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### About

Dedicated and accomplished Associate Professor of Sociology with expertise in various fields, including the sociology of the family, parenthood, gender, migration, social change, culture and cultural practices, art, anthropology, citizenship, political participation, intercultural relations, and identity issues. Demonstrated leadership as Head of the Sociology Department and Head of the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center at Ajman University. Extensive experience in academia, research, and consultancy, with a strong record of publications, grants, and awards. Committed to advancing knowledge in the social sciences and fostering interdisciplinary dialogue to address contemporary issues.

### Current Position:

- Associate Professor, Ajman University (August 2018 – Present)
- Head of the Sociology Department, Ajman University (September 2023-Present)
- Head of the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center, Ajman University (January 2023-Present)

### Professional Experience:

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- **Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology** (2014-2018)  
University Tunis El Manar, Institut Supérieur des Sciences Humaines de Tunis
- **Visiting Professor of Sociology** (2017/2018)  
Université Européenne, Tunis

#### Other Roles:

- Visiting Researcher at Top 200 QS-ranked Universities
- Project Coordinator
- Gender Expert
- Associate Editor
- Evaluation and Accreditation Expert (HCERES-France)
- External Reviewer, Council of Academic Accreditation, UAE

- Member of the Board of Trustees / Reviewer for International Awards

| Academic Qualifications | Memberships and Grants | Activities | Reports/working papers and Consultancy | Publications |
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### Academic Qualifications

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| <b>2005- 2012</b> | <b>PhD in Sociology</b><br>Thesis defended on 17-09-2012<br>Strasbourg University                      |
| <b>2004-2005</b>  | <b>Master's in Sociology - Conflict, Identities, and Cultures</b><br>Marc Bloch University, Strasbourg |
| <b>2003-2004</b>  | <b>Maîtrise in Sociology (4th Year Diploma)</b><br>Marc Bloch University, Strasbourg                   |
| <b>2002-2003</b>  | <b>BA in Sociology</b><br>Marc Bloch University, Strasbourg  |
| <b>2000-2002</b>  | <b>DEUG in Sociology (2-Year Diploma)</b><br>Marc Bloch University, Strasbourg                         |
| <b>1999-2000</b>  | <b>Baccalaureate</b><br>Med Bechrouh High School, Nabeul   |

### Memberships, mobility and grants

- Visiting Researcher in Université Paris Cité, November-December 2023.
- Head of *Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center* at Ajman University, since January 2023
- Member of the Research Council at Ajman University since September 2022
- Visiting Researcher at La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, June 2022
- Visiting Researcher at University of Paris and INED, January 2022
- Deputy Head of *Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center* at Ajman University, since November 2021
- Member of the Project Family Dynamics, Fertility Control and social policies in Southern countries, Research Unit Démosud, INED, Paris  
[Family Dynamics, Fertility Control and social policies in Southern countries - Research axes - Ined - Institut national d'études démographiques](#)
- Associate Editor of the journal Global Journal Al Thaqafah (Scopus Q2), since April 1st 2021
- Associate Editor of the Journal Anthropologia/انثروبولوجيا, EISSN: 2588-2325
- Member of the International Academic Accreditation Committee in the College Humanities and Sciences in Ajman University. (2019-2020)

-Member of the Search Committee in Sociology at the College of Humanities and Sciences, Ajman University.

-Visiting Researcher at URMIS/CNRS, Paris, France. January 2020.

-Member of ISA International Association of Sociology, Research Committee RC 31 Sociology of migration/ RC 32 Women, Gender and Society, since November 2019.

-Member of Research Unit: Transition Transmission and Mobility, College of Letters and Human Sciences, Tunis since march 2018.

-Founding member of the Center of Anthropology and African Studies, FLSH Sousse (Tunisia) and Bayreuth University (Germany) Since January 2014

### **Grants and Awards:**

Internationalization Award, Ajman University, January 2024.

