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General information

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Education

- 2008–
2012 **Doctor of Philosophy, History, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.** Thesis: “Globalization, the State, and Narrative Plurality: Historiography in Saudi Arabia.” Supervisor: Konrad Hirschler. Examiners: Ulrike Freitag (Zentrum Moderner Orient and Freie Universität Berlin), James McDougall (University of Oxford).
- 2003–
2007 **Magister der Philosophie, History, University of Vienna, with distinction.** Dissertation: “Die Praxis der französischen Diplomatie bei den Osmanen 1683 – 1699.” Supervisor: Oliver Jens Schmitt.
- 2003–
2007 **Magister der Philosophie, Arabic Studies, University of Vienna, with distinction.** Dissertation: “The Crusades in Arabic Schoolbooks.” Supervisor: Rüdiger Lohker.
- 2006–
2007 **Erasmus exchange student, Arabic and Near Eastern Studies, University of Malta.**
- 2006 Certificat de Fin d’étude en Langue **Arabe** (Ex-diplôme de l’Institut Bourguiba des Langues Vivantes), **Université de Tunis El Manar.**

Academic positions

- Since
2023 **Professor, Department of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar.** Responsibilities include teaching, research and service. I have managed a team of research assistants.
- 2019–
2023 **Associate Professor, Department of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar.** Responsibilities include teaching, research and service. I managed a team of research assistants.
- 2013–
2019 **Assistant Professor, Department of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar.** Responsibilities included teaching, research and service. I managed a team of research assistants.
- 2012–
2013 **Postdoctoral Fellow, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.** Responsibilities included mentoring graduate students. I taught a “Chapter Writing Course” and led a workshop entitled “Islam as a Web? Analyzing Networks in Muslim Societies.” In addition, I contributed to teaching a session of the master’s level course “Saudi-Arabien in Geschichte und Gegenwart.”
- Research Fellow, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany.** Responsibilities included undertaking research on the project “New Science in Arabia: Networks in the History of Biology in the Gulf.” I also helped organize an international workshop entitled “In Search of the Kingdom – Emerging Scholarship on Saudi Arabia: From the First Saudi State to the Present.”
- 2009–
2011 **Visiting Scholar, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.**

- 2010–
2011 **Teaching Fellow, Department of History, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**, United Kingdom. Tutor on “H101 Approaches to History,” the compulsory core course for history students, convened by Angus Lockyer.
- 2007–
2008 **Language Instructor, Department of European Languages and Translation, King Saud University**, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Responsibilities included designing and convening courses in German as a foreign language and German culture.
- 2005 **Library Assistant, University of Vienna**, Austria. I helped move books to the African and Middle Eastern Studies Library at the University of Vienna and shelved them.
- Intern, Department of Manuscripts and Rare Books, Austrian National Library**, Vienna. I selected Arabic, Persian and Ottoman Turkish manuscripts from the 15th to the 19th centuries for an exhibition in the library and wrote descriptions of them, making the items on display accessible to a broad international audience.
- 2004 **Intern, Department of Papyri, Austrian National Library**, Vienna. I catalogued and described previously unknown Arabic papyri from Egypt from the 7th to the 9th centuries.

Awards, grants and scholarships

- 2024 **National/International Recognition Award (NIRA)**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2015 **Distinguished Achievement in Research Award**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (\$1,000).
- 2014 Mention, British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize in Middle Eastern Studies, for *Historiography in Saudi Arabia: Globalization and the State in the Middle East*.
- 2013 **Joint winner, BRISMES Leigh Douglas Memorial Prize** for the best doctoral thesis on a Middle Eastern topic, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies and Leigh Douglas Memorial Fund, for “Globalization, the State, and Narrative Plurality: Historiography in Saudi Arabia” (£300).
- 2009–
2012 **Full doctoral scholarship, Gerda Henkel Stiftung**, Germany, for the project “Narrating Change in a Conservative Society: Contemporary Historiography in Saudi Arabia” (€48,040).
- 2010 **Abdullah Mubarak BRISMES Scholarship**, Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah Foundation and the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, for the project “Contemporary Historiography in Saudi Arabia” (£2,000).
- Post-Graduate Research Support Grant**, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), for presenting a paper at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA, £300).
- 2009 **Travel grant**, Society for Arabian Studies, United Kingdom, for the project “Contemporary Historiography in Saudi Arabia” (£250).
- Sir Peter Holmes Memorial Award for Travel**, Royal Society for Asian Affairs, United Kingdom, for the project “Changes of Living in the Public Sphere in Saudi Arabia” (£1,000).
- 2007 Prize (*Würdigungspreis*) for the **best university graduates in Austria** in 2006/2007, Austrian Federal Minister of Science and Research (€2,000).
- 2004–
2007 Performance-based scholarships (*Leistungsstipendien*), University of Vienna, Austria (€3,841.30).
- 2006–
2007 **Erasmus Student Mobility Grant**, European Commission, for studies at the University of Malta (€910).

2006 **Travel grant**, Stiftung Hans, Institut für Orientalistik, University of Vienna, Austria (€150).

Teaching experience

Courses taught at Virginia Commonwealth University

HIST 101 Survey of European History
HIST 102 Survey of European History
HIST 201 The Art of Historical Detection
HIST 202 History Without Borders: Global Science
HIST 340 The Middle East, 600-1600
HIST 341 The Modern Middle East
HIST 391 Topics in History: Exploring the Past through Science Fiction
HIST 393 Revolutions in Science II
SCTS 200 Science in Society: Values, Ethics and Politics

Supervision and examination of graduate students

2026–2027 Reader (committee member), Minatuallah Al Aswad's thesis, "Qurated for you: The Soft Power of Souvenirs," Master of Fine Arts in Design, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2021–2026 Second supervisor and examiner, Mustafa Nasar's dissertation, "Governing the Past: Memory Politics and Representations of the Ottoman Empire in the Gulf Monarchies," Doctor of Philosophy in Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Basel, Switzerland.

2025–2026 Reader (committee member), Fariha Ahmed's thesis, "Algorhythm: Commodification of Hobbies on Social Media Platforms," Master of Fine Arts in Design, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2024–2025 Reader (committee member), Maryam Al-Tajer's thesis, "Vessels of Spirituality: Merging Faith and Form," Master of Fine Arts in Design, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2023–2025 Examiner, University of Vienna, Austria. I evaluated the following doctoral dissertations: "Die religiöse Ausrichtung des Emirates Katar und die damit verbundenen Implikationen auf seine wirtschaftliche Strategie" by Stephan Georg Reiner; "The Individual between Jihadism and Islam Hadhari – the Contest of the Individual in Nation States of modern Islamic thinkers" by Amin Elfeshawi.

2022–2023 Reader (committee member), Tasnim Rahimah's thesis, "Behind the Gate: Syrian Women in Soap Operas: Perception vs. Reality," Master of Fine Arts in Design, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2021–2023 Examiner, Sultana Jesmine's Qualifying Examination and Candidacy Exam, "Designing an Interactive Memorization Journey of the Holy Quran through the Lens of Game-Based-Learning Principles," Ph.D. in Humanities and Social Sciences, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar.

2021–2022 Reader (committee member), Faheem Khan's thesis, "Less Water, More Holy: Tools for Sustainable Ablution," Master of Fine Arts in Design, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2020 Mentor to Shireen Hamza, a graduate student at Harvard University, in her doctoral research as part of the workshop Islam and Science in Afro-Eurasia: New Directions.

2017–2018 Grammarian (committee member), Sultana Jesmine Moulana's thesis, "Synergy: Game Design + Qur'an Memorization," Master of Fine Arts in Design, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2015–2016 Reader (committee member), Hawa Stwodah's thesis, "Adornment and Modesty: A Symbiotic Relationship between Surface Design and Social Behavior," Master of Fine Arts in Design, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

Further teaching experience

2023–2026 Guest lecturer, Astrobiology: The Search for Extraterrestrial Life and its Feedback in Society, convened by Nozair Khawaja, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.

2024–2026 Presenter, Astronomy Camp, New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

2019–2025 Guest lecturer, GOVT-3679-70 Interstellar Politics, convened by Clyde Wilcox, Georgetown University Qatar.

2022–2025 Guest teacher, ANTH 103 Introduction to Anthropology, convened by Byrad Yyelland, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2024–2025 Guest teacher, SOCY 101 Introduction to Sociology, convened by Byrad Yyelland, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2025 Guest teacher, HUMS 300 Great Questions of the Social Sciences, convened by Byrad Yyelland, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

Co-leader, LinkedIn Workshop, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

2023 Guest teacher, History 496 Topics in the History of Science: The History of the Extraterrestrial Life Debate, convened by Robert Smith, University of Alberta, Canada.

Guest teacher, History of Science 350 Islam, Science, and Bioethics, convened by Daniel Stolz, University of Wisconsin–Madison, United States of America.

2022 Guest presenter, IDES 400 Senior Interior Design Studio I, convened by Johan Granberg, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

Guest lecturer, ENGL 219 Literature and the Other Arts, convened by Anne Schmalstig, Texas A&M University at Qatar.

