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Date of birth: 30 April, 1950
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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

EDUCATION

2004

UNIVERSITY OF PARIS VIII, Paris*Phd in Architecture and Urbanism**Thesis title: Colonial Landscapes and Provincial eclecticism: The formation of residential Beirut between 1840 and 1940.*

1978-80

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor*Masters of Urban Planning*

1968-74

ACADEMIE LIBANAISE DES BEAUX-ARTS, Beirut*Diploma in Architecture, six years program*

AWARDS

1996-97

BRITISH CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP for Post Graduate Research at OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY, Joint Center for Urban Design, Oxford

TEACHING

2006-NOW

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT**Associate Professor****Lecture & Seminar Courses**

Evolution of Cities / Principles of Urban Design and Planning / Urbanization and Coastal Management

Design Courses

Fifth year Urban Design Design Studio / Advanced Architecture Design Studio / Final Project Research and Design / Regional Architecture

2000-2005

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSIY**Associate Professor**

Advisor of the Masters of Landscape Urbanmism program / Urban Design 1 and 2 / Landscape Arcitecture / Fifth Year Urban Design Studio / Final Project Research and Design

1998-99

LEBANESE UNIVERSITY**Instructor**

Théories et Doctrines de l'Aménagement urbain / Approches Environnementales de la Ville / Laboratoire en Urbanism

1985-90

ACADEMIE LIBANAISE DES BEAUX-ARTS, Beirut**Design Advisor:** *Advanced design studio and diploma projects*

PUBLICATIONS**BOOKS****Beirut 1920-1940: Domestic Architecture between Tradition and Modernity**

The Order of Engineers and Architects-Beirut, 1998

Recovering Beirut's Historic Core: The Foch-Allenby and Etoile Conservation Area

Steidl, Göttingen, 2004

Beyrouth: Architectures entre tradition et modernité

Editions Parenthèses, Marseille, (forthcoming)

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS / BOOK CHAPTERS (SELECTION) / CONFERENCE PAPERS / SEMINARS

Lebanon: Country Report on Cultural Heritage Research

European Union: Med 7 Cultural Heritage Workshop, 15-17 June 2005, Malta.

Beirut Central District: Recocery of the French Mandate LegacyProceedings of the International Seminar on the Management of the Shared Mediteranean Heritage, ISMARMED., 29-31 March, 2005, Alexandria, Egypt.

'Looking East, Looking West: Provincial eclecticism and cultural dualism in the architecture of French Mandate Beirut'.

In P. Slugett, and N. Meouchy (ed), *The British and French Mandates in Comparative Perspectives*. Leiden: Brill, 2004. pp. 203-215.

Learning From Beirut, 1990-2002: Culture and Tourism as Generators of Central District Reconstruction

The Second Town Planning Conference 'Space is the Infrastructure of our Future', Urbforum, Sarajevo, 12-14 September, 2002 (Key speaker)

Colloquium on the New Metropolis: Session 3: Centre and Periphery

Department of Architecture and Design, American University of Beirut, May 2, 2001 (moderator).

The City Debate Program, Debate 3: City as Excavation?

Department of Architecture and Design, American University of Beirut, June 5, 2002 (respondent).

Questions and Experience in Zokak el-Blat.

The Orient Institute, Beirut, December 13, 2002 (chair)

Legislation and Urban Planning Implementation in Lebanon

Workshop on Sustainable Tourism in Wadi Qannubine and the Cedars Region, Notre Dame University, November 30, 2001.

Byblos: Re-evaluating Urban Heritage: Documentation, Rehabilitation and Preservation of Architecture and History.

World Heritage Site- International Workshop- Phase II
Moderator of Group 3 on Urban Planning and Design issues; proceedings, p. 52; Lebanese American University, Byblos, 11-13 November, 1999.

Genesis of Modern Architecture in Beirut.

Regional Seminar for the Agha Khan Award / Beirut 1999.

The Prince of Wales' Urban Design Task Force in Lebanon:

The Difficult Reconciliation of Western Concepts and Local Urban Politics
Urban Design International [London], Sept. 1997, Vol. 2, No 3, pp. 155-168.

Development of the Informal Sector during the Lebanese War:

A Survey of Hamra Street Vendors (principal author)
In Davie M. (ed) *Beyrouth, regards croisés*. Tours: URBAMA, Coll. Villes du Monde Arabe, n° 2, 1997, pp. 177-206.

The Mental Image of Downtown Beirut, 1990.

