New Haven, US, April 2013.

'Gendering protest and authoritarianism', invited keynote, 8th European feminist conference, May 2012.

'Public places, alternative spaces', invited lecture at "Women Making Democracy", Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, US, March 2012.

'Conspiracy of Silence: Gender-based violence in Iraq', invited lecture at World Affairs Council, Colorado Springs, US, October 2011.

'Iraqi Women between Dictatorship, Sanctions, Wars and Occupation', invited lecture, Colorado College, Colorado Spring, US, October 2011.

'The Iraqi Kurdish Women's Movement', invited lecture, The Women's Empowerment Organization, Erbil; September 2011.

'The Iraqi Women's Movement: past and contemporary Perspectives', invited lecture, University of Jordan, Center for Women's Studies & KAS, September 2011.

'Gendering the Iraqi State', invited conference paper, Memory & Conceptualizations of the Iraq nation, University of Maryland, 1&2 May, 2010.

'Gendering Memory & Resistance in Iraq', invited lecture, Centre for Middle East Studies, Duke University, 22 March 2010.

'What kind of Liberation? Women and the Occupation of Iraq', invited lecture, Department of History, University of North Carolina, 20 March, 2010.

'What kind of Liberation? Women and the Occupation in Iraq', invited lecture, Centre for Middle East Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, February 13, 2009.

'What kind of Liberation? Women and the Occupation in Iraq', invited lecture, Centre for Near and Middle East Studies, University of Berkeley, Berkeley, February 12 2009.

'The Iraqi Women's Movement Post-Invasion', invited lecture, Women and Gender Studies department, University of Berkeley, Berkeley, February 10 2009.

'Narrating the Nation, Trauma & War: Representing Iraqi Women's Memories', invited keynote, International Symposium Cultural Voices of a Fragmented Nation: War, Trauma, and Remembrance in Contemporary Iraq, University of Marburg, December 2008.

'Gendering War & Violence in Iraq: Historical Context & Contemporary Perspectives', invited lecture, University of Venice, January 2008.

'Gender and Conflict in Iraq', keynote speech at "Transformations in the Middle East", workshop organized by Free University of Berlin, Department of Politics, 12-15 December, 2007.

'What kind of Liberation? Iraqi Women and the Occupation', invited lecture, Centre for Middle East Studies, Harvard, Boston 5 November 2007.

'Iraqi Women between Dictatorship, Wars and Sanctions', invited lecture at Williams College, Williamstown, 6 November 2007.

'Iraqi Women and War', Invited lecture at conference on Women and War, organized by department of women's studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 24-26 October 2007.

'Gender and Political Transition in Iraq post 2003', Boston Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights, Boston, April 2007.

'What kind of Liberation? Iraqi Women Post 2003', invited lecture, Harvard School of Governance, Harvard University, Boston, April 2007.

'Iraqi Women: Untold Stories', invited lecture, Sarah Lawrence College, NY, April 2007.

'Iraqi Women: Past and Present', invited lecture, Visiting Speakers Series, Ohio State University, April 2007.

'Iraqi Women: Untold Stories', invited lecture, Denison University, Ohio, April 2007.

'What kind of liberation? Iraqi Women and Occupation', invited lecture at Middle Eastern Studies Seminar, University of Manchester, January 2007.

'Political Mobilization of Iraqi Diaspora Women', invited lecture at Institute for International Integration Studies (IIIS); IIIS Speakers Series, University of Dublin.

'Iraqi Women and Gender Relations post- 2003', invited lecture at Centre for Gender Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), November 2006.

'Iraqi Women under Occupation', invited paper presented at Emory Symposium "The Iraq War and the Wider Conflict", Emory University, Atlanta, November 2006.

'Iraqi Women, Past and Present', invited lecture at Drew College, Madison, New Jersey, November 2006.

'Iraqi Women: Untold Stories from 1948 to the Present', invited lecture at Birkbeck College, London, October 2006, Visiting Speakers series.

