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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Education

11/1992	Ph.D. in Microelectronics from INP-G *(Institut National Polytechnique)*, Grenoble, France (grenoble-inp.fr). Title: Module Generation for Data-communications Protocol Engines (in French)
9/1987	*D.E.A.* (= M.Sc.) in Microelectronics from UJF *(Université Joseph Fourier)*, Grenoble, France (ujf-grenoble.fr).
6/1987	Engineering Degree in Telecommunications from ENST-Br *(École Nationale Supérieure de Télécommunications de Bretagne)*, Brest, France (telecom-bretagne.eu).

Professional Experience

2024-	Professor at the Faculty of Informatics and Communication Engineering, Yarmouk Private University (YPU), Daraa, Syria (ypu.edu.sy).
2022-	Member of The Arabic Academy, Damascus, Syria (arabacademy.gov.sy). - **Participation in the activities related to Arabic scientific terminology standardization, and Arabic Language processing.**
2022-2025	Member of the Board of Commissioners, Syrian Commission for Quality Assurance and Accreditation (NaCAQ), Damascus, Syria (ncaq-gov.sy). - **Participation in the preparation of the "Quality and Accreditation Guide for Syrian Universities".**
2017-2025	Member of the Board of Trustees, Syrian Virtual University (SVU), Damascus, Syria (svuonline.org).
2016-2021	Chairperson, Planning and International Cooperation Commission (planning.gov.sy). - **Supervising the development of the "National Strategic Program for Post-War Syria (Syria 2030), 2019".** - **Supervising the preparation of several Syria's Economic and SDG progress reports.** - **Supervising the preparation of Syria's Food Security reports, in collaboration with the Syrian Bureau of Statistics and the World Food Programme (2016-2020)** - **Supervising the preparation of Syria's national annual investment plans.** - **Overseeing Syria's International Cooperation agreements and activities.** - **Chairing the National Taskforce for Quality Assurance.**
2014-2024	Professor at the Faculty of Engineering, International University of Science and Technology (IUST), Damascus, Syria (iust.edu.sy).
2010-2014	Associate Professor at the Faculty of Information Technology Engineering, University of Damascus, Syria (damascusuniversity.edu.sy/faculties/informatic).
2008-2014	Minister of Communications and Technology, Syria (moct.gov.sy). - **Overseeing the activities of reforming and restructuring Syria's Telecom Sector, including the corporatization of "Syrian Telecom (2012)"; granting licenses to the two incumbent mobile phone operators (2014-2015); launching an international auction for**

a third mobile operation (halted in 2011 due to the outbreak of the Syrian conflict); and establishing the "National Agency for Network Services (2009)" and the "Syrian Telecom Regulatory Authority (2012)".

- **Enacting a set of laws regulating Syria's Telecom Sector, including the "Electronic Signature Law (Law 4/2009)"; the "Telecommunications Law (Law 18/2010)"; the "Syrian Electronic Payment Law (Law 13/2012)"; the "Online Communication and Cybercrime Law (Legislative Degree 17/2012)"; the "Electronic Transactions Law (Law 3/2014)"; and other pieces of legislations.**
- **Launching the first "National Strategy for Electronic Government" (2009-2010).**
- **Entering into several regional commercial partnerships for enhancing national and regional telecom connectivity, including JADI (Jeddah, Amman, Damascus, Istanbul), 2010; RCN (Regional Communication Network), 2014-2015; and Cyprus Alashia (halted).**

2007-2008   Chairperson of SCS (Syrian Computer Society), Syria (scs.org.sy).

2006-2007   Head of Arab ICT Strategy Working Group, LAS (League of Arab States).

2006-2007   Advisor to the Minister of Communications and Technology, Syria.

2003-2006   General Manager of STE (Syrian Telecom Establishment), Syria (syriantelecom.com.sy).

- **Launching several development and expansion infrastructure projects for both voice- and data-communications.**

2002-2004   Member of the Syrian ICT Strategy Taskforce.

2002-2003   National Director of "Strategic ICT Program for Socioeconomic Development in Syria," SYR/02/001, UNDP-Ministry of Communications, Syria.

2001-2003   Deputy Director for Education, HIAST (Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology), Damascus, Syria (hiast.edu.sy).

1998-2000   Consultant for the "2nd Project for the Expansion and Modernization of Telecommunications (1,650,000 Telephone Lines)," STE, Syria.

1993-2003   Professor and Researcher at HIAST, Damascus, Syria.

1990-1992   Participation in the European Project EURÊKA PROMETHEUS, Design of Protocol Engines for On-Vehicle Communication Applications (Part of Ph.D. research).

1988-1992   Researcher at LGI *(Laboratoire de Génie Informatique)*, INP-G, Grenoble, France (Part of Ph.D. research).

Professional Axes of Interest

- Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- Digital and Knowledge Economy.
- Higher Education Policies.
- Quality Assurance.
- Sustainable Development.
- Administration, Management, and Public Policies and Strategies.
- Arabic Language and Arabization.

Major Teaching Experience

2024-   "Telecommunication Networks," YPU (Yarmouk Private University), Daraa, Syria.

2024-   "Data Communication," YPU (Yarmouk Private University), Daraa, Syria.

2024-   "Introduction to Engineering Economics," YPU (Yarmouk Private University), Daraa, Syria.

2022-2024	"Telecommunication Networks," Electrical Engineering Department, IUST (International University of Science and Technology), Daraa, Syria.
2021-2024	"Engineering Practices and Management," Electrical Engineering Department, IUST (International University of Science and Technology), Daraa, Syria.
2021-2022	"Professional Topics in Information Technology," Electrical Engineering Department, IUST (International University of Science and Technology), Daraa, Syria.
2014-2024	"Special Topics in Telecommunications," Electrical Engineering Department, IUST (International University of Science and Technology), Daraa, Syria.
2014-2019	"Engineering Economy," Electrical Engineering Department, IUST (International University of Science and Technology), Daraa, Syria.
2009-2014	"Telecommunication Regulation," Master of "Management of the Information Society," HIBA (Higher Institute for Business Administration), Damascus, Syria.
2000-2003	"Telecommunication Networks," 5th year, Electronics and Telecommunications Department, HIAST (Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology), Damascus, Syria.
1997-2002	"Data Communication Networks for Real-time Applications," 5th year, Control Engineering Department, HIAST, Damascus, Syria.
1993-1996	"Micro-system Architecture," 5th year, Control Engineering Department, HIAST, Damascus, Syria.
1991-1992	"Distributed System Architecture," 2nd year, Computer Science Department, IUT *(Institut Universitaire de Technologie)*, Valence, France.

Other Scientific Activities

- Supervisor of several engineering graduation projects and master's theses in Information and Communications Technology and related fields.
- Member in several juries of engineering graduation projects and master's theses in Information and Communications Technology and related fields.
- Several studies for UN ESCWA, ITU, League of Arab States, Arabic Academy of Damascus.
- Member of SCS (Syrian Computer Society) since 1994.
- Former member of TC-8, Usage of Arabic Language in Information Technology, Arab Bureau of Standardization, Rabat, Morocco.
- Co-author of "Dictionary of IT Terms", 2000, SCS, Syria.

Hobbies and Other Domains of Interest

- Ancient History and History of Religions.
- Linguistics.
- Mountain Hiking.

Languages

- Arabic, mother tongue.
- English, fluent.
- French, fluent.
- Elements of Spanish.

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