2020 Guest lecturer, Design Post-COVID Humanity program, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar.

Guest speaker, Darwinism in Islamic Thought, convened by Majid Daneshgar, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany.

Guest lecturer, English 1168 The History of Science and Medicine from its Origins to the Present Day, convened by Alan Weber, Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar.

2019 Guest lecturer, RELS 350 World Classics of Spirituality, convened by Robert Bianchi, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

Guest lecturer, INTERDIS 242-0 Topics in Science and Technology Studies: Science, Technology, and Society, convened by Anto Mohsin, Northwestern University in Qatar.

2018 Guest critic, ENGL 215 Reading Literature, convened by Robert M. Bianchi, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.

Guest lecturer, INTERDIS 242-0 Topics in STS: Introduction to Science and Technology Studies, convened by Anto Mohsin, Northwestern University in Qatar.

- 2014 Guest lecturer, ARTH 391e The Craft of Art History, convened by Dina Bangdel, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar.
- 2012 Guest lecturer, Methodology Seminar, convened by Konrad Hirschler, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.
- 2010 Guest lecturer, Postgraduate Writing Course, convened by Teresa Bernheimer, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.
- 2008 Instructor, German course (level A1), King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).
- Instructor, German course (level A1), German Embassy, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 2007 Guest lecturer, philosophy, GRG 13 Wenzgasse, Vienna, Austria.

Teacher training

- 2024–
2026 **Protection of Minors**, New York University Abu Dhabi.
- 2025 "ReLearning to Learn: Why Learn at All in the Age of AI?" Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Strategies & adaptations for **teaching writing** in the age of **AI**, Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar.
- 2023 **ChatGPT** 101, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- ChatGPT**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Writing Assessment Literacy** for Language Teachers, Texas A&M University at Qatar, led by Paul Kei Matsuda (Arizona State University).
- 2021 Learning from Remote Teaching: Practices to Carry Forward, Qatar Teaching and Learning Forum.
- Top Hat** Introductory Overview: Increasing Student Engagement in Your Course, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Teaching Excellence, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2020 **Essay Writing** Guides, led by William Scates Frances (Australian National University), Virtual HistSTM Community.
- Maintaining **Engagement** in an **Online** Environment, Qatar Teaching and Learning Forum chaired by Scott Curtis (Northwestern University).
- 2019 Disrupting Teaching, Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar.
- Encouraging Authenticity in Student Writing, Northwestern University in Qatar.
- What's Working? Successful Teaching Strategies in the International Branch Campus, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Moving from Knowledge Display to Knowledge Transformation: Preparing Students to **Write Analytically** and **Argumentatively** across Disciplines, Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar.

- Getting Your Feet Wet with **Open Educational Resources**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2018 Applying the **Flipped Classroom** Approach in the Art & Design Classroom, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Key themes and high impact practices in higher education, Georgetown University.
- 2017 Preparing your **Teaching Portfolio** for Promotion, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Culture** in the Classroom, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- How to **Motivate** Your Students, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Understanding and Combatting **Plagiarism**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2016 **Critical Thinking** for Faculty, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- So you've been asked to serve on a **thesis** committee, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2014 **Writing across the Curriculum**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- High-Impact** Practices for the College Classroom, Georgetown University.
- 2013 Preparing to **Teach Online**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Teaching with New Media**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Teaching with Social Media**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2008–2012 Graduate Teaching Assistant Training Programme (accredited by the Higher Education Academy, United Kingdom), SOAS, University of London.
- 2011 تدريس التاريخ الوطني في مراحل التعليم العام – تشخيص الواقع واستشراف المستقبل, Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 2008 **Planning for Effective Teaching**, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, led by James Groccia (Auburn University).

Research training

- 2024 **Generative AI** Workshop: Tips and Tricks for Prompt Writing, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2022 **Grant Writing** – Pitching Your Idea, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration** Workshop, Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (a2ru).
- Impact and Dissemination** Workshop, Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (a2ru).
- 2021 Stand Out with an Exemplary **Bio Sketch**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2020 Writing for General Audiences, led by Peter Tarr (Brain & Behavior Research Foundation and University of Pennsylvania), Virtual HistSTM Community.
- Publishing** Workshop led by Matthew McAdam (Johns Hopkins University Press), Virtual HistSTM Community.
- 2016 **External Research Funding**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2015 Copyright issues for faculty, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- How to write a lot**, workshop led by Mark B. Salter, University of Ottawa, Canada.
- Human Subjects Research** Basic Course, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program), University of Miami.
- Streamline Your Scholarly Publishing, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2014 **Scholarly Impact & Predatory Journals**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Resources for **grantsmanship**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Understanding **Funders' Guidelines**, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- To apply or not to apply, that is the question: The Pros and Cons of Extramural Funding, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- 2013 **Grant Application** workshop, Dahlem Research Group, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.
- 2009–2012 Key Concepts in **Science and Technology Studies**, University College London, United Kingdom.
- 2012 **Networking** workshops, Institute of Education and SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom.
- 2011 **How to get published in academic journals**, University of Exeter, United Kingdom.
- Coping with pressure & stress**, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, United Kingdom.
- 2010 **Proposal Writing** Workshop for **Social Sciences and Humanities** Scholars, San Diego, California, led by Suad Joseph (University of California, Davis).
- 2008 دورة وثائق الأرشيف العثماني, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia.
- 2006 Workshop on **publishing in academic journals**, University of Malta, led by Michael Herzfeld (Harvard University).

2005 **Arabic Papyrology School**, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Service record

Administrative experience and service to the university

Since 2025	Member, Research Development Committee, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
2026	Chair, Peer Review Committee for the promotion of an Associate Professor of Social Sciences to the rank of Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.
2024–2025	Member, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
2025	Member, Peer Review Committee for the promotion of an Associate Professor of Art Foundation to the rank of Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.
	Member, Saffron Hall and Lobby Renovation Working Group, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
	Co-chair, Faculty Awards Committee , Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
2021–2025	Recruitment Inclusive Champion, Office of the Provost, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2023–2025	Member, Faculty Awards Committee, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
2024–2025	Presenter, New Hires Orientation, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
	Chair, Peer Review Committee for the promotion of an Associate Professor of Art and Architecture of the Islamic World to the rank of Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.
2024	Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
2022–2023	Alternate Senator, Faculty Senate, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2016–2023	Presenter, New Employee Orientation, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
2023	Member, Peer Review Committee for the promotion of a Director of Graduate Studies to the rank of Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.
	Moderator, Liberal Arts & Sciences Colloquium, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2022	Actor in student-produced movie as part of the course DESI 390 Film and Design Studio I at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar in collaboration with Northwestern University.
	Member, Search Committee for the position of Institutional Research Analyst at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
2021–2022	Chair, Faculty and Staff Life Committee , Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
2020–2021	Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee , Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.

- 2019–
2020 Member, **Search Committee** for the position of **Associate Dean for Research & Development** at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2019 Member, **Peer Review Committee** for promotion of a faculty member in English to the rank of Associate Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Reviewer of candidates for adjunct professor positions in anthropology, English, and mathematics at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2018–
2019 Member, **Search Committee** for the position of **Dean** of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar.
- Chair, Faculty Research Grant Committee**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2017–
2018 Member, **Faculty Research Grant Committee**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- Evaluator of candidates for the position of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2016–
2017 **Co-chair, Faculty Advisory Committee**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2017 Facilitator of workshop on Research, Professional Growth and Promotion, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar
- Member, Search Committee for Instruction & Access Services Librarian, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2016 **Secretary, Peer Review Committee** for promotion of art history faculty members to rank of Associate Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2015–
2016 Member, **Faculty Advisory Committee**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2016 Member, **Faculty Awards Committee**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- Faculty Marshal**, Commencement, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- Member, **Outreach Committee**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- Member, **Graduate Research Grant Committee**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2013–
2015 **Chair, Research Development Committee**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2013–
2015 Member, taskforce to create Promotion Guidelines for the Liberal Arts & Sciences (LAS) Faculty, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2014–
2015 **Chair**, Search Committee for Senior Director of Academic and Career Advising, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2015 Evaluator of candidates for the position of Dean, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2013–
2014 **Chair**, Search Committee for Art History Faculty - Pre-Modern, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.
- 2014 Participation in evaluation of candidates for mathematics faculty positions, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.

- 2012 Evaluator of candidates for a faculty position in the history of South Asia at SOAS.
- 2008–
2011 **Student representative, SOAS.** Responsibilities included advocating students' concerns in regular meetings of the Department of History, the Research Student Society, the Student Union, and other bodies.
- 2008–
2009 **Faculty representative** and member of the **Faculty of Arts and Humanities Research Committee, SOAS.** The committee discussed matters related to funding from The Higher Education Funding Council for England and Research Councils UK, research grant applications from SOAS students and faculty members, and admissions policy regarding research students.