'Political Mobilization of Iraqi Diaspora Women', invited paper presented at conference entitled 'Gender & Empire, AUC, Cairo, June 2006.

'Iraqi Women, Citizenship and Transnational Migration', Paper presented at MESA (Middle East Studies Association of North America), Washington DC, November 2005.

'Iraqi Women: Past and Future Perspectives', Paper presented at conference entitled 'Iran & Iraq: Past and Future Perspectives', University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

'The role of Iraqi women in the diaspora', invited lecture at COMPAS Lecture series, University of Oxford, May 2005.

'Iraqi Women between Dictatorship, sanctions, war and occupation', invited lecture at The Middle East Studies Centre, University of Arizona, Tucson, April 2005.

'Gender and Transnationalism', invited lecture at The Middle East Studies Centre, University of Arizona, Tucson, April 2005.

'Iraqi Women and Reconstruction', invited Key Note Speech at Graduation of Women's Studies Department, San Diego State University, April 2005.

'Iraqi Women between Dictatorship, sanctions, war and occupation', invited lecture at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 2005.

'Working Woman, Mother of the Nation or Prostitute?' Iraqi Women and Constructions of Identity", invited paper presented at conference entitled "Iraq" Concepts of Self and Other", Amman, Jordan, January 2005.

'Gender and Political Mobilization of Diasporas', invited paper presented at workshop entitled "Political Mobilization of Post-Cold War Diasporas", United States Institute for Peace & University of Tokyo, September 2004, Macau.

'Constructions of Gender Identities in Iraq', Paper presented at workshop entitled "War and Reconstruction in Africa and the Middle East", September 2003, Ahfad University, Khartoum, Sudan.

'Women and Gender Relations in Iraq', invited lecture at University of Bochum, July 2003.

'The Impact of War and Sanctions on Women and Gender in Iraq', invited lecture at Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin, April 2003.

Conferences and panels organised

- 'Decolonizing Kurdish Studies', joint workshop organized with Center for Middle East Studies at Yale University, October 22 2021.
- 'Queer Feminist Perspectives on Political Homophobia and Anti-Feminism in the Middle East and Europe', joint conference organized with Humboldt University (Berlin), 24-25 September 2021.
- 'Comparative Feminist Reflections on War & Peace'; conference organization, Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS University of London 13 & 14 October 2017.
- 'Gendered Critical Kurdish Studies: Beyond nationalism, statehood and identity', panel organised for International Kurdish Studies conference, University of Exeter, June 2017.
- 'Gender and Governance in Muslim Contexts', workshop organised at Aga Khan University, London 10-11 February 2017.
- 'Politicised Sexualities, Marginalised Histories', organised conference on Sexuality in Southwest Asia and North Africa (SWANA), Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS University of London, February 2017.
- 'Gender & Authoritarianism in the Middle East', joint workshop between and Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS; Centre for Middle East Studies, University of Indiana, Bloomington, April 2014.
- 'Gendering the Transnational in War, Peace-Building and Post-conflict Reconstruction: The case of Iraq & Palestine', panel organised at MESA, Boston, November 2009.
- 'Contemporary Iraqis: Cultural Voices of Resistance', round table organised at MESA, Montreal, Canada, November 2007.
- 'The Study of the Arab World in Western Universities', workshop organised at SOAS University of London, December 2008.
- 'Citizenship, Gender and Conflict in the Middle East', panel organised at MESA, Washington DC, November 2005.
- '(Re)construction, Gender, and Transnationalism in the Middle East', panel organised at MESA, Boston, November 2004.
- "Transnational Migration, Generation and Gender", workshop organized at the annual international conference of Mediterranean Studies, European University Institute, Florence, March 2002.
- "Orientalism Reconsidered". International conference with Edward Said & Mohammed Arkoun, conference organized at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, April 2001.

