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Academic Profile

Assistant Professor of Public Law with university teaching experience in Lebanon and France since 2007. Research focuses on constitutional law and political institutions, European Union law and Euro-Mediterranean relations, human rights and refugee protection, and governance and institutional reform. Teaching spans undergraduate, master's and doctoral programmes, including courses in Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Public International Law, Human Rights and Legal Research Methodology. Academic work is complemented by legal and policy advisory experience in electoral reform, public administration and the rights of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Research Interests

Public international law and human rights; European Union law and Euro-Mediterranean relations; constitutional law and political institutions; migration and refugee protection; electoral reform; governance, institutional reform and public administration.

Education

PhD in Law (2014)

Université de Rennes 1, France, and Lebanese University, Lebanon

Thesis: "The Transformations of the Euro-Mediterranean Relations Following the Fifth Enlargement of the EU: Scope and Limits of Neighbourhood Euro-Mediterranean Frameworks."

Master's Degree in European Law and WTO Law (2005)

Université de Rennes 1, France

Dissertation: "The Place of Good Governance within the Relationship between the European Union and the Middle Eastern Countries."

Bachelor's Degree in Law (2004)

Lebanese University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Filière Francophone de Droit, Lebanon

Academic Appointments

Aug 2024–present: Assistant Professor of Public Law, Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Lebanon

Sep 2022–Sep 2024: Lecturer in Public Law and Political Sciences, Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, Institut des Sciences Politiques, Lebanon

Sep 2021–Aug 2024: Lecturer in Public Law, Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Lebanon

Aug 2015–Aug 2021: Assistant Professor of Public Law, Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Lebanon

Sep 2011–Aug 2013: Full-time teaching and research appointment (ATER), Université de Rennes 2, Haute-Bretagne, France

Sep 2009–Aug 2011: Lecturer in European Union Law, Université de Rennes 2, Rennes and Saint-Brieuc, France

Sep 2007–Feb 2009: Lecturer in Information and Communication Law, Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Laval, Université du Maine, France

Teaching Experience

Beirut Arab University. Teaching at bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels across Public International Law, Human Rights, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Political Institutions, Administrative and Constitutional Justice, Philosophy of Law, Legal Research Methodology, History of Social and Legal Institutions, and Media Legislation.

Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth. International Humanitarian Law (Master's in Political Science) and Politics and Ethics (BA in Political Science).

Université de Rennes 2. European Union Law, Administrative Law tutorials, International Relations, Administrative Institutions, Public Service Law, and the Legal Framework of the Economic Policy of Local Authorities at master's level.

Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Laval. Information and Communication Law, including lectures and tutorials.

Publications

Journal Articles

Ali Mourad (2026). "The 2024 New European Pact on Migration and Asylum: Recasting the European Legal Framework for Asylum between Protection Guarantees and the Effectiveness of Migration Management." *BAU Journal – Journal of Legal Studies*, Vol. 2025, Article 8 (in Arabic). DOI: 10.54729/2958-4884.1167

Ali Mourad (2019). "Democratic Elections and Sustainable Development: The Case of Electoral District and Representation in Lebanon." *BAU Journal – Creative Sustainable Development*, Vol. 1, Issue 1, Article 8. Article

Ali Mourad (2019). "Political Conditionality in Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements: Scope and Limits." *BAU Journal – Journal of Legal Studies*, Vol. 2019, Issue 2019, Article 12. Article

Ali Mourad (2018). "Building Permit: A Critical Review of the Legal Framework in Lebanon." *BAU Journal – Health and Wellbeing*, Vol. 1, Issue 3, Article 8. Article

Contributions to Edited Volumes

Ali Mourad (2020). "Freedom of Expression in the Post-October 17: How Do You Confront the Repressive Machine of a Crumbling Authority." In *The Second Report on Social Activism in the Arab Region (2019)*, Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, American University of Beirut, July 2020, pp. 145–153 (in Arabic). Publication

