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EDUCATION

University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, United Kingdom

PhD in Political Linguistics (with a specific focus on Jordan), 2015-'20.

Thesis Title: *Carnavalesque Politics and Popular Resistance: A Bakhtinian Reading of Contemporary Jordanian Political Humour*

Supervisory Committee: Dr Maggie Bowers (First Supervisor), Professor Graham Spencer (Second Supervisor), and Dr Natalya Vince (Third Supervisor).

University of Central Lancashire, Preston, United Kingdom

Master of Arts in English Language and Literature, 2011-'12.

Dissertation Title: *The Poetry of Mahmoud Darwish: A Study of the Three Developmental Phases of His Poetic Career* (Published, Lampert Academic Publishing, 2012).

Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan

Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, 2002-'06

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Barahmeh, Y., & Fray, J. (Forthcoming, 2025). Choosing Jordanianness: The dialogic construction of Jordanian identity discourse on nationhood and belonging, Special issue on “Nationhood in the Middle East: Jordan as a Case Study,” *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*.

Medfouni, I., & Barahmeh, Y. (Forthcoming, 2025). From language shifting to hybridity: The views about Tamazight in higher education in postcolonial Algeria, Special issue on “Hybridity and What It Means for Amazigh Language, Culture, and Literature,” *Journal of Amazigh Studies*.

Barahmeh, Y. (2024). The collective and individual expressions of humour in social media spaces: insights from the socio-political context of Jordan after the 2011 Arab Spring. *The European Journal of Humour Research*, 12(2), 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.7592/EJHR.2024.12.2.879>

Barahmeh, Y. (2023). Identity politics and ethnic humour in contemporary Jordan. *The European Journal of Humour Research*, 11(3), 72–87. <https://doi.org/10.7592/EJHR.2023.11.3.786>

Barahmeh, Y. (2023). Are Jordanians (still) 'humourless'? *The European Journal of Humour Research*, 11(1), 201–211.

<https://doi.org/10.7592/EJHR.2023.11.1.751>

Barahmeh, Y., & Fray, J. (2023). 'Every one of you is now a soldier': War metaphors in Jordanian official discourse during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Contemporary Levant*, 8(1), 87-99.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/20581831.2022.2140938>

Barahmeh, Y. (2023). Laughing at revolutionary times: the socio-linguistic and pragmatic functions of Jordanian political humour after the Arab Spring. *Contemporary Levant*, 8(1), 100-114.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/20581831.2022.2105053>

RESEARCH AND TRANSLATION EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Dr Daniel Shepherd's research project [Social Networks and Schooling Outcomes among Refugees and Host Students](#), Columbia University, United States, February-June 2022.

Research Associate (Translator) for Dr Katarzyna Falecka's Exhibition Essay [Beyond Metaphor: Women and War](#), Apexart, New York, United States, April 2021.

Research Associate (Translator) for FiLiA's podcast [Making Feminist History Visible: Women's Archives and Records](#), July 2021.

Research Associate (Translator) for Dr Natalya Vince's project [Generation Independence: A people's history](#), University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom, July 2019-January 2020.

Nursing Interpreter, Northwest Armed Forces Hospitals, Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, January 2007–July 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of English Language and Literature, Isra University, Amman, Jordan, September 2020 – Present.

Senior English Language Teacher, Technical and Vocational Training Corporation, Turbah, Saudi Arabia, October 2013 – January 2016.

English Language Teacher, Ministry of Education, Jordan, Aqaba and Irbid, September 2008 – June 2011.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

I have presented the substance of my research and ideas to date at the following international conferences:

No sharp turns: Neutrality in Jordanian media discourse on the 2022 Russia-Ukraine war, *the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*, Lancaster University, United Kingdom, 1–3 July 2024.

‘Every one of you is now a soldier’: War metaphors in Jordanian official discourse during the Covid-19 pandemic, *the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*, University of St Andrews, United Kingdom, 4–6 July 2022.

Political humour, neoliberal reforms, and popular resistance in Jordan after the Arab Spring, *The politics of everyday contestation in the Arab world*, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, 17–18 June 2022.

Carnavalesque politics in Jordanian political humour after the Arab Spring, *On laughter*, Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London, United Kingdom, 10–12 July 2019.

Carnavalesque political humour in Jordan after the Arab Spring, *Politics and popular culture in the Middle East: Power and resistance post–2011*, University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom, 7–8 May 2019.

The use of humour in Jordanian society after the Arab Spring, *the International Society for Humour Studies*, Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia, 25–29 June 2018.

The politics of humour and satire in post-Arab spring Jordan, *the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*, King’s College, London, United Kingdom, 25–28 June 2018.

Jordanian humour and the Arab Spring, *the Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies*, Doha, Qatar, 24–26 March 2018.

Carnavalesque satire in contemporary Jordanian satirical literature, *the 16th international Bakhtin conference*, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 6–10 September 2017.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

I have been invited to review manuscripts for the following academic journals:

- *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 2024.
- *Politics, Religion & Ideology*, 2024.
- *Contemporary Levant*, 2023.
- *The European Journal of Humour Research*, 2023 & 2024.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- The British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES).

REFERENCES

Dr Natalya Vince, Associate Professor of Modern History and the Francophone World, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. Email: natalya.vince@univ.ox.ac.uk

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