Teaching

BROWN UNIVERSITY

- Anthropological methodology & methods
- Gender & Sexuality in the Middle East
- Transnational Feminist Mobilization & Knowledge Production
- Gendering Migration & Diasporas

SOAS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

- Gender Theory and the Study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East
- Gender in the Middle East (PG)
- Gender & Sexuality in the Middle East
- Gendering Migration & Diasporas
- PhD students' research methods seminar in Gender Studies

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

- Anthropology of Islam (UG)
- Ethnography of the Middle East (UG)
- Gender & Identity of the Middle East (UG & PG)
- Research methods (PGR)

Doctoral supervision

Doctoral students awarded PhDs under my primary supervision.

- 2026 **Annabelle Sutor**
The bycatch market and the jele para: fishing ecologies, gender and economies in an Indian Ocean port-city
- 2023 **Anar Parikh**
Getting out the vote in South Asian Chicago
- 2019 **Michelle Lokot**
Contestations of gender amongst Syrian refugees in Jordan
- 2018 **Isabel Kaeser**
Militarism, feminism and the Kurdish women's movement
- 2018 **Haje Keli**
Gender-based violence in Iraqi Kurdistan
- 2017 **Valeria Dessi**
Political protest and body politics in Egypt
- 2016 **Zahra Ali**
Women, nationalism and political authoritarianism in Iraq
- 2016 **Rouba Mhassein**
Marriage and labour force participation in Beirut
- 2014 **Muna Hersi**
Gender-based violence in Somaliland
- 2014 **Lara Momesso**
Transnational marriage migration
- 2013 **Katherine Natanel**
Gendered political activism and apathy in Israel
- 2013 **Marta Pietrobelli**
Gender mainstreaming and NGOs in Jordan
- 2013 **Leyli Benhabani**
Transnational feminism amongst Iranian women
- 2011 **Julia Droeber**
Jordanian women and citizenship rights
- 2010 **Yasmin Hamdan**
The impact of economic sanctions on Iraqi women

2004 **Ikran Eum**
Globalization and weddings in Cairo

Professional service and memberships

- Advisory board member of *kohl: a journal of body & gender research*
- Associate Editor of *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)*
- Member of Middle East Studies Association of Northern America
- Advisory board member of the German Orient Institute, Beirut, Lebanon, 2018-2020
- Elected board director of Middle East Studies Association (MESA) – 2012-2015
- Elected member of board of Association for Middle East Women (AMEWS) - 2012-
- Former President of Association for Middle East Women (AMEWS), 2010-2012

Selected interviews, media and public engagement

- 2022** Choices program: Feminism in the Middle East. [link](#)
- 2022** Talk with Hammi: Part 1: Feminism in the Middle East, Women's Rights Across the Arab World, Part 2: Feminism in the Middle East, Women's Rights Across the Arab World. [video](#) [video](#)
- 2022** "Women's Activism in the Middle East"; Berlin Mideast Podcasts. [link](#)
- 2022** 'Women's protests in Iran' [link](#)
- 2018** Interview – Feminist Freedom Warriors: In conversation with Profs Chandra Mohanty & Linda Carty. [video](#)
- 2016** Interview – Nadjé Al-Ali. E-International Relations. [link](#)
- 2016** 'Gendering the Kurdish-Turkish conflict and attempts at peace: a talk with Nadjé Al-Ali' [video](#)
- 2015** 'An Iraqi professor on a Gender Studies international stage'. Al Arabiya News. [link](#)
- 2014** 'Gender, Violence & Minorities' [video](#)
- 2013** 'Nadjé Al-Ali on Women and War in the Middle East' [link](#)
- 2013** 'Iraqi Women Before And After The 2003 Invasion, Interview With Prof Nadjé Al-Ali Univ of London'. Musings on Iraq. [link](#)
- 2012** 'Gendering (Counter) Revolutions in the Middle East, Professor Nadjé Al-Ali (SOAS)' [video](#)
- 2012** 'Narrating the Arab Spring' [video](#)
- 2011** 'Transnational feminist journeys to and from the Middle East', Inaugural lecture. [video](#)
- 2010** 'Women and War in the Middle East' [video](#)
- 2009** The battle against brutality. The Guardian. [link](#)