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Academic Profile

Professor of Political Science with over two decades of academic and policy-oriented experience. Research and teaching focus on comparative politics and Middle East politics, including governance and democratization, national and regional security, human rights, civil society, political reform, elections, political Islam, national identity, and the political economy and diplomacy of water and sustainable development.

Academic Appointments and Professional Experience

- Director, Center for Sustainable Development Studies, Yarmouk University, Jordan (2025–present).
- Professor, Political Science Department, Yarmouk University (2024–present).
- Educational Consultant, National Defense College, UAE (2023–2024).
- Visiting Professor, University of Gdańsk, Poland (2022).
- Professor, Political Science Department, Yarmouk University (2021–2023).
- Professor, The American University in the Emirates, Dubai, UAE (Aug 2020–Aug 2021).

- Visiting Professor, Lund University, Sweden (2018).
- Professor, Political Science Department, Yarmouk University (promoted Dec 2017).
- Visiting Associate Professor, Al al-Bayt University (2015–2016).
- Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Yarmouk University (promoted Nov 2012).
- Chairman, Political Science Department, Yarmouk University (2012–2013).
- Deputy Director, Queen Rania Center for Jordanian Studies and Community Service, Yarmouk University (2011–2012).
- Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Yarmouk University (2003–2012).
- Research Assistant, Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy, Atlanta, Georgia, USA (2002–2003).
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Clark Atlanta University, USA (1999–2001).
- School Teacher, Ministry of Education, Jordan (1988–1995).

Education

- Ph.D., Political Science, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA, USA (July 2002).
Dissertation: “The Dilemma of the Islamic World: The Struggle Between Islam and Secularism and Nationalism in Turkey and Sudan: Comparative Study.”
- M.A., Political Science, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA, USA (Sep 1998).
Thesis: “The Struggle for Democracy in Algeria: A Study in Civil-Ideological War.”
- B.A., Political Science, Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan (June 1995).
- B.A., English Literature, Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan (1988).

Research Interests

Comparative Politics; Middle East Politics; National and Regional Security; Democracy; Human Rights; Civil Society; Women and Politics; Elections; Political Reform; Political Islam; National Identity; Migration and Refugee Studies; Water Politics and Water Diplomacy.

Academic Honors and Fellowships

- Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Scholarship (2022).
- Carnegie Endowment Scholarship (2002).
- Teaching Assistant Grant, Clark Atlanta University (1999–2000).
- Arab Student Aid International Scholarship (1998–2000).
- Fulbright Scholarship (1996–1998).

Professional Memberships and Editorial Roles

- Member, Global V-Dem Team (Varieties of Democracy) (2016–present).
- Board of Trustees Member, The Hashemite University (2018–2022).
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Political Science and International Relations (2016–present).
- Editorial Board Member, Greek Journal of Social Sciences (2021–present).
- Editorial Board Member, Jerash Journal for Studies and Research (2015–2019).
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Comparative Research in Law and Social Sciences (2025–present).
- Editorial Board Member, Mu'tah Journal for Law and Political Science (2021–2024).
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Political Science, University of Baghdad (2022–present).
- Advisory Board Member, Journal of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies, Kuwait University (2024–present).
- Board of Trustees Member, Jordan Reform Watch.
- Member, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) (1998–2003).
- Member, National Team for Monitoring Parliamentary Elections (2007, 2011).
- Member, National Front for Reform (2010–2014).
- Member, Irbid Cultural Forum (2003–present).
- Member, Arab Political Science Society (2004–present).
- Member, Japanese Association of International Relations (2022–present).
- Member, Jordanian Political Science Society (2007–present).
- Member, The National Political Science Honor Society (1997–1999).

Selected Publications (Recent)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Scholarly Outputs (selected):

- Bani Salameh, M. T., & Alotaibi, B. M. (2025). Kuwait as a regional mediator: Small-state diplomacy and soft power in Middle Eastern conflicts. *Contemporary Review of the Middle East*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23477989251400506>
- Bani Issa, M., & Bani Salameh, M. (2025). From gold to debt: Comparative lessons from the Spanish Price Revolution and the U.S. post-2008 monetary policy. *Frontiers in Political Science*, 7:1635005. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2025.1635005>
- Bani Salameh, M., et al. (2025). Military coups in Africa: Historical context and contemporary dynamics. *World Affairs*, 188. <https://doi.org/10.1002/waf2.70016>
- Bani Salameh, M. (2025). The fragile yet unmistakable long-term integration of Syrian refugees in Jordan. Migration Policy Institute (June 2025).
- Bani Salameh, M. (2024). Kuwait's hedging strategy towards Iran and Saudi Arabia. *Middle East Quarterly*, 31(2). <https://www.meforum.org/65616/kuwait-hedging-strategy-toward-iran-and-saudi>
- Bani Salameh, M. T., et al. (2024). The endless reform process: The realities behind Jordan's political modernization efforts. *Digest of Middle East Studies*, 33(4). <https://doi.org/10.1111/dome.12335>
- Mohammed Bani Salameh. Turkey's Strategic Expansion in Africa: Multifaceted Engagement in Ethiopia, Libya, and Somalia. *Insight on Africa*. 18 (1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/09750878251342765>
- Alakayleh, M., & Bani Salameh, M. T. (2024). Reform bills in Jordan: A dawn of a new era or continuous missed opportunities. *World Affairs*, 187(4). <https://doi.org/10.1002/waf2.12040>
- - Mohammed Bani Salameh. Bahrain's Vision in the Gulf's Security Order. *Middle East Policy*. Vol . 30, No. 1, Spring 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mepo.12675>
- Bani Salameh, M., & Al-Dabbas, K. (2023). Electoral district distribution in Jordan: Political geographical analysis. *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/20578911231173599>