Outreach and community service

Since 2026	General Councillor, Working Group on Star Names, International Astronomical Union.
2021–2026	Project team member, “A Sign in Space,” SETI Institute, European Space Agency (ESA), Green Bank Observatory and Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica (INAF).
2024–2026	Associate, Commission C5 Cultural Astronomy, International Astronomical Union. Associate, Working Group on Star Names, International Astronomical Union.
2025	Roundtable participant, “Futures of Belonging: Migration, Technology, and the New Social Contract of Arid Settlements,” Qatar Museums. Interviewee, <i>Legacy of Light: The House of Wisdom</i> , docudrama directed by Maha Al-Naemi and produced by Spencer Striker with support from the Doha Film Institute. Co-organizer , children’s workshop for World Space Week, Al Thuraya Planetarium, Katara, Qatar. Advisor, <i>Tales of Khayaal</i> , Gould Studio.
2023	Consultant on the science-fiction television series <i>Sands of Fire</i> written by Ben Robinson and Abdulla Al-Mulla, Doha Film Institute, Qatar.
2022	Academic contributor to the documentary series <i>Diriyah: The City of Earth</i> , Atlantic Productions, United Kingdom. Guest expert for the documentary film <i>Heritage</i> , produced by Imago Productions and sponsored by the Saudi Broadcasting Authority.
2021	Panel moderator , “Women in Arabia and Islam: Space Pioneers of today anchored in an Arabian and Muslim past,” Women’s Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
2020	Advisor to Hamad Al-Khater on <i>Nightscape</i> , a video game about Arabian astronomy developed by Astrolabe Interactive, Montreal, Canada. Advisor to Aaron Schaffer of <i>Al-Monitor</i> for a story on Gulf space programs and aspirations.
2019	Advisor to Alasdair Soussi of the Abu Dhabi newspaper <i>The National</i> on the history of mental health hospitals in the Middle East. Interviewee for students of the course JOUR 390/MIT 398-0 Special Topics: Science and Health Journalism taught by Jairo Lugo-Ocando at Northwestern University in Qatar. Advisor on a possible Qatar Moon program to Ayman Qaddumi, Intuitive Machines, United States of America. Advisor to Different Productions, Beirut, Lebanon, on the Arabic television series <i>Astronauts: The Toughest Job in the Universe</i> .
2018	Consultant on Civilian Titles and Honors System in the Middle East for Oliver Wyman United Arab Emirates. Interviewee for an Al Jazeera documentary on Saudi historiography within the series <i>Outside the Text</i> (خارج النص). Interviewee on Arab space science for the Sean Moncrieff show on Newstalk radio, Ireland.

- Advisor to IQPC on the Next Generation Space Technology Week in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Advisor to *AramcoWorld* for a story on the Emirates Mars Mission.
- Interviewee for radio documentary on “Islam and the cosmos” within the monthly program *America Abroad*, distributed by Public Radio International, aired across the United States.
- 2017–2018 Advisor and interviewee for a show on space exploration within the CNN series Inside the Middle East.
- 2017 Advisor on political stability in Saudi Arabia for David Beamish, The Risk Advisory Group.
- 2015 Interviewee on political developments in Saudi Arabia for Deborah Amos, National Public Radio.
- Interviewee on political developments in Saudi Arabia for Salvador Atasoy, Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen.
- 2014 Interviewee for an article by David R. Wheeler in *The Atlantic* with the working title “Rise of the Passport Professors: As U.S. University Jobs Disappear, American Ph.D.s Are Becoming Academic Migrants.”
- Interviewee on the Writing Center at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar for the *Qatar Foundation Telegraph*.
- 2013 Interviewee on foreign workers in Saudi Arabia for *Radio VR (Voice of Russia)*.
- Interviewee on United States–Saudi relation and US Middle East policy for *Radio VR (Voice of Russia)*.
- Interviewee on Saudi–United States relations for Österreich 1 (Ö1) radio, Austria.
- Interviewee on my work at the Zentrum Moderner Orient for a report by the Bundesagentur für Arbeit, Germany.
- Interviewee on Saudi treatments of the corona virus for Jana Schlütter of *Der Tagesspiegel*, Germany.
- Consultant on the screenplay of a motion picture about the love story between a German student and an Arab princess written by Josephine Frydetski of Berlin, Germany.
- Consultant on German–Saudi Relations to Neil Partrick, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), United Kingdom.
- 2012 Consultant on a design bid for the King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture, Dammam, Saudi Arabia, to Filip Standaert, Handelsreizigers in Ideeën, Gent, Belgium.
- Consultant on Saudi Arabian Aid in Afghanistan and Pakistan to David Watson, West Asia and Stabilisation Division, Department for International Development, United Kingdom Government.
- Consultant on Saudi commercial law to Kai Kreutzberger, Herbert Smith LLP, London.
- Interviewee on women in Saudi Arabia, Saudi women athletes and the 2012 Summer Olympics in London for Jeanny Gering, *International Perspectives* web radio, City University London.
- Consultant on an English translation of Abdulaziz al-Tuwaijri’s book *لِسْرَاةِ اللَّيْلِ هَتَفَ الصَّبَاحُ* to William Facey, Arabian Publishing, London.

- Consultant on Saudi culture and folktales to Oliver Jones and Andrew Whyment, National Youth Theatre, London.
- 2009–
2012 Advisor on inter-religious dialogue and the establishment of the King Abdullah Interfaith Dialogue Center in Vienna to Martin Rupprecht, Centre for Christian-Muslim Encounter, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria.
- 2010 Advisor on genealogy and tribal histories in Saudi Arabia to Robert Worth, *The New York Times*.
- Interviewee on genealogy and tribal history in the Middle East for the Kuwaiti newspaper *al-Bayḍāʾ*.
- Interviewee on genealogy and tribal history in the Middle East for the Kuwaiti newspaper *al-Wasaṭ*.
- 2009 Consultant on the project “European and Saudi Active Students” to Angela C Daly, European Alternatives.
- 2008 Interviewee on German culture for the Open Hour radio programme, Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Interviewee for the show KSA in the Eyes of Expatriates, presented by Zainab Al-Aoujan, Saudi Arabian Television Channel 2.

Service to the profession

Since 2016	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes</i> (University of Vienna).
Since 2017	Associate Editor, <i>Review of Middle East Studies</i> (Middle East Studies Association and Cambridge University Press). Responsibilities include editing reviews and articles on science, the environment, and the Arabian Peninsula. I commissioned a special focus section on “The Online Public Sphere in the Gulf.” I participated in the recruitment of a new Managing Editor. Reviewer, Taylor & Francis Group. I have evaluated book proposals for Routledge and articles for the <i>Journal of Arabian Studies</i>, <i>Heritage & Society</i>, <i>Theology and Science</i>, the <i>British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies</i>, and <i>Science as Culture</i>.
Since 2021	Member, Qatar Teaching and Learning Forum (QTLF), Qatar Foundation. I co-organized workshops and seminars on pedagogy for all of Education City. I moderated a panel discussion on inclusive pedagogy.
Since 2022	Book Review Editor , <i>Journal of Arabian Studies</i> (Taylor & Francis).
Since 2025	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Kufa Journal of Arts</i> (University of Kufa). Co-convener, Islamic Colloquia of Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
Since 2026	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Gulf Studies</i> (Intellect). Member, Editorial Board, <i>Islam, Science and Ethics of Emerging Technologies</i> (Trivent Publishing).
2026	Reviewer, Sage. I evaluated an article for <i>Ethnicities</i>. Member, Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Gulf Studies</i> (Intellect). Panel speaker, “Students as Co-Creators, Participatory Data Storytelling,” <i>The Role of Data Storytelling and Generative AI in Progressive Education</i>, Horizon Hub Workshop, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar.
2019–2025	Reviewer , Wiley. I evaluated articles for <i>Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism</i> , <i>Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science</i> , and <i>History Compass</i> .
2020–2025	Reviewer, Springer Nature Group. I evaluated a book manuscript for Palgrave Macmillan, book proposals for Springer and Palgrave Macmillan, as well as articles for the <i>Journal of the History of Biology</i> and <i>SN Social Sciences</i>. Reviewer, Brill. I evaluated articles for the <i>Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient</i>, <i>Nuncius: Journal of the Material and Visual History of Science</i>, <i>Middle East Law and Governance</i>, and <i>Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication</i>. Reviewer, Cambridge University Press. I evaluated books as well as articles for the <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i>.
2025	Book manuscript reviewer, Liverpool University Press. Fellowship nomination reviewer, International Society for Science and Religion. Panel chair, “Craftsmen, Scholars, Pirates and Chessmen,” Annual Meeting, British Society for the History of Science, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. Research grant proposal reviewer, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar.

