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### Education:

- 2012-present: **PhD candidate in Urban Planning** (HafenCity Universität, Hamburg, Germany).  
Working title: *The role of the public space in the gentrification process: Socio-spatial dynamics, actions and policies. The case of Beirut.*
- 2009-2011: **Master's Research in Urban Planning**, (Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon).  
- mention: Bien - Thesis titled: *The Role of the State in Initiating Gentrification: The Case of the Neighbourhood of Achrafieh in Beirut.*
- 1994-2001: **Diplôme d'Études Supérieures in Architecture** (Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon).

### Lectures and Publications:

#### Academic Articles

- "The Lebanese State as Initiator of Gentrification in Achrafieh," *Les Carnets de l'Ifpo*, July 6, 2012.

#### Articles in Books

- "Panorama of Destruction: The Story Behind the Aerial View of Homs," (co-author: Emily Dische-Becker), in: Forensic Architecture (eds.), *Forensis: The Architecture of Public Truth*, Berlin: Sternberg Press, 2014, pp. 471-480.

#### Articles

- "Benefiting from a Crisis: Lebanese Upscale Real-Estate Industry and the War in Syria," *Confluences Méditerranée*, 1/2015 (N° 92), pp. 89-100.
- "Lebanon 2004 Construction Law: Inside the Parliamentary Debates," *Civil Society Knowledge Center*, October 16, 2014.
- "The Battle for Qusayr and the fate of Saint Elias Church," *Al-Akhbar English*, May 19, 2014.
- "Qira'a fi al-Mawja al-Jadida lil-Yameen al-Moutatarref fi Europa wa Asbab Da'mihi lil-Nizam fi Suriya," [An Insight into the New Far Right in Europe and the Reasons behind its Support of the Syrian Regime] *Al-Manshour*, January 27, 2014.
- "Al-Majzara al-Kimiya'iya fi al-Ghouta al-Sharqiya: Ma bayn al-Souwar wal-Dahaya," [The Chemical Massacre in Eastern Ghouta: The Distance Between the Images and the Victims] *Al-Manshour*, November 6, 2013.
- "Al-Thawra Tussna' fi al-Haiyez al-'Am" [Revolution is Produced in the Public Space], *Al-Manshour*, April 8, 2011.
- "Al-Fashiya, Ta'rif Awali" [Fascism, a Preliminary Definition], *Al-Manshour*, n° 21, 2011, p. 19.
- "Los Angeles: Mir'at al-Modon al-Farigha" [Los Angeles: the Mirror of "Empty" Cities], *Al-Manshour*, n° 20, 2010, pp. 18-19.

### **Presentations**

- “The Normative Dimension behind Fostering and Shaping Gentrification: The Case of Lebanon's Law on Rent," *City Debates 2015*, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, March 5, 2015.
- “A Comparative Approach to Rent Laws’ “Control” and “Liberalization,” and their Implications on Urban Transformations," *Housing Policies, Rent Control, and Property Taxation in Lebanon: Towards a Socially Just Model of Urban Development*, IFI- AUB, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, October 24, 2014.
- “Spaces on the Fringe of Various Types of Control: The Ideal Public Space?” *Al Masha or the Space of the Commons*, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany, October 31, 2013.
- “Radical Gentrification in Beirut and the Changing Struggle for Urban Commons,” *Urban commons: Moving beyond state and market*, URG, GSZ, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, September 28, 2013.
- “The Role of the State in Initiating Gentrification: The Case of the Neighbourhood of Achrafieh in Beirut," Seminar of the Observatoire Urbain de l’IFPO, IFPO, Beirut, Lebanon, March 8, 2012.

### **Academic Teaching and Lectures**

- Seminar “Gentrification et Transformations Urbaines,” at the Lebanese University, Urban Planning Department (Hadath, Lebanon), second year Masters, academic year 2014-2015, semester 1.
- *Public Space as a Place of Conflict*, at the Lebanese University, Urban Planning Department (Hadath, Lebanon), class on *Public Space*, second year Masters, Dr. Léon Televizian, February 2012.

### **Reviewer**

- *Journal of Political Ecology (The University of Arizona)*.

### **Blogs**

- Contributor to *Disturbanism*, a collective blog on urbanism.

Note: Visual illustrations featured in the above publications are produced by the author.

## **Architecture and Urban Planning:**

### **Freelance**

2011-2012: Interior design and landscaping for the *Moussalli* residence, Shalimar, Baabdat, Lebanon.