Book Chapters (Selected)

- Bani Salameh, M. T. (2024). Beyond borders: Impacts of the Syrian refugee crisis on Jordan. In *Refugees and Migrants—Current Conditions and Future Trends*. <https://doi.org/10.5772/intechopen.1005219>

- Bani Salameh, M. T. (2024). Jordan: The new constitutional amendments after the Arab Spring and the myth of parliamentary government. In J. A. Jaworski (Ed.), *Advances in Sociology Research* (Vol. 42). Nova Science Publishers.
- Bani Salameh, M. (2023). Electoral districts in Jordan: An analytical study. In F. Cavatorta & V. Resta (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Elections in the Middle East and North Africa*. Routledge.
- Bani Salameh, M. (2019). Migration from the Arab Spring countries to Europe: Causes and consequences. In A. Al-Masri & K. Curran (Eds.), *Smart Technologies and Innovation for a Sustainable Future*. Springer.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-01659-3_28
- Bani Salameh, M. T., & Shdouh, E. (2018). Feminist elites in democratic Jordan (1989–2016). In *Environment, Politics, and Society (Research in Political Sociology, Vol. 25)*. Emerald. <https://doi.org/10.1108/S0895-993520180000025010>

Books (Arabic)

- Bani Salameh, M., et al. (2020). The attitudes of Jordanian public opinion towards the role of the Independent Electoral Commission in supervising elections in Jordan: A field study. Deanship of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies, Yarmouk University.
- Bani Salameh, M., et al. (2019). Determinants of voting behavior of the Jordanian young voter: A study of municipal elections and provincial councils in Jordan (2017). Deanship of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies, Yarmouk University.
- Edwan, K., & Bani Salameh, M. (2016). *Women and Politics: Introduction to Women's Political Empowerment*. Dar al-Jundi for Publishing and Distribution, Palestine.
- Bani Salameh, M. (2013). *Jordanian Youth Movement in the Arab Spring: Empirical and Qualitative Study*. Al-Badeel Studies and Research Center, Amman, Jordan.

Selected Reports, Consultation, and Translation

- Consultation reports include: The state of political reform in Jordan (Jordan Reform Watch, 2012); Transparency and political spending in Jordan (Arab

Regional Parliamentarians Against Corruption, 2012); Civil society and democratic transition in Jordan (The New Jordan Center, 2008).

- Translation: Walter Russell Mead, *Special Providence: American Foreign Policy and How it Changed the World* (Arabic translation). Dar Al-Jamal Press, Amman, 2006.

Selected Conferences and Papers

- Japanese Association of International Relations (JAIR) Annual Convention, Sendai, Japan (Oct 28–30, 2022). Paper: “Undermining the Power of Parliament and the People in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan? A New Constitutional Amendment Plan and Its Political Impact.”
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 78th Annual Conference, Chicago, USA (Mar 16, 2020). Paper: “The Water Crisis and the Conflict in the Middle East.”
- South–South Migration and Post-National Citizenship in the MENA Region, Near East University, Nicosia, North Cyprus (Aug 17, 2021). Paper: “Syrian Refugee in the Kingdom of Jordan: A Critical Analysis.”
- 15th International Conference on Water Resources, Antalya, Turkey (Oct 24–28, 2019). Paper: “The Politics of Water in the Middle East.”
- Economic and Administrative Reform and Adaptation Policies in Jordan and the Arab World, Yarmouk University (Apr 24–26, 2019). Paper: “Challenges to Political Reform in Jordan.”

Teaching (Selected Courses)

Courses taught include (selected):

- Introduction to Political Science; Citizenship Education; Introduction to Comparative Politics; Introduction to International Relations.
- Jordanian Political Regime; Jordanian Foreign Policy; Arab National Security; Great Powers’ Foreign Policy; Islamic Political Thought; Human Rights.
- Seminars and graduate courses: Seminar in Economic and Political Development; Theories of International Political Economy; Contemporary Political Thought; Multinational Corporations.
- Additional international teaching: Modern History of the Middle East; The Peace Process in the Middle East; Government and Politics of the Middle East (Clark Atlanta University).

Graduate Supervision and Academic Service

- Supervised over 50 graduate students (MA/PhD) at various Jordanian universities.
- Served on discussion and examination committees for PhD dissertations and MA theses.
- External reviewer for promotion cases and reviewer for academic journals and research centers.

University and Community Service (Selected)

- Representative, Faculty of Arts in Yarmouk University Council of Graduate Students (2022).
- Member, Graduate Students Committee, Political Science Department, Yarmouk University (2018).
- Representative, Political Science Department in the Council of the Faculty of Arts (2009, 2011).
- Member, Cultural Committee, Faculty of Arts (2007, 2009, 2011).
- Representative, Faculty of Arts in Yarmouk University Council (2012–2014).
- Member, Students' Affairs Committee at Yarmouk University Council (2012–2014).
- Member, Finance Committee of Yarmouk University Council (2012–2014).
- Member, Board of Trustees, Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center (2014).

Academic References

Available upon request.