- Grant proposal reviewer**, Israel Science Foundation.
- 2024 **Session chair**, “The Monstrous and the Gothic in Middle East Literature,” Middle East Studies Association 58th Annual Meeting.
- Jury member**, Media & Research Awards, Northwestern University in Qatar.
- Roundtable facilitator**, What Could and Should Diversity Look Like in Research?, Qatar Faculty Forum, Hamad Bin Khalifa University.
- Peer reviewer** of an articles for *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* (Elsevier).
- Book proposal reviewer**, I.B. Tauris, an imprint of Bloomsbury.
- 2023 Member, Book Award Committee, Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies.
- Roundtable speaker**, “Beyond ‘Plato to NATO’: Reimagining the Introductory History of Science Course,” Digital Festival for the History of Science 2023, British Society for the History of Science.
- Paper session chair**, Fifteenth Biennial History of Astronomy Workshop, University of Notre Dame, United States of America.
- Peer reviewer** of an article for *Fashion Studies* (Toronto Metropolitan University).
- Discussant**, “Understanding the cultural and historical context of evolutionary biology in the MENA,” Evolutionary biology: a workshop on research and teaching evolution in the MENA region, Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar.
- 2021–2022 **Conference co-chair**, *Islamic Perspectives on Exotheology*, Virginia Commonwealth University in partnership with the Religion and Astrobiology in Culture and Society (RACS) Network.
- 2022 Panelist, QF Recent Author Roundtable, Qatar Faculty Forum, Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar.
- Peer reviewer** of articles for *Arabian Humanities: International Journal of Archaeology and Social Sciences in the Arabian Peninsula* (Centre Français de Recherche de la Péninsule Arabique), and *Interdisciplinary Literary Studies: A Journal of Criticism and Theory* (Pennsylvania State University Press).
- Proposal reviewer**, German-American Fulbright Commission (Fulbright Germany).
- Panel moderator**, “The Nature of Future (iR)Reality: Imagination as a Tool of Resistance and Religious Catalysis,” *Muslim Futurism: Definitions, Explorations, and Future Directions*, conference, Mipsterz in partnership with Colorado College, Duke University, University of Miami, Columbia University and the Center for Afrofuturist Studies.
- 2021 **Project participant**, Enhancing Online Student Engagement in the State of Qatar, Virginia Commonwealth University.
- Session chair**, “History of Astronomy,” 26th International Congress of History of Science and Technology, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Peer reviewer** of articles for *Endeavour* (Elsevier), *Studia Litteraria Universitatis Iagellonicae Cracoviensis*, and *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* (Elsevier).
- 2019 **Peer reviewer** of articles for the *Journal of Science Fiction* (Museum of Science Fiction), and *Arabian Humanities: International Journal of Archaeology and Social Sciences in the Arabian Peninsula* (Centre Français de Recherche de la Péninsule Arabique).

- 2018 **Panel chair**, “Scientific culture in the Middle East: between literature and science,” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Fundación Tres Culturas del Mediterráneo and Universidad de Sevilla, Seville, Spain.
- Peer reviewer** of an article for the journal *PLOS ONE* (Public Library of Science).
- Panel chair**, “World-Building in the MENA,” *New Approaches to Studying the Middle East*, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Conference, King’s College London, United Kingdom.
- 2017 **Referee** for evaluation of research professor in history, Ghent University, Belgium.
- Peer reviewer** of an articles for the *International Journal of Islamic Architecture* (Intellect).
- 2015–2016 Member, Institutional Review Board, College of the North Atlantic - Qatar.
- 2015 **Peer reviewer** of an article for *Archiv orientální: Journal of African and Asian Studies* (Czech Academy of Sciences).
- 2013 Invited survey participant, “STEM Education in Egypt / the Gulf States,” Interdisciplinary Research Group TECHcultures – Intercultural Comparison of the Understanding of Science and Technology in Selected Countries, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Germany.
- Panel chair**, “(Political) Representations,” *In Search of the Kingdom – Emerging Scholarship on Saudi Arabia: From the First Saudi State to the Present*, international workshop, Zentrum Moderner Orient and Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie Universität Berlin.
- Seminar discussant**, “Biography and the Production of Knowledge,” Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany.
- 2008–2011 Member of the Representative Committee of the Graduate Section, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), contributing to the establishment of the e-journal *New Middle Eastern Studies* launched in 2011.
- 2011 **Panel chair**, “Issues in Gulf Studies,” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Annual Conference, University of Exeter.
- 2010 **Panel chair**, “Identity and National Culture,” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2006 **Assistant co-ordinator**, 7th congress of the Association Internationale de Dialectologie Arabe, University of Vienna, Austria.

Administrative and outreach training

2013– 2025	Annual Information Security Awareness Training, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2022– 2025	Annual Ethics and Compliance Training, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2024– 2025	Annual Non-Discrimination Training, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2025	Conflict-Resolution Workshop, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2024	Transformative Leadership , Virginia Commonwealth University. DEI Workshop #1: Addressing diversity -based tensions within our community, Virginia Commonwealth University, led by Jana Hollá, Nagesh Rao and Nadine Binder (Institute for Developing Across Differences).
2023	Career Pathing @VCU , Virginia Commonwealth University.
2021	The Road to Cultural Competence , Virginia Commonwealth University. Recruitment Inclusive Champion (RIC) program, Virginia Commonwealth University. Search Committee Training: Creating a successful, diverse, and inclusive search process at VCU.
2019	How to Manage Conflicts and Avoid the Prohibited Ones, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2017– 2018	FERPA Training and Assessment Qatar Campus, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2014– 2018	Integrity and Compliance Education, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2017	Promotion Review: Process & Content, Virginia Commonwealth University. Introduction to Export Compliance , Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program). General Campus Security Authority Course, D. Stafford & Associates.
2015	IRB Members Basic Course, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program), University of Miami.
2014	Chrome River & Travel Policy, Virginia Commonwealth University. Intercultural Workshop, Virginia Commonwealth University, led by Henry Zinglensen (MindLab Global Solutions). LUNA training, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2013	Compliance Education, Virginia Commonwealth University. Mastery Test (Faculty) in Preventing Sexual Harassment , Virginia Commonwealth University. Virginia Terrorism & Security Awareness Orientation, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Working in a **multi-cultural environment**, Virginia Commonwealth University.

2011 **Teamworking & Leadership** Workshop, SOAS, University of London.

2010 “Welchen gesellschaftlichen Nutzen haben die kultur- und geisteswissenschaftlichen Fächer?,” workshop led by Werner Plumpe (Verband der Historiker und Historikerinnen Deutschlands) and Frank Wießner (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung, Nuremberg), Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Düsseldorf, Germany.

2009 “Klare Verhältnisse? Wie Forschung und Medien zusammenwirken können,” workshop led by Harald Welzer (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, Essen) and Kathrin Fischer (Hessischer Rundfunk, Frankfurt), Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Düsseldorf, Germany.

Maintaining Personal **Web Pages**, Birkbeck, University of London.

2008 **Strategic Planning and Effective Leadership**, King Saud University, led by Rafik Beekun (University of Nevada, Reno).

Other information

Professional memberships

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES, 2008–2026)
Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA, student member 2010–2012, fellow 2013–2026)
Gulf/2000 (2012–2026)
Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS, 2013–2027)
British Society for the History of Science (BSHS, 2014–2026)
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (CSHPS, 2014–2026)
Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society (ALCS, lifetime member since 2018)
Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM, 2020–2026)
History of Science Society (HSS, 2020–2026)
Commission on the History of Science and Technology in Islamic Societies (CHOSTIS, since 2021)
International Astronomical Union (IAU, Associate 2024–2026, Member since 2026)
International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR, 2025–26)
Science Fiction Research Association (SFRA, 2025–26)
European Association for Middle Eastern Studies (EURAMES, since 2026)

Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (DAVO, 2008–2023)
History Lab Plus (2012–2019)
Royal Society for Asian Affairs (RSAA, 2012–2014)
London Middle East Institute (LMEI, 2009–2013)
British Foundation for the Study of Arabia (BFSA, 2010–2012)
Saudi-British Society (2009–2012)

Languages

German: native proficiency.	Italian: elementary proficiency.
English: full professional proficiency.	Latin: elementary proficiency.
Arabic: professional working proficiency.	Maltese: elementary proficiency.
French: professional working proficiency.	Persian: elementary proficiency.

Computer skills

Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Adobe Photoshop, Zotero, Prezi, Blackboard, Canvas, Zoom, Chrome River

Hobbies and interests

Mindfulness, meditation, yoga, swimming, learning languages, and meeting people

Giving

2025	Donation of money to Doha English Speaking School (DESS), Qatar.
2024	Donation of money to H-Net: Humanities & Social Sciences Online. Donation of money to the British Society for the History of Science (BSHS).
2022–2023	Faculty Patron, <i>Ottoman History Podcast</i> (via Patreon).

2014– 2017	Donation of money to the New Books Network (NBN) founded by Marshall Poe, United States of America.
2014– 2017	Donation of books and periodicals to the African and Middle Eastern Studies Library (Fachbereichsbibliothek Afrikawissenschaften und Orientalistik), University of Vienna, Austria.
2009– 2012	Donation of books and periodicals to the library of SOAS University of London, United Kingdom.

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- 2024 7. *Islamic Theology and Extraterrestrial Life: New Frontiers in Science and Religion*. London: I.B. Tauris. (co-edited with Shoaib Ahmed Malik)
- 2023 6. *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Astronomy: A Modern History*. Cham: Springer.
- 2021 5. *Islam, Science Fiction and Extraterrestrial Life: The Culture of Astrobiology in the Muslim World*. London: I.B. Tauris.
- 2018 4. *Space Science and the Arab World: Astronauts, Observatories and Nationalism in the Middle East*. London: I.B. Tauris.
- 2015 3. *Researching Biology and Evolution in the Gulf States: Networks of Science in the Middle East*. London: I.B. Tauris.
2. كتابة التاريخ في المملكة العربية السعودية: العولمة والدولة في الشرق الأوسط، ترجمة عبدالله بن إبراهيم العسكر. بيروت: جداول.
- 2014 1. *Historiography in Saudi Arabia: Globalization and the State in the Middle East*. London: I.B. Tauris.