French National Research Agency (ANR Paris) Award (Project of setting up an international scientific network on family dynamics in Arab World), announced on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Ajman University Internal Research Grant, 2021-2022

Research Time Release Award for two consecutive semesters, AU, 2020-2021

Ajman University Interdisciplinary Grant, 2020, UAE

Ajman University Interdisciplinary Grant, 2019, UAE

**Higher Education Fellowship and Full Tuition Scholarship for outstanding students (Tunisia's Ministry of Higher Education- Strasbourg University, France).**

### **Activities**

- Chairperson of the International Conference on Family and Society, with the inaugural edition held at Ajman University on April 24-25, titled *"Family Studies and Digital Transformation: New Changes and Challenges."*

-Participation as an expert to an event organized by the North South Centre, Council of Europe, **Lisbon, Portugal, February 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2024,**

Participation to the "World Archaeology Summit" on Heritage and Identity in ALULA, **KSA, 13-15 September 2023.**

Participation to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual **UN MENA** Coordinators' Forum, Title of the presentation: Migration in the Maghreb: from one Crisis to another, **Geneva, Switzerland, 19-20 June 2023.**

Participation in the 20th ICIE-Ajman International Conference 2021 on: Excellence, Gifted Education, Innovation, & Creativity in Basic-Higher Education, **UAE, June, 2021**

Participation in the 3rd World Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities (SHCONF) **Prague, 23-25**

**April, 2021**

Participation in an International Conference “World Literature and Global South”, University of **Sydney, Australia, August 2019.**

Participation in an international Colloquium on “Argumentation and Society: for a dialogue without violence” **Sorbonne Abu Dhabi UAE- February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Participation in an International Conference “Women political participation” **in Liege, Belgium, November 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Participation in an International Conference" Refugee in the Middle East, Human security: International community obligations and hosting communities' role" organized by "Refugee, Displaced persons and Forced migration Studies Center", Yarmouk University. **Irbid-Jordan, 3-4 May 2017**

Participation in a conference about the theme of “Social rights of migrants” with a contribution entitled “Law and society facing forced migration: the case of Syrian female refugees in Tunisia”, **Morocco, December 10th 2016.**

Participation in an International Conference titled “Collective Identities, comparative approaches” organized by Association internationale des sociologues de langue française (AISLF), Centre d'études, de recherches et d'éducation socialiste (CERES) and others; **Tunis, November 07th – 08th 2016.**

Participation in a conference around the theme of “Social rights of migrants” with a contribution entitled “Law and society facing forced migration: the case of Syrian female refugees in Tunisia”, **Morocco, December 10th 2016.**

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Participation in a summer school program on “Migration and development” organized by the International Organization for Migration “IOM”: conducting a workshop on the needs and rights of refugees; **Tunis, Tunisia, August 29th – September 03rd 2016.**

Participation in a seminar on “Migration, gender and globalization” organized by RUSEMEG, CAWTAR and others; **Tunis, Tunisia, May 11th 2016**

Participation in a seminar on single mothers and access to citizenship organized by the association “Solidarité féminine” and the Heinrich Böll Foundation, Casablanca, **Morocco, November 13th 2015.**

Participation in the seminar of the Tunisian Association for the Promotion of Mental Health titled: Perspectives on parenthood; **Monastir, Tunisia, May 27th 2014**

Participation in an international conference organized by the IRLC and Tawhida bin Sheikh Group, with the support of United Nations Fund for Population and the National Board for Family and Population: For an anthropology of the subject, the female body and the state, **Tunis, Tunisia, May 23rd – 24th 2014.**

Contribution on the anthropological aspects of Kinship, Centre d'Anthropologie, Sousse, presented on **February 13th, 2014.**

Participation in a seminar on adoption organized by Faculté des Sciences Juridiques, Politiques et Sociales de Tunis, **Tunisia, May 24th 2012.**

Participation in the seminar "From qadi to judge" with a paper entitled "adoption between Sharia law and national law in Tunisia"; IISM, **Paris, January 28th 2010.**

Participation in a seminar on "Transmission" at Interuniversity House of Human Sciences in **Strasbourg (MISHA), May 26th 2008.**

### **Courses and trainings**

Participation in a doctoral study session on "social science methods", in a spring university program organized by Rédoc; Hammamet, **Tunisia, March 19th-23rd 2012.**

Participation in a summer university program on "social inequality" as a part of Rédoc (Réseau International des Ecoles Doctorales); **Montréal, Canada, 2011.**

Participation in a weeklong theoretical training around the theme of: "Plans and practical explanation of the researcher"; **Lausanne, Switzerland, June 2010**

### **- After PhD**

Course organized by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and UNHCR "International refugee law", Tunis, **Tunisia, 26-28 April 2017.**

Short course organized by the Refugee Studies Centre "Palestine refugee and International Law", British Institute, Amman, **Jordan, 10 -11 March 2017.**

### **Workshops and Conferences organization:**

Conference Chair of **Family and Society Conference**, to be held at Ajman University in **April 24th-25th, 2024**

