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**Education:**

- **PhD in sociology (2012-2016)**

- Goldsmith- university of London sociology department

I studied the experience of Palestinian women who have been in Israeli prison by looking into the everyday life practices before, during, and after prison. It focuses on the politicization of women body, and everyday life, which constructs political subjects.

- **Masters:**

- (2007-2009) McGill university social work
- (2004-2009) Berziet University Gender and development

- **Bachelor:**

- (1999-2003) An-Najah national university psychology

- **Non degree course (2006) McGill university community organization**

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**Teaching experience:**

- **An-Najah National University (July 2016- present):** the head of the sociology and social work department. In addition to be the coordinator of the women study master's.
- **An-Najah national university (August 2009- 2011):** full time instructor in the sociology and social work department, I was teaching (introduction to social work, social psychology, women and community, field work for social work, rehabilitations policies).

- **The Palestinian Academy for security science (Spring 2010):** part time instructor in the psychology department teaching social psychology. And also I was research assistance, in the social research and network unit.

#### **Work experience:**

- **Social Worker:** *Community service center, An-Najah national university (2006-2011):* I was the coordinator of the Psychosocial Support program in the center that works in government hospital in Nablus city. The target groups are the chronic disease patients (dialyses and cancer). With my team of volunteers we organized activities and psychosocial support for the patients while they are undergoing treatment; we tried to find their needs, and problems and try to direct them or communicate in their behalf with the area of specialty to deal with their problems, and rights. I was also coordinator for the after school program, which was working with children in a disadvantage neighborhood of Nablus city, trying to help them and support them to finish their schools. In addition to that I was organizing lectures and lecturing on social services and volunteerism for students in university, or for the different community centers.
- **Psychosocial Counselor Relief:** *UNRWA (2004-2006):* I planned and implemented activities for the inhabitants of refugee camp Number One in Nablus city in the West Bank. The program aimed to provide psychosocial support for people through workshops to raise awareness, through art and psychodrama activities, or through organizing a community work where participant from the camp use to participate in planning, and implementing this is in the base of community participation in creating social programs that respond to their needs. I worked with children, youth, the elderly, women, youth, and sanitation workers in the camp.
- **Al-Farha Newspaper Editor:** *Al-Lod Charitable society (2002-2004):* I worked as and editor for a newspaper for children, this was through a psychosocial support project, funded by the Save the Children organization. This newspaper publishes stories from children under the age of 15, who thus have a creative outlet to express their feelings, their experience under the occupation, and their thoughts about the situation. I encouraged the children to choose topics that related to their lives, to write, and then I would edit their writing and organize the newspaper with the children's help.

- Trainer in other projects: The Mothers Guide project (2003-2004): Training a group of women in psychological behavior problems with children. This project targeted a group of women in order to educate them so that they could be able to educate other mothers.
  - The Youth Leadership project “Al-ra’d”: Targeting and educating youth in order to educate them about their rights and to teach them leadership skills.
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### **Publications:**

- **Palestinian women condition in Nablus governorate**, MEFTAH, supervised by Hope organization, 2009: (researcher: Samah Saleh and Sami Al- Kilane). (Arabic)
  - **Aqraba Village in the West Bank**: women respond to family violence. November 2010. Multiples, an informative bulletined by just governance group- Canada.
  - **Everyday prisons- women’s lives under occupation**, September 24. 2013. Media Diversified: <http://mediadiversified.org/2013/09/24/everyday-prisons-womens-lives-under-occupation>.
  - **Publications in progress**
    - The Politics of Sumud: inside the Israeli occupation prisons the experience of Palestinian Women political prisoners
    - The intersection between marriage and politics for Palestinian women former prisoners.
    - Palestinian women roles in decision making in the three levels (household, community, and the national level)
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### **Conferences and Seminars participations:**

- Women in war (2016): Transmission of the Al-Nakba through three generations of Palestinian women. Yerevan, Armenia
- Women in War (2014): the experience of arrest and interrogation for Palestinian women who have been in Israeli prisons. Sarajevo
- Mosaic Room (2013): the present of absence: presented a paper called a world we don’t own
- Goldsmiths (2013): the graduate summer conference: the experience of everyday prison for Palestinian women

- Goldsmiths: the international visual conference (2013): presented a paper on the experience of incarcerated space for Palestinian women
  - Jordanian university (2012): the Nordic conference I presented the experience of Palestinian women in Israeli prisons, which is overview around my PhD project
  - The social work conference in Amman (2011): presented a paper around the fieldwork students in the social work department at An-Najah university and the relationship between this course and the community organizations
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#### **Other activities:**

- Method Lab- Goldsmiths- university of London (2013/2014): I was one of the organizers of Space and Gaze: conversations with Jean Mohr & Edward Said in Palestine. This was a photo exhibition and a series of academic activities. <http://www.gold.ac.uk/methods-lab/spacegaze/>
  - The general secretary for the Youth Leadership Forum in Palestine, a volunteer group with the Ministry of Youth and Sport (2004-2005)
  - Volunteer with YMCA Initiative for Youth Leadership in Lobbying Groups (2004-2007)
  - Psychological Intervention through Theater in School: this project was implemented in 14 schools in Nablus (Medecins du Monde, France: 2003- 2004)
  - The leader for the Fourth Meeting of University Students with the Ministry of Youth and the Ministry of Education (April 2004)
  - Part of the Youth Monitoring Team in Schools with PYALARA (2001)
  - Thalassemia Patient Friends Team in the Community Service Center (2002)
  - Trainer in the Youth and Scouts Camps with the Ministry of Youth and Sport (1999-2003)
  - Trainer in leadership preparation with the Ministry of Youth and Sport (2000-2004)
  - Participant in seven handicapped camps (1999)
  - Environment conference as a leader for the Palestinian group (Norway, 2003)
  - Peace summer camp as a leader for the Palestinian group (Britain, 2001)
  - Course completion with a diploma in Journalism, (Denmark 1999)
  - Exchange program for leadership: Expert Youth Exchange (Germany, 2005)
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**Awards**

- HESPAI scholarship from the British council for my PhD
  - CEDA (McGill middle east program- Canada) for my Master, and also for another non-degree course.
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**Skills:**

- Qualitative research method (focus groups, narratives, depth interviews, Oral history, research in action, grounded theory).
- Networking and building projects.
- Working with people from the different background.
- Analyzing and evaluating skills.