Articles

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55. "Using Places and Plaques to Teach the History of Science." *Viewpoint: Magazine of the British Society for the History of Science* 138: 2–3.
54. "How to Revolutionize Your Survey Course in the History of Science." *History of Science Society Newsletter* 55, no. 2: 13–14.
- 2025 53. "The IAU Working Group on Star Names (WGSN): Research Finds in 2025." *Journal of Astronomical History and Heritage* 28, no. 4: 1026–38. (with Susanne M. Hoffmann and others)
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51. "Communicating Discoveries in the Search for Life in the Universe Workshop Report." *Astrobiology* 25, no. 11: 743–58. (with Jordan Bimm and others)
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50. "Isaac Asimov and Science Education in Twentieth-Century America." Annual Meeting, British Society for the History of Science, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.
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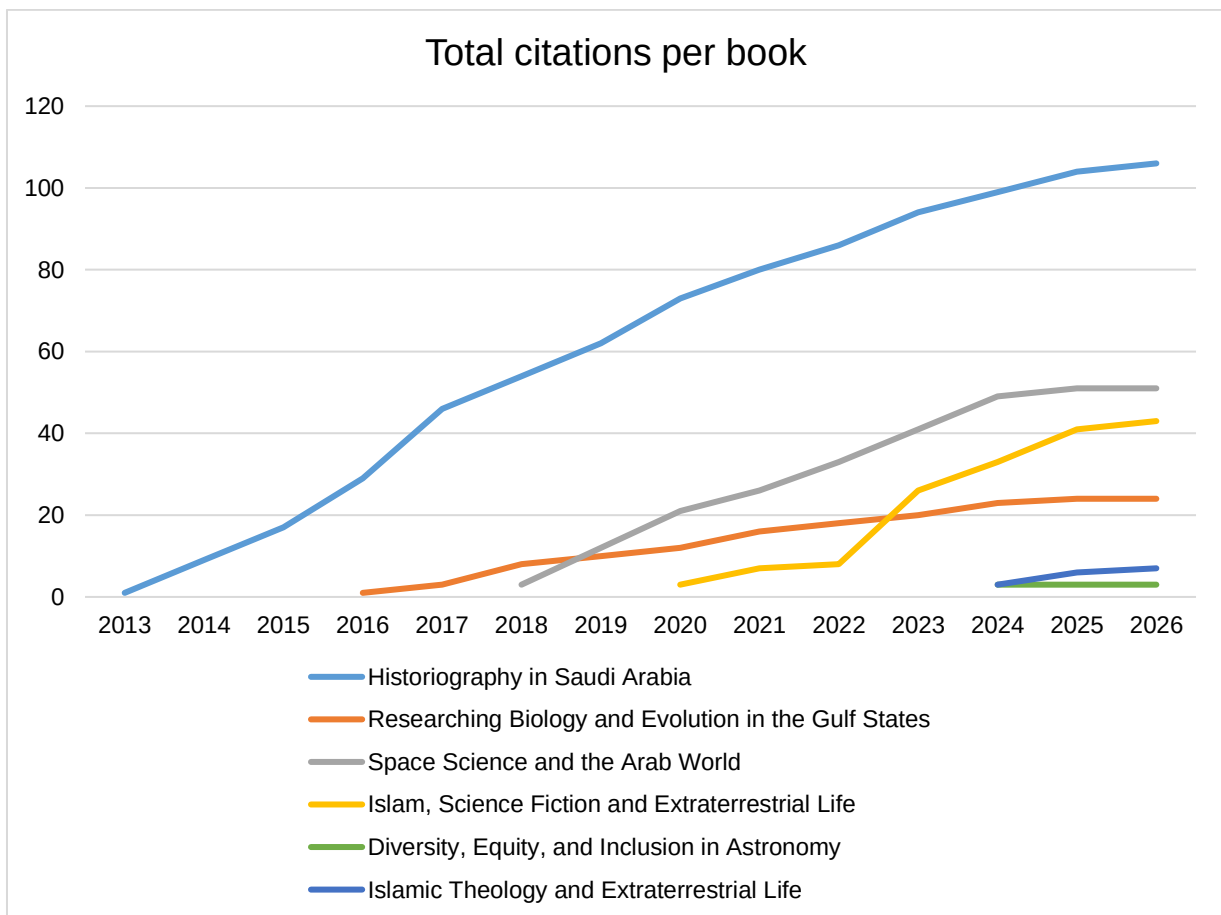
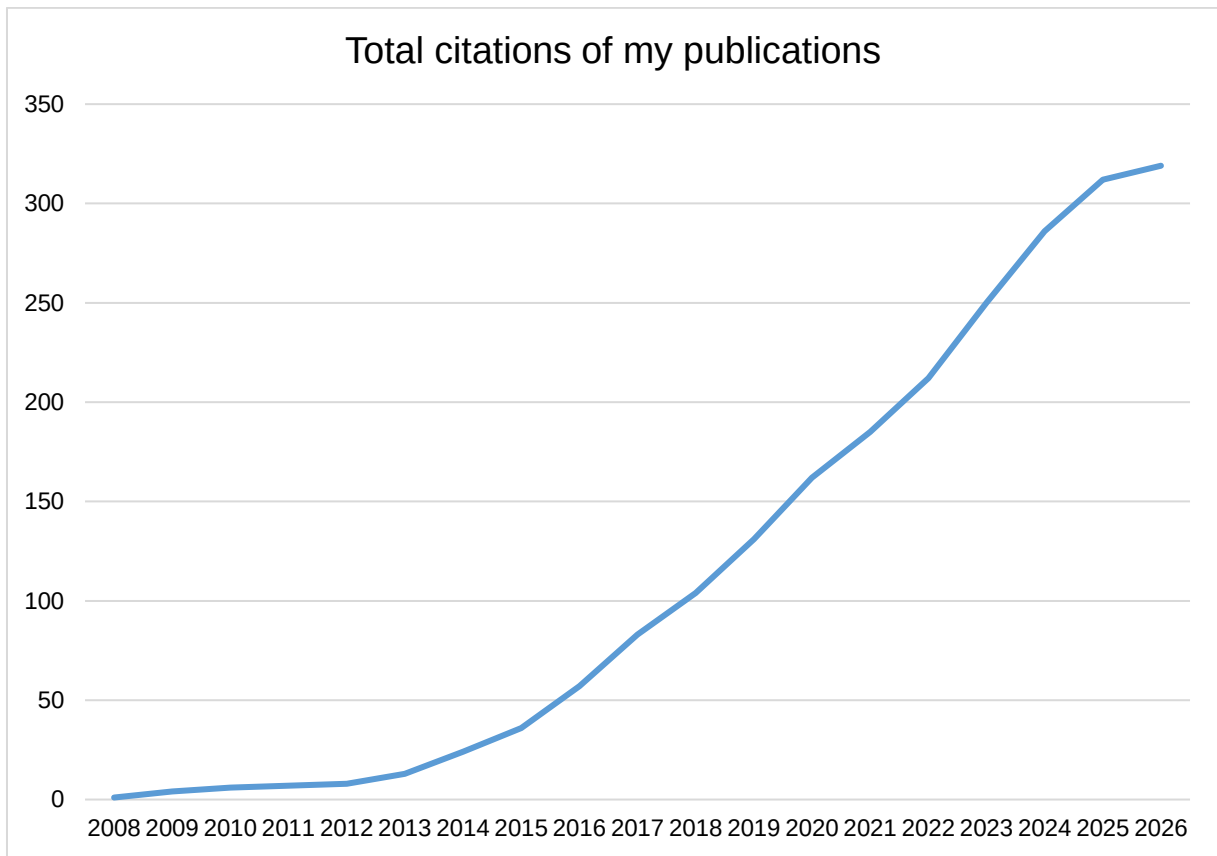
14. The Knowing World: A New Global History of Science, Graduate Colloquium in the History of Science and Technology, taught by James Delbourgo, Rutgers University, United States of America.