Organization of a seminar titled: **Research Productivity of higher education institutions in Arab Gulf countries**, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Centre, **8 March 2023.**

Organization of a Webinar titled: Qualitative Methods and their importance in Contemporary Research, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center, Ajman University, **February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

Organization of a Webinar titled: Demographic transition in time of Crisis: What consequences of Covid-19? Ajman University, **February, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Organization of a Seminar "Social and Cultural Changes in Arab Societies: Plurality of Visions and Methods, **Ajman University, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Participation in the supervision of PhD students as part of a training workshop organized by the CAWTAR (Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research) and RUSEMEG (Réseau Universitaire et Scientifique Euro-Méditerranéen sur les femmes et le genre), **Tunisia, April 10th -11th, 2014.**

## **Risk and vulnerability assessment for gender-responsive social protection-UNDP-2022**

Audit genre: *For a better inclusion of gender in the politic organizations in Tunisia*, LET (League of the Tunisian Women Electors) 2017.

Abdellatif, Soumaya and Mahfoudh, Amel. *Documentary and analytical review on the economic and social exclusion of women based on gender discrimination in Tunisia (2005-2015)*, Beity 2016.

Soumaya Abdellatif, *Women in political and civic life, obstacles and Challenges to overcome them, Morocco, Tunisia, Occupied Palestine Territories, Yemen*, OXFAM/CAWTAR, (Center of Arab Women for Training and Research) , 2016

### **Consultancy:**

-Gender Expert with UNDP-2021

-Data Analyst and Author With Social Sciences Forum-Tunisia and Mouminoun Without Borders (UAE) 2018

-Gender Expert with LET (Tunisian League of Women Electors), February-Mai 2017

- External Expert with FEMCONSULT for the Women on the front line, December-February 2016

-Regional Research coordinator with CAWTAR and OXFAM for the project: "Women Political and Civic Participation in the MENA Region (Focus on Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine and Yemen), May 2014-December 2015

## **Publications**

### **Book :**

*De l'adoption en Tunisie : Controverses Filiales*, Paris, L'Harmattan, 2020

### **Book Chapter:**

“L’adoption au Maghreb, Quid de l’exception tunisienne ?” in *Parentalité (s) et après ?* Vincent Meyer et Salvatore Stella (Dir), Collection Empan, Editions ERES, September 2021. (In French)

<https://www.editions-eres.com/ouvrage/4787/parentalite-s-et-apres>

« Artificiel intelligence (AI) and social sciences transformations : challenges, opportunities and perspectives » in *Global Trends in AI*, Trends For Advisory and Research, May 2024.

## Articles :

« La filiation adoptive en Tunisie : débats des législations », in *The Maghreb Review*, volume 40, n°2 London, 2015

« Syrian Women Migrants in Tunisia: The experience of forced migration and the difficulty of settling down », *Omran for Social Sciences*, vol 6, n24, April 2018

“From Ordinary Citizens to Transformative Leadership: Modes of Women Participation in Public Affairs in Tunisia Following 2011”, *Global Journal Al-Thaqafah*, vol 10, Issue 1, 2020. (Scopus Q2)

“Sufi Music and the Issue of Identity in Post 2011 Tunisia”, *Global Journal Al-Thaqafah*, vol 10, Issue 2, 2020. (Scopus Q2)

“The role of cultural mediation and primary socialization circles in preserving the pearl heritage And its continuity with university youth in the United Arab Emirates”, *King Abdulaziz Journal for Arts and Humanities*, vol 29, Issue 4, pp521-558, 2021- DOI:10.4197/Art.29-4.19

“The Post-2011 Football Terrace Chants in Tunisia: From the Stadium Stands to the Arena of Social Movements”, *Cosmopolitan Civil Societies*, Vol 14 No 1, 2022 (Scopus Q2)

Abdellatif, S.; Eltahir, M.; Al Salhi, N.; and Al Qatawneh, S. (2023) "Distance Learning in Emergencies: Social and Pedagogical Relations in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic," *Information Sciences Letters*: Vol. 12: Issue 1. (Scopus Q2)

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Abdellatif, S, Ibrahim Al Halalat, K, & Ezzet Aboraya, M. (2023). The Representations of Pearl Fishing and Trade Heritage by University's Youth in the UAE. *Dirasat: Human and Social Sciences*, 50(1), 592–603. <https://doi.org/10.35516/hum.v50i1.4446>

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