A Case Study in Cognitive Mapping and Urban Form
In Davie M. (ed) *Beyrouth, regards croisés*. Tours: URBAMA, Coll. Villes du Monde Arabe, n° 2, 1997, pp.305-349.

The Role of Universities in Enhancing Patrimonial Consciouness

Proceedings of the Seminaire sur la Protection et la Gestion du Patrimoine. Beirut, 1997.

Emergency Preservation of Beirut's Peri-Center Districts:

A Framework for Debate and Action
In Davie M.F. and Akl, Z., (ed) *Le patrimoine urbain et architectural au Liban ; pour qui, pourquoi, Comment faire ?*" CoPublication by CNRS URBAMA, Tours, & Insitut d'Urbanisme de L'ALBA, Beirut, 1998.

Book review: Beirut Reborn – Academy Editions, London

Urban Design International [London], Sept. 1997, Vol. 2, No 1, pp. 62-63.

COURSEWORK PUBLICATIONS

1994

Tripoli The Old City

Monument Survey - Mosques and Madrasas

1991

Morphological Investigation of Downtown Beirut

Towards an Urban Design Framework

The Department of Architecture, American University of Beirut

WORKSHOPS

The following selection of studies were conducted in the context of the annual urban planning and design workshop at the American University of Beirut.

War Period Decentralization and Coastal Metropolitan Growth

- 1986-88 • **Juniyah, Byblos and Jdeideh New Business Districts:** Land use, circulation, and urban design studies of three Metropolitan growth poles.
- 1989 • **Hamra:** Design and planning study of a major inner city transitional district

Post-war Reconstruction and Urban Conservation

- 1990 • **Beirut Central District:** Historical urban strata and cognitive mapping as generators of urban design strategy.
- 1992-94 • **Beirut Peri-Center Districts (Sanayeh-Kanntary / Zokak El Blat):** Emergency response planning and the preservation of colonial townscapes.
- 1994 • **Sidon:** Historical core and waterfront rehabilitation study.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**URBAN DESIGN & PLANNING**

- 2001 **URBAN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, REGIONAL OFFICE / HABITAT**
Position: *Consultant in Urban Design and Planning*
Towards Participatory Urban Governance: Chhim city pilot consultation
Participatory rapid appraisal (PRA) for identification and prioritization of governance and environmental issues; proposal of viable action plan
- 2001 **THE WORLD BANK-CDR / INFORMATION INTERNATIONAL , Beirut**
Position: *Consultant in Urban Design and Planning*
Tourism Development and Heritage Conservation: Stakeholder Analysis
Identification of constraints facing conservation, infrastructure improvement, urban regeneration, and site management in consultation with key interest groups; proposal of strategic alliances.
- 1994-95 **THE WORLD BANK-CDR / ERM, London / JOUZY & PARTNER5, Beirut**
Position: *Consultant in Urban Planning*
Lebanon: Assessment of the State of the Environment
Critical assessment of the impact of urbanization, land use policies, and war period development on natural resources with emphasis on the coastal zone.
- 1996 **THE WORLD BANK-CDR / ECODIT, Virginia / IAURIF, Paris.**
Position: *Consultant in Urban Planning*
Regional Environmental Assessment of the Coastal Zone of Lebanon
Identification of current and projected trends of spatial development and the formulation of alternative scenarios for the state of the environment in 2010.
- 1984 **CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH**
Position: *Consultant in Urban Planning and Design*
Sepulveda Boulevard: Urban Design & Commercial Development Study
Two miles of strip commercial; survey and analysis of existing and projected development patterns; urban design framework and implementation policy.

1980-82

CITY OF LOS ANGELES - Community Redevelopment Agency

Position: *City Planning Associate, New Projects Division*

Chinatown Redevelopment Project

303 acres adjacent to CBD; detailed outline for redevelopment plan; project management including budgeting, community contact and design reviews.

Crown Hill Preliminary Development Study

38 acres, freeway frontage, intersection of Hollywood and Harbor Freeway; urban design framework and alternatives development.

North Hollywood Commercial Revitalization Study

67 acres of strip commercial; preliminary revitalization framework.

**ARCHITECTURE,
& LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE**

1975-77

INTEGRAL M.E., Beirut / BRUNKEN-BECSEI / Frei Otto, Stuttgart

Position: *Project manager in charge of the Paris office.*

Two parks in Saudi Arabia

Bureida (60 ha), Al Kharj (45 ha); architectural design, project management, and execution drawings.

LANGUAGES

Arabic, English, French