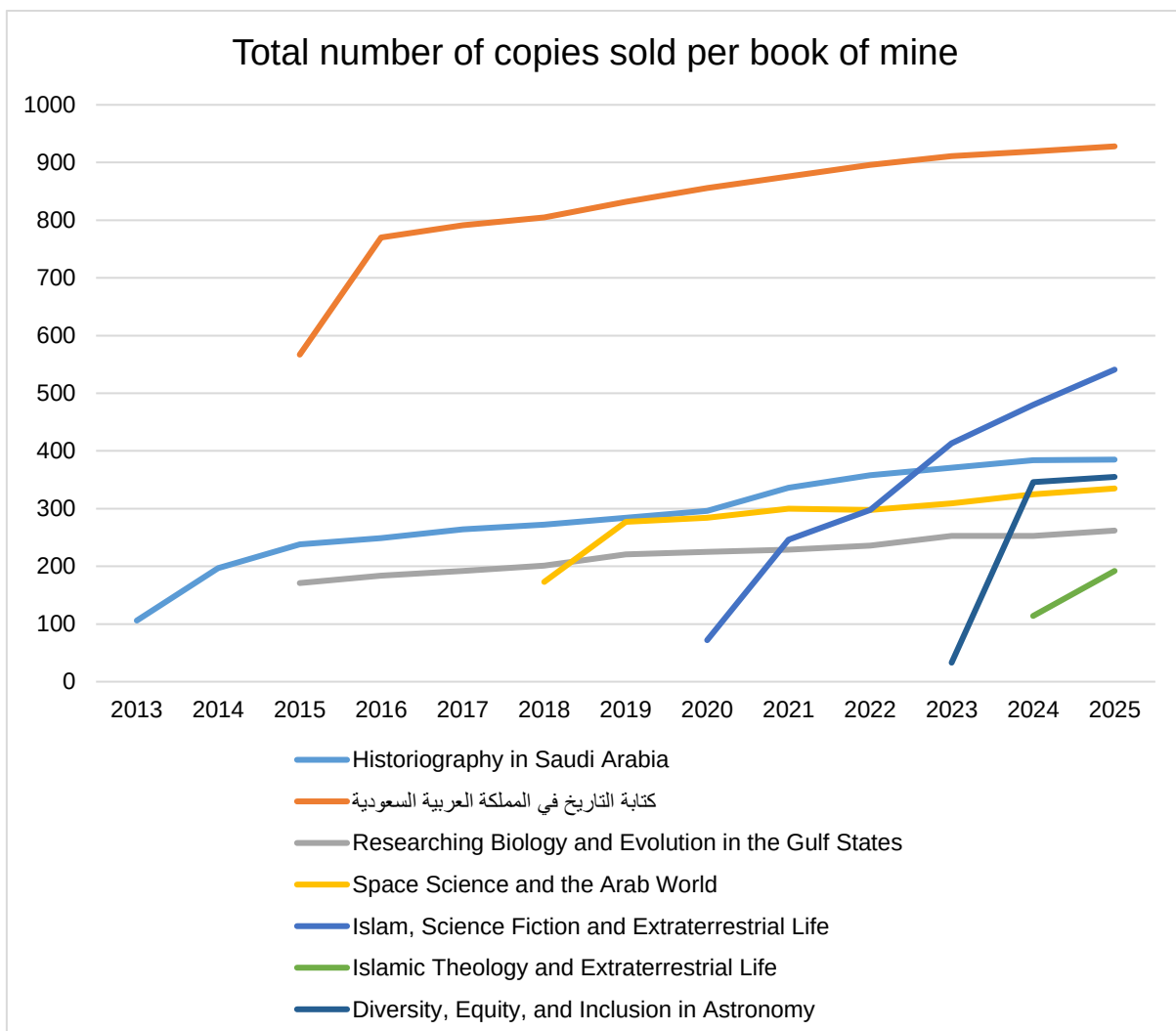
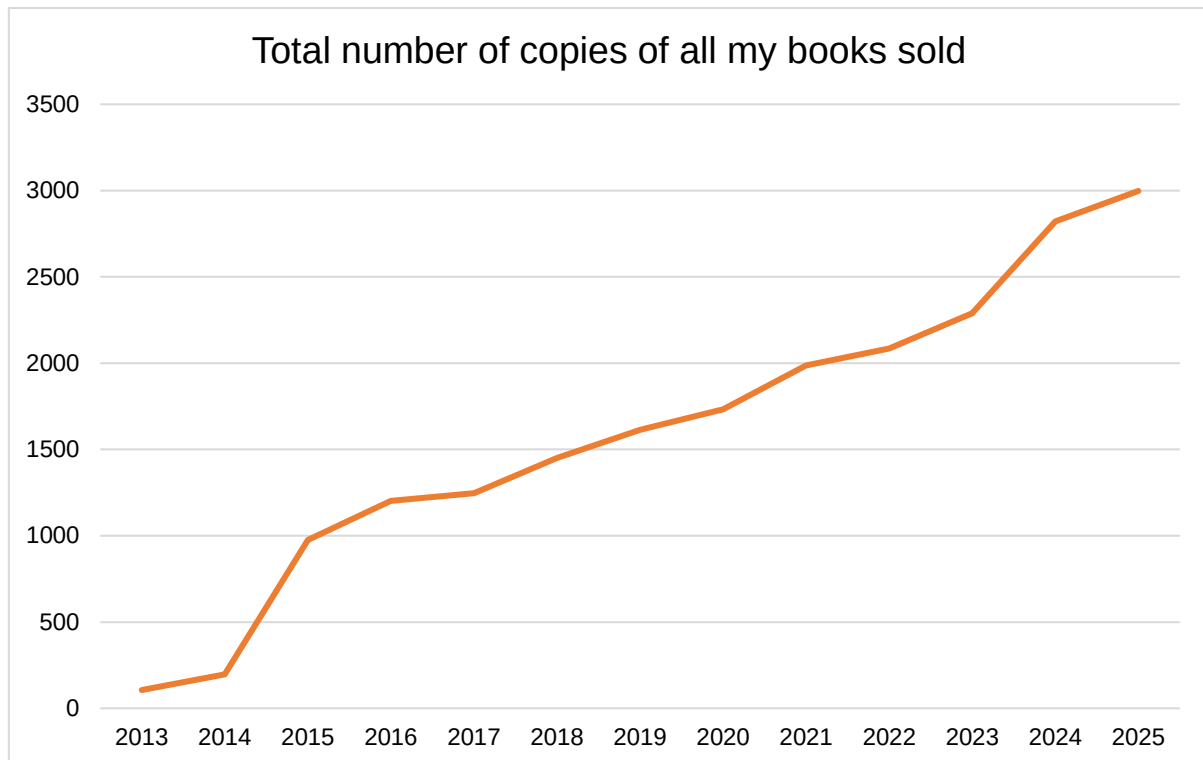
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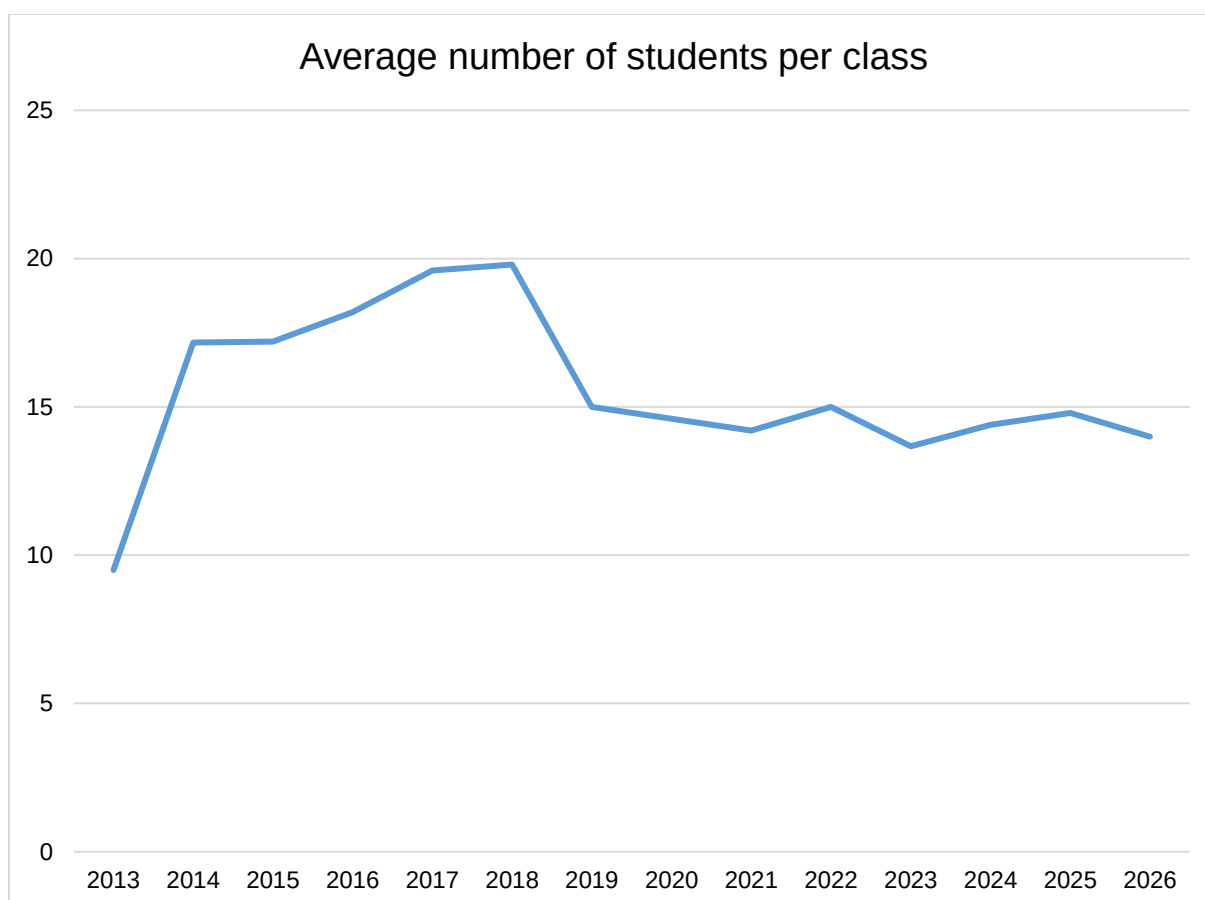
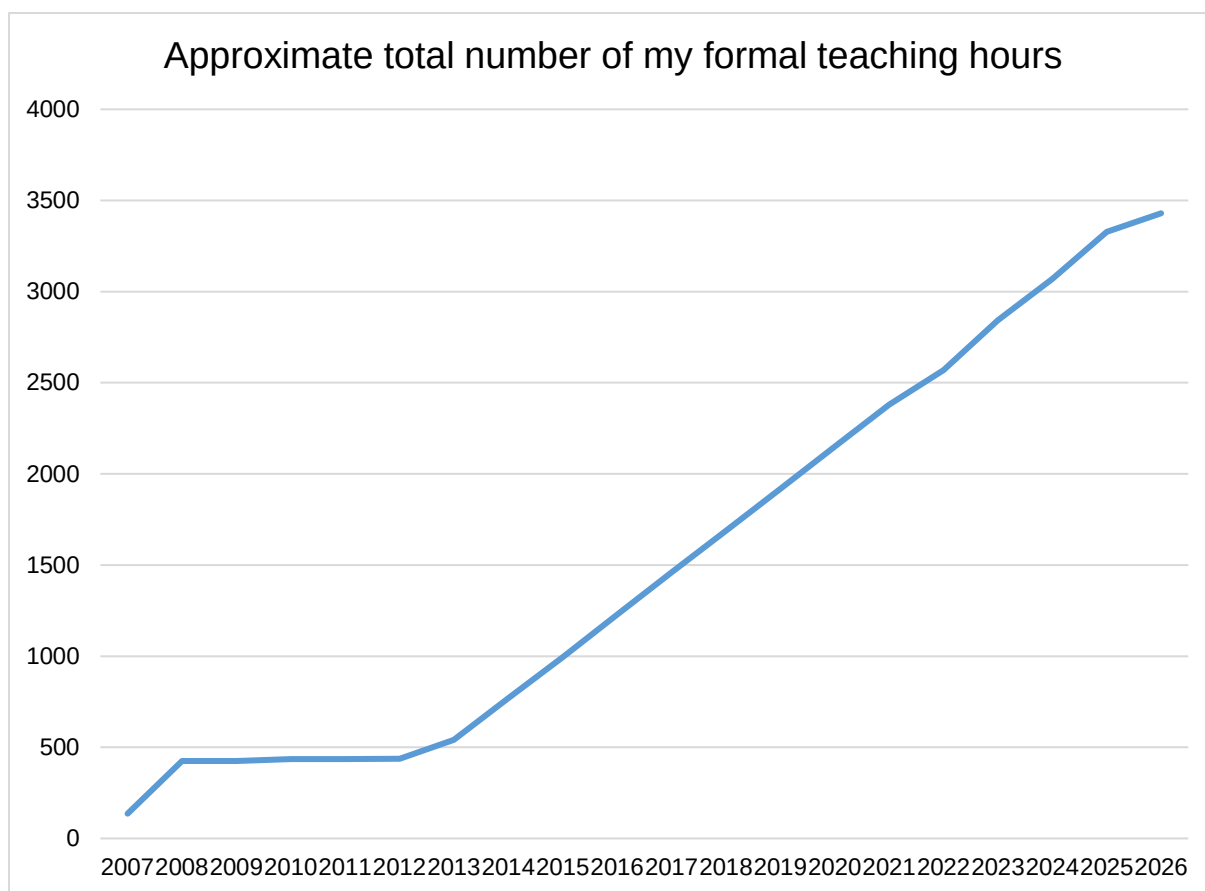
12. Concours externe de l'agrégation du second degré. Section langues vivantes étrangères : arabe. Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, France. |
| 2014–
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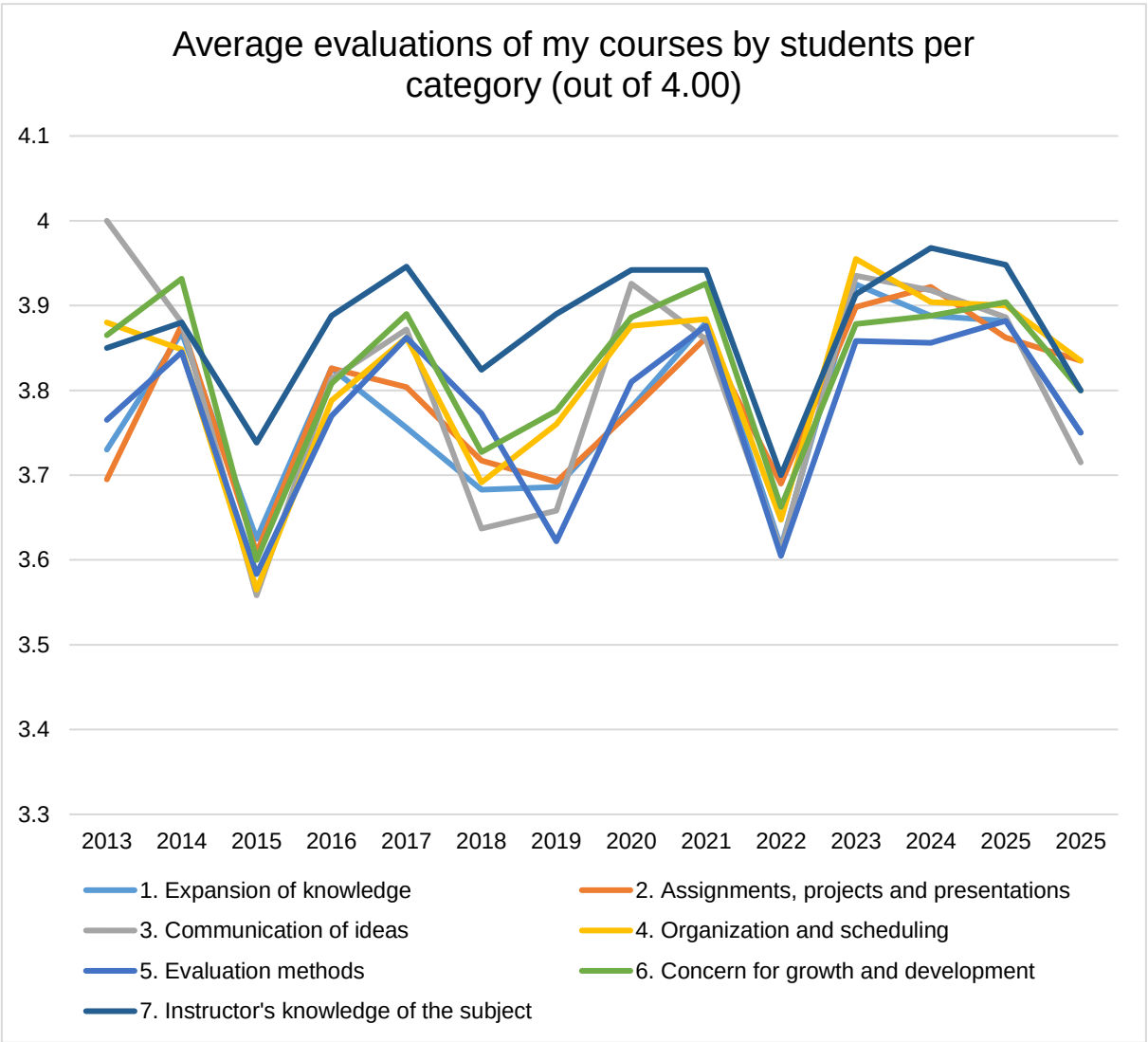
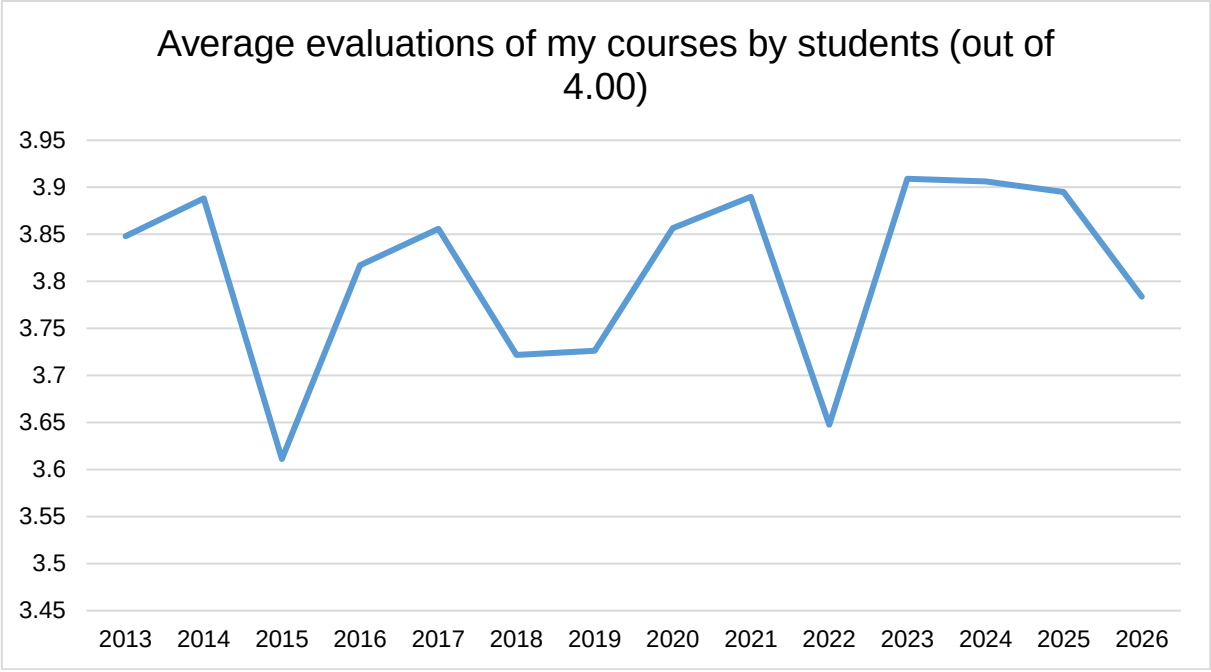
9. An Introduction to West Asia and North Africa, taught by Mohammad Sohrab, Jamia Millia Islamia, India.
- 2017 8. Reading and Writing the Middle East: History and Historiography, taught by Brandon Friedman, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
7. International Education Week, Edgewood College, United States of America.
- 2016– 6. History of Muslim-Christian Relations, course, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom.
2017
- 2016 5. Faith in Science, Reason in Revelation: Colloquium on Science and Abrahamic Religions, taught by Justin Stearns, New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
4. History 460 Medieval Terrorism, Opportunism, or Acts of Love? A Study of Crusade Historiography, taught by Joseph J. Reidy, Oberlin College, United States of America.
3. History and Politics of the Gulf, taught by Toby Matthiesen, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.
- 2010– 2. SAS H71/H41 The Crusades – Fact and Fiction, Past and Present, taught by Anna
2013 Minara Ciardi, David Gudmundsson, Rickard Lagervall, and Lena Roos, Lund University, Sweden.
- 2012 1. Crusade Conspiracies: The Cultural Memory of Violence Between the U.S. and the Middle East, Stanford University, United States of America.