Ali Mourad (2019). "Developing the Relationship of the League of Arab States with Regional Countries." In *The Reform and Development of the Arab Regional Order*, Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, American University of Beirut, pp. 22–27 (in Arabic). Publication

Ali Mourad (2016). "Le principe de double degré de juridiction administrative au Liban." In *The Civil Observer for the Independence and Transparency of Justice*, Legal Agenda, Beirut, pp. 136–154 (in Arabic). Publication

Policy Papers, Reports and Guides

Ali Mourad (2024). "Lebanon and Pluralism Governance: A Constitutional or Regime Crisis?" Policy paper in *Policy Reform Challenges: Towards a Comprehensive Perspective*, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Lebanon and the Civic Influence Hub. Publication

Ali Mourad (2024). "Repealing Defamation Laws Weaponized Against Media Professionals in Lebanon: A Step Towards Upholding the Freedom of Speech, Defending the Freedom of Media and Fighting Back against the Oppressive State." Maharat Foundation. Arabic | English

Ali Mourad (2023). Main author. "Guidebook on Citizen Participation in Municipal Elections." NAHNOO. Arabic and English editions. Arabic | English

Ali Mourad (2023). Main author. "Citizen Guide to Municipal Elections: Simplified Legal Rules Governing Municipal and Mukhtar Elections in Lebanon." NAHNOO, with support from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation. Arabic and English editions.

Ali Mourad (2023). "The Legal Reality of Traditional Handicraft Industries in Lebanon." NAHNOO, with support from the Ford Foundation. Publication

Ali Mourad (2021). "The Security Policy with the Southern Neighborhood: A View from the South — The Inadequacy of the Bilateral ENP Framework amid Regional Security Challenges." Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, March 2021. Publication

Ali Mourad (2021). Co-author. "The Development of the Crafts Sector in Lebanon." Policy paper, NAHNOO, with support from the Ford Foundation. Publication

Ali Mourad (2019). Co-author. "'Voluntary' Return: Between International Law and the Experiences of Syrian Refugee Women in Lebanon." Women Now for Development. Arabic | English

Ali Mourad (2018). "Citizenship and Municipality." Handbook on municipal governance in Lebanon, NAHNOO. Arabic and English editions. English | Arabic

Ali Mourad (2014). "Caught between Constitution and Politics: The Presidential Vacuum in Lebanon." Heinrich Böll Foundation, Lebanon. Arabic | English

Ali Mourad (2014). Editor. "Opinion Poll on the Electoral Issues in Lebanon." Analytical report, Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections (LADE), August 2014.

Ali Mourad (2005–2006). Co-author of a series of publications on electoral reform, LADE and the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Topics included proportional representation, election administration, voting and candidacy ages, expatriate voting, electoral media, women's representation, campaign finance and electoral participation of persons with disabilities.

Conference Papers and Research Contributions

November 2026 (scheduled): Paper on "The Lebanese Constitution at One Hundred: The Transformations of a Hybrid Constitutional Regime between Parliamentarism and Confessionalism" at the International Conference on the Centenary of the Lebanese Constitution of 1926, University of Bergamo, Italy, 10 November 2026.

December 2023: Working paper on "Understanding of the Legal Status of Palestine Refugees in Lebanon Adopting a Rights-Based Approach," workshop on National Laws Regulating the Rights of Palestine Refugees in Lebanon, organised by UNRWA Legal Aid, Beirut, Lebanon, 8 December 2023.

November 2014: Working paper on "The Prospect of the EU–Arab Partnership after the Arab Revolutions," Regional CSO Dialogue around EU–Arab Partnership, organised by the Euromed Non-Governmental Platform, Beirut, Lebanon.

October 2014: Working paper on "The Evolution of the EU–Lebanon Relationship between the First and the Second Action Plan," national workshop on the EU–Lebanon Action Plan 2013–2015, organised by the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), Antelias, Lebanon.

October 2013: Working paper on "The Paradigm of Political Conditionality in Euro-Mediterranean Relations after the Arab Spring," international colloquium Integrations in Mediterranean, organised by ESO and the Centre d'Excellence Jean Monnet de Rennes, Université de Rennes 2, France.

