

# SUMMARY CV

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## ***Education***

PhD (Philosophy), Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York (1999).

Advanced Graduate Studies (Philosophy), Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Harvard University (1995).

M.Arch-II (Architecture), Graduate School of Design, Harvard University (1994).

BArch (Architecture) American University of Beirut (1989).

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Arabic Sciences and Philosophy; Architectural Humanities; Phenomenology.

## ***Selected Publications***

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- 'Uneasy Meditations following Levinas', *Studia Phaenomenologica* 6 (2006), 293-315
- 'Being-towards-death: on Martyrdom and Islam', *Cristianesimo nella storia* 27 (2006), 249-279
- 'In Defence of the Sovereignty of Philosophy: al-Baghdadi's Critique of Ibn al-Haytham's Geometrisation of Place', *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy* 17 (2007), 57-80
- 'Imagination and Architectural Representations', in *From Models to Drawings: Imagination and Representation in Architecture*, eds. Marco Frascari, Jonathan Hale, Bradley Starkey (London: Routledge, 2007), 34-42
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