

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, United Kingdom

PhD in Political Linguistics (with a specific focus on Jordan after the Arab Spring), 2015–2020

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), Dr Natalya Vince (Third Supervisor)

University of Central Lancashire, Preston, United Kingdom

Master of Arts in English Language and Literature, 2011–2012

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

Supervisor: Dr Robin Purves, Senior Lecturer in English Literature.

Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan

Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, 2002–2006

Research Project Title: *Zelda Fitzgerald: The First Flapper of the Jazz Age*

Supervisor: Dr Suzanne Ramadan, Associate Professor of American Literature

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Barahmeh, Y., & Fras, J. (Forthcoming Spring/Summer 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*.
 - 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>
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- 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., & Fras, 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>
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FEATURED RESEARCH AND MEDIA MENTIONS

- **Research Profile on Humour Studies in Jordan**, *Australasian Humour Studies Network* (March 2025). https://ahsnhumourstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/AHSN_Digest_Mar2025.pdf
 - **Featured Research** – *British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES)*. <https://www.brismes.ac.uk/featured-research>
 - **Featured Book** – *The Poetry of Mahmoud Darwish in Ad-Dustor* (Jordanian newspaper, Arabic, November 2012). <https://shorturl.at/INVyU>
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RESEARCH AND TRANSLATION EXPERIENCE

- **Research Associate (Translator)**, *Philosophizing Between Worlds: Abdelkader Beyond the Western Canon*, Dr Mohamed Amer Meziane's Project, Brown University, United States (December 2024 – Present).
 - **Research Associate (Translator)**, *Social Networks and Schooling Outcomes Among Refugees and Host Students*, Dr Daniel Shepherd's Project, Columbia University, United States (February – June 2022).
 - **Research Associate (Translator)**, *Beyond Metaphor: Women and War*, Exhibition Essay, Dr Katarzyna Falęcka's Project, Apexart, New York, United States (April 2021).
 - **Research Associate (Translator)**, *Making Feminist History Visible: Women's Archives and Records*, FiLiA Podcast Series, United Kingdom (July 2021).
 - **Research Associate (Translator)**, *Generation Independence: A People's History*, Dr Natalya Vince's Project, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom (July 2019 – January 2020).
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Professional Experience

Nursing Interpreter

Northwest Armed Forces Hospital, Tabuk, Saudi Arabia

January 2007 – July 2008

- Provided interpretation services between patients and medical staff, ensuring effective communication in medical settings.
 - Assisted in translating medical terminology and patient information between Arabic and English.
 - Supported nursing staff with their mission and non-medical duties at workstations.
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Linguistics

Department of English Language and Literature & Department of Translation, Isra University, Amman, Jordan

September 2020 – Present

- Teach courses in linguistics, introduction to English literature, the novel, drama, general translation, contrastive grammar between Arabic and English, and language studies and skills across both departments.
- Serve as an internal examiner for master's theses on all topics related to linguistics and critical discourse analysis.
- Participate in cross-departmental committees on quality assurance, website development, and curriculum design.

Senior English Language Teacher

Technical and Vocational Training Corporation, Turbah, Saudi Arabia

October 2013 – January 2016

- Teach courses in communication skills, technical English, and English for specific purposes.

English Language Teacher

Ministry of Education, Jordan (Aqaba and Irbid)

September 2008 – June 2011

- Teach English language courses to primary and high school students in public schools.
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CONFERENCE PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS

- *Far-right Politics and Populist Political Humour in Jordan During and After the 2011 Arab Uprisings*, Accepted for Presentation at the *International Society of Humor Studies 2025 Conference*, Krakow, Poland, 7–11 July 2025.
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- *Choosing Jordanianness: The Dialogic Construction of Jordanian Identity Discourse on Nationhood and Belonging*, Accepted for Presentation at the *British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*, Newcastle University, UK, 1–3 July 2025.
- *From Language Shifting to Hybridity: Views about Tamazight in the Scientific Higher Education of Postcolonial Algeria*, Accepted for Presentation at the *Global Linguistics – Local Identities: Exploring Cultural Hybridity Conference*, Gulf University for Science and Technology, Kuwait, 15–16 April 2025.
- *No Sharp Turns: Neutrality in Jordanian Media Discourse on the 2022 Russia-Ukraine War*, 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*, 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*, Workshop on 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*, Workshop 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*, International Society for Humour Studies, Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia, 25–29 June 2018.
- *The Politics of Humour and Satire in Post-Arab Spring Jordan*, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, King’s College, London, United Kingdom, 25–28 June 2018.
- *Jordanian Humour and the Arab Spring*, Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar, 24–26 March 2018.
- *Carnavalesque Satire in Contemporary Jordanian Satirical Literature*, 16th International Bakhtin Conference, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 6–10 September 2017.

Academic Service

Invited Reviewer for Academic Journals

- *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* – 2024
- *Politics, Religion & Ideology* – 2024
- *Contemporary Levant* – 2023
- *The European Journal of Humour Research* – 2023, 2024, 2025

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- *British Society for Middle Eastern Studies* (BRISMES)
- *International Society for Humour Studies* (ISHS)
- *Réseau Interdisciplinaire de Recherches sur l'Humour*, France
- *Rethinking Francophone Africa*, University of Portsmouth, UK

Professional Courses

February 2022

Online Ethics Certificate for Social and Behavioural Researchers

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), Teachers College, Columbia University, United States.

September–October 2020

Moodle Training and Online Resources

E-Learning Centre, Isra University, Jordan.

October 2019

Digital Skills Awareness Course

University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom.

February–April 2017

Graduate Students Professional Development (GPROF)

University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom.

References

- **Dr Natalya Vince**
Associate Professor of Modern History and the Francophone World, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
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- **Professor Graham Spencer**
Emeritus Professor of Social and Political Conflict, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom
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- **Dr Maggie Bowers**
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