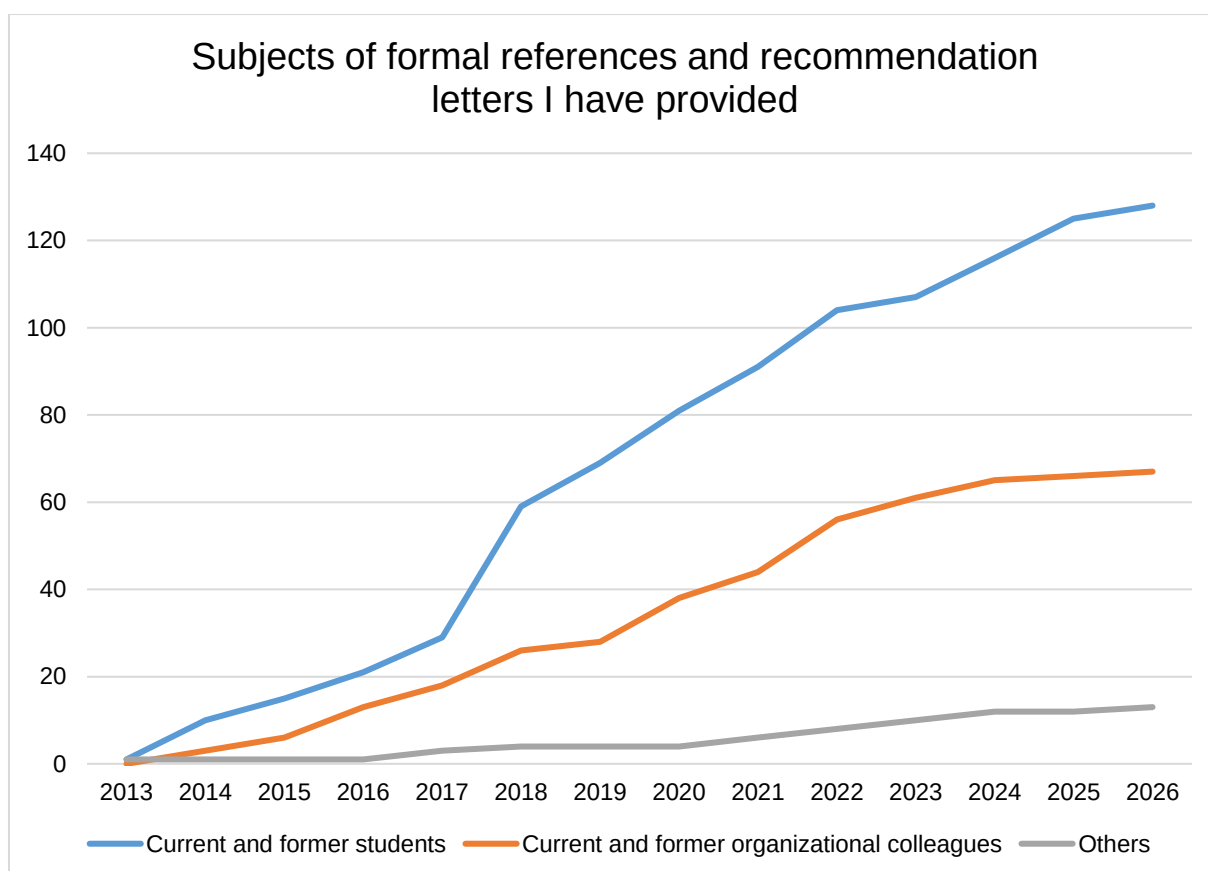
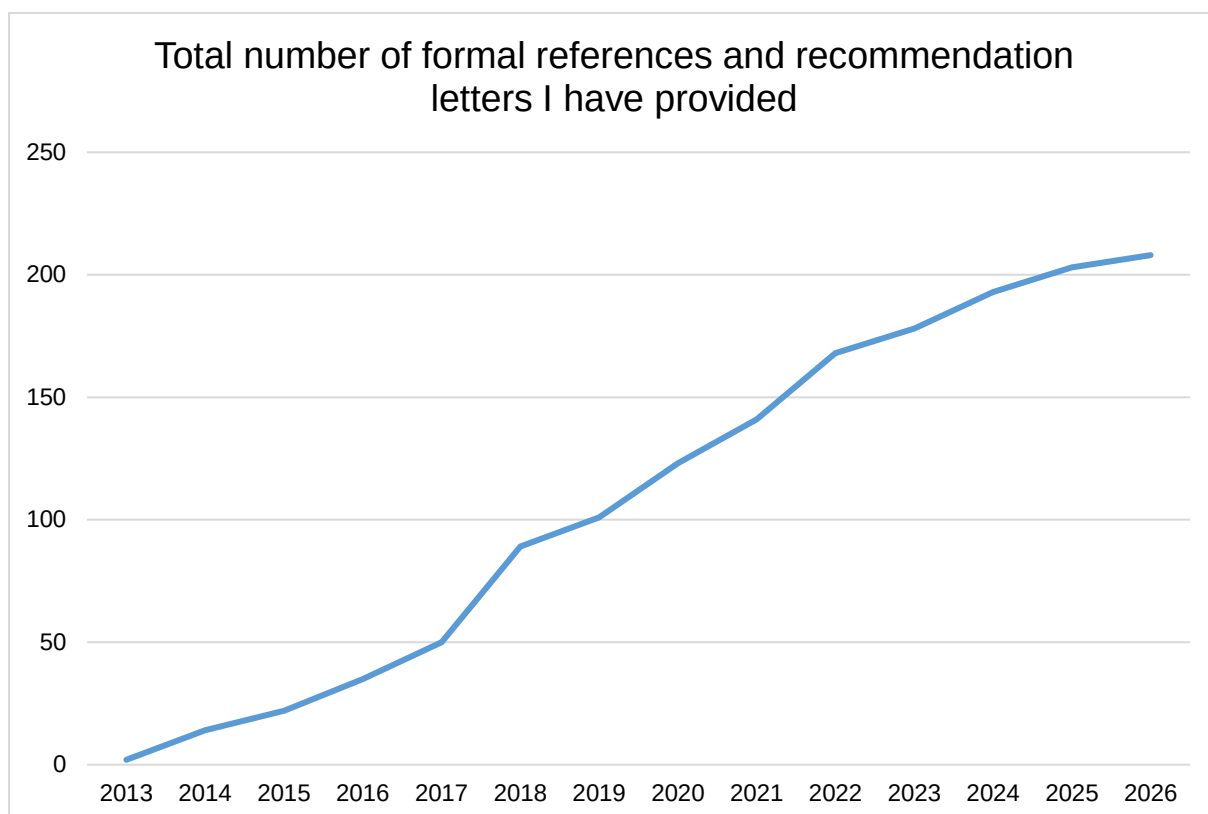
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