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Rmeil, Lebanon

Date of Birth: 15/11/1988
Nationality: Lebanon/Venezuela

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

EDUCATION

2015–2016

Ashkal Alwan, Home Workspace Program
Fellow

2010–2012

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
MSc. Architecture

2006–2009

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
BSc. Architecture

TRAINING

2018

Citizen participation in urban sustainable
development, Tunisia
Heinrich Boell Stiftung

2016

Centering the periphery, Hungary
Central European University

2007

Cnc milling workshop, Switzerland
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

SKILLS

Native speaker: Arabic
Written/spoken fluently: English, French
Written/spoken: Spanish

CAD: Autocad, Rhinoceros, Grasshopper
Adobe: Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop,
Premiere

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Powerpoint

Translation, Freehand illustration, Web
Design

AWARDS

Top 5 GPAs in Masters Cycle, 2012
(École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)

Best of Architecture Prize, 2010-2011
for "symbiogenesis" (Archizoom)

Best overall & best signpost project, 2008
for "overflow" (London Festival of
Architecture)

INTERESTS

Spatial theory, map-making, information
design, data analysis and visualization,
methodologies of knowledge production,
media culture.

FOUNDING & MANAGING PARTNER

JAN 2017 - NOW

Qorras, Beirut

Leading on visual design, co-leading on the design and implementation of collaborative knowledge production methodologies, project manager and advisor. www.qorras.com

JUNIOR PARTNER, LEAD RESEARCHER & DESIGNER

NOV 2016 - JUL 2020

Public Works Studio, Beirut

Participated in setting & implementing the company's vision, mission and strategic plan. Streamlined workflows and performed administrative duties. Planned and executed a range of urban research and design projects. Led on strategizing and producing a number of media campaigns on urban and public issues. Sat on the Steering Committees of two international competitions organized by the Studio. Represented the Studio in public forums and talks.

CO-INSTRUCTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

JAN 2017 - JUL 2019

Lebanese American University, Byblos

Co-led 3 final year design studios under thematic of affordability and inclusivity in cities.

MENTOR

Global Design Department, Académie Libanaise des Beaux-Arts

MAR 2019 - JUL 2019

Provided advice on research planning and implementation, data collection, and visualization.

Architects for Change, Lebanon

MAR 2018 - APR 2019

Provided career advice, practical and mental support to a young architect doing his undergraduate studies.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT & DESIGNER

JUN 2016 - JUL 2017

Issam Fares Institute, American University of Beirut

Led on the data analysis, visualization and cartography for the editors' contributions in the publication: Refugees As City-Makers.

RESEARCHER, WRITER & TRANSLATOR

MAR 2014 - JUN 2014

Arab Center for Architecture, Beirut

Research team for the