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## Education

- 09/2017 – present **PhD Candidate in International History**  
**Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva**  
Provisional title of dissertation: “Landscape and Power in Mandate Palestine, 1923-1948” under supervision of Cyrus Schayegh
- 09/2015 – 09/2017 **Master of Arts in International History**  
**Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva**  
Focus on the Palestinian minority in Israel, History of the Arab-Israeli conflict, displacement  
MA thesis: “Education in Israel: The School System as Tool to Control the Arab Minority” under supervision of Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou
- 09/2016 – 12/2016 **Semester abroad**  
**School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, American University in Cairo**  
Focus on Arabic (colloquial Egyptian), Middle Eastern Studies, Security Studies
- 09/2012 – 06/2015 **Bachelor of Arts in Language and Culture Studies**  
**Utrecht University, Utrecht**  
Majors: Political History and International Relations; Religion and Culture  
BA thesis: “A Dubious Legacy. Abbé Grégoire and his Role in the Emancipation of the French Jews”  
  
09/2013 – 06/2015: Honors program Descartes College
- 10/2014 – 01/2015 **Semester abroad**  
**International School, University of Haifa, Israel**  
Focus on History and contemporary society of Israel, Arab-Israeli conflict, Terrorism

## Professional Experience

- 09/2017 – present **Research Assistant**  
**Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva**  
Research project: “The Myth of Homogeneity: Minority Protection and Assimilation in Western Europe, 1919-1939”
- 06/2016 – 08/2016 **Intern at Baladna: Association for Arab Youth, Haifa (Israel)**  
Conducted (field) research on the education system in Israel, wrote report for the organization
- 07/2013 – 08/2013 **Intern at Stadtmuseum Siegburg (Germany)**  
Wrote programs, helped planning and conducting exhibitions and a film festival

## Extracurricular Activities

- 05/2018 – present **Contributing editor to the Journal of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University**  
Responsible for paper submissions from the Graduate Institute Geneva
- 09/2015 – present **Founder and organizer of the “History Brunches”, a series of academic presentations at the Graduate Institute Geneva**
- 06/2018 **Participant of the Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research, Wilson Center, Washington D.C.**  
Presented my ongoing PhD research, participated in the workshop
- 05/2014 – 07/2014 **Participant of the United Nations International Student Conference Amsterdam (UNISCA)**  
Was awarded ‘Best member of the Security Council’
- 11/2013 – 07/2014 **Member of the student council Language and Culture Studies, Utrecht**  
Discussed problems and ideas within the student body in order to improve the quality of the bachelor’s program

## Conferences

- 04.10.2018 **Annual Pierre du Bois conference, Graduate Institute Geneva.**  
“Environmental History as if the Future Mattered. Writing the History and the Future of the Anthropocene”  
Presentation of paper “Landscape and Power in Mandate Palestine. An Exploration.”
- 09.05.2018 **“Social and Political dynamics in Israel. Jewish State 70 Years after the Declaration of Independence”, Jagiellonian University, Krakow.**  
Presentation of paper “Education in Israel. The School System as a Tool to Control the Arab Minority”

## Scholarships

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, academic year 2015/16 and 2016/17, full scholarship.

## Languages

German	native speaker
English	very good knowledge (speaking, writing, reading) (C2)
Dutch	very good knowledge (speaking, reading), good knowledge (writing) (C1)
French	good knowledge (reading), basic knowledge (speaking, writing) (B1)
Spanish	good knowledge (reading), basic knowledge (speaking, writing) (A2)

Hebrew                      basic knowledge (reading, speaking, writing)  
Arabic                      basic knowledge of the script and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic

## **Publications**

### Op-ed articles:

'Palestinians in Purgatory: The Internally Displaced Citizens of Israel', *Middle East Eye*, 8 July 2016, <http://www.middleeasteye.net/columns/palestinians-purgatory-internally-displaced-citizens-israel-2083558162>. Translated into French, Spanish.

'Divide and Rule: How the School System Sows Division Among Israel's Palestinians', *Middle East Eye*, 27 October 2016, <http://www.middleeasteye.net/essays/divide-and-rule-how-school-system-sows-division-among-palestinian-citizens-israel-1534031059>.

'Rückkehr ausgeschlossen', *Qantara*, 7 December 2016, <http://de.qantara.de/node/25937>.