2007 : Interior design for the apartment *Wautrecht*, Paris, France.

2000 : Primary planning study and model of Arz Tannourine area for the NGO *Friends of the Tannourine Cedars*, Lebanon.

### **Employee**

2010 : **Léon Televizian’s office**, Architecture and Urban Planning office, Furn el Chebbak, Lebanon.

- Development plan for the area of Tahwita in Furn el Chebbak, Lebanon.

2008-2009: **UNRWA** Lebanon field office, Tripoli, Lebanon.

- Space and building design of the Nahr el Bared reconstruction process, Lebanon.

2007 : **C.A.P.E.**, Architecture and design office, Beirut, Lebanon.

- Architectural design for the Lycée Français in Accra, Ghana (Winning bid).

- Site supervisor for the gate of Port of Beirut, Lebanon.

2003-2005: **Simon Moussalli’s office**, Architecture and Urban Planning office, Beirut, Lebanon.

- Master Plan for the region of Araya-Baalchmay, Lebanon.
  - Zoning and parcelling of Aso View neighbourhood in Abuja, Nigeria.
  - Master Plan of Sunrise Hills area in Abuja, Nigeria.
  - Master Plan for the region of Abadyeh, Lebanon.
  - Interior design and landscaping for private residence in Broumana, Lebanon.
- 2001-2002: **Arabesque**, Architecture and design office, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Execution drawing (fibrous plaster & zellij) for the palace of Abdul Aziz bin Fahed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 1999-2000: **Simon Moussalli's office**, Architecture and Urban Planning office, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Interior design for a penthouse in Faraya, Lebanon.
  - Architectural design for the hotel La Résidence in Banjul, Gambia.
  - Preliminary study for the redevelopment of the hill of the Sérail in Baabda, Lebanon.

### **Cartography:**

- 2014 : *Waste Crime - Waste Risks: Gaps in Meeting the Global Waste Challenge*, GRID-Arendal – UNEP, 2015.
- 2013 : “The South Border: Drawing the Line in Shifting (Political) Sands,” by Daniel Meier, in: *Mediterranean Politics*, 18(3), 2013, pp. 358-375.
- 2011-2013: Cartographer and design consultant for the NGO Lebanon Support, on their two programmes: *Daleel Madani* (Civil Society Portal) and *Civil Society Knowledge Center*.
- 2010-2011: Cartographer for Executive-Magazine, an economic monthly review.
- 2010-2011: Cartography, graphs and diagrams for the doctoral thesis *Différenciations sociospatiales et gouvernance municipale dans les banlieues de Beyrouth*, by Jihad Farah, Université de Liège, Belgium, 2011.
- 2010 : Cartography and diagrams for AFAC (Arab Funds for Art and Culture).
- 2010 : Cartography on the municipal elections for the municipal elections referral system, *engagelebanon.org*.
- 2010 : Cartography for the report of the NGO Lebanon Support, *Nahr el Bared Statistical Report*.
- 2008 : Base map for the new camp of Nahr el Bared prepared for ECHO (*European Commission Humanitarian Office*).
- 2005-2006: Cartography and photography for the book *Verfassung im Kraftfeld von Krieg und Frieden*, Cordelia Koch, Nomos, Berlin, 2009.

### **Unions:**

2001-present: Member of the Order of Engineers and Architects of Beirut, n° 25677.

### **Languages:**

Fluent in speaking, writing and, reading Arabic, French and English.

**Computer skills:**

Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere; ArcGIS; AutoCad (2D and 3D); Fontographer; Microsoft Office.

**Other activities:**

- Co-founder of the NGO *Lebanon Support* (2008).
- Freelance Photographer published in: *L.A. Times* (USA); *Socialist Worker* (UK); *Executive-Magazine* (Lebanon); *Sawt al Niswa* (Lebanon); *Al-Manshour* (Lebanon).
- Fixer and translator for the *BBC World Service* and *Aftonbladet* (Sweden) during the 2006 war in Lebanon.
- Contributor to the production of the documentary *Leaded, Unleaded* (2004, Independent Media Center - Beirut).
- Set design for the play *Ma'ahounna* directed by Jana al-Hassan, Beirut, Lebanon, 2001.
- Web design of the site *hishamashkar.com*.

Personal website: *hishamashkar.com* ; Personal blog: *mostlyoff.wordpress.com* .