Academic Service and Responsibilities

Quality assurance. Faculty quality assurance representative and member of the Quality Assurance Committee; contribution to harmonising course-specification and course-layout forms.

Research ethics. Membership of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Scientific Research Ethics Committee (SREC).

Selected Advisory and Professional Experience

Jun 2025–present: Legal and Political Advisor

Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee (LPDC), Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Lebanon

Legal, political and policy advice on Palestinian refugee governance, Lebanese Palestinian dialogue, institutional coordination and rights-based policy development.

Aug 2021–Aug 2024: Senior Legal Advisor

Kulluna Irada, Beirut, Lebanon

Legal analysis and policy development on constitutional and electoral reform; preparation of legal opinions, memoranda and briefing documents.

Jun 2021–Dec 2023: Legal Consultant

Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee (LPDC), Beirut, Lebanon

Review of the legal framework governing Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and drafting of a proposed comprehensive legal framework addressing legal status, property ownership, labour, social protection, education and freedom of association.

Mar 2021–Dec 2022: Legal and Electoral Expert

The Day After (TDA), Turkey

Methodological, legal and editorial contribution to *Electoral Reform and Democratic Transition in Syria*, including report structure and support to researchers. Arabic report | English report

Oct 2020–Jan 2021: Legal Analyst

NAHNOO, Beirut, Lebanon

Comparative research on the legal and administrative framework governing handicraft workers and craft-related policies in selected MENA countries.

May–Jun 2018: Consultant in Electoral and Political Affairs

Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon

Development of a concept note on the 2018 Lebanese parliamentary elections.

Jan–Jun 2018: Consultant in Good Governance

NAHNOO, Beirut, Lebanon

Support to a civil society network in identifying advocacy priorities on accountability and good governance.

Apr–Sep 2017: Legal and Governance Expert

Economic Development Solutions, Beirut, Lebanon

Review of Lebanese cooperative legislation and drafting of proposed amendments within an ILO project undertaken with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Apr–Jun 2017: Senior Legal Expert and Trainer in Legal Management

Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform (OMSAR), Lebanon

Capacity-building support under the AFKAR III programme for public authorities and civil society organisations.

Apr 2014–Aug 2015: Research and Election Violations Coordinator

Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections (LADE), Beirut, Lebanon

Coordination of electoral research and violations monitoring, with legal training for staff and volunteers.

Selected Training and Public Engagement

2023 | NAHNOO. Legal training on municipal elections for more than 400 participants, with particular attention to the participation of women and young people.

Dec 2021–present | MAAN. Trainer and facilitator with the Socio-Economic Justice Initiative under the Activist Academy programme.

2020 | Coalition of Syrian Women for Democracy. Training on electoral observation and electoral systems, training of trainers, and mentoring of participants producing knowledge papers.

2020 | Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Training on conflict and transitional justice under the Syrian Young Leader Programme.

2017–2018 | Peaceful Change Initiative. Senior peacebuilding adviser and co-mentor supporting youth research projects in Syria on governance and peacebuilding.

2016–2017 | Lebanese Transparency Association. Legal training on municipal governance, citizens' rights, public finance and freedom of association.

2015 | PAX and Beyond Association. Training on campaigning and youth group building in Erbil, Iraq, and on the Lebanese legal and constitutional framework in Lebanon.

Fellowships and International Mobility

Apr 2019: Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Teaching seminar on "Human Rights and Political Reform in the Arab World after the Arab Spring."

Jul–Sep 2016: Fulbright Junior Faculty Development Programme

University of Texas at Austin, United States

Political science and international relations programme involving pedagogical development, leadership training and research activities.

Sep 2006–Dec 2008: TEMPUS/CEDUL Mobility Scholarship

European university cooperation programme

Doctoral mobility scholarship under the cooperation project linking Lebanese University with European partner universities.

Languages

Arabic: native | French: full professional proficiency | English: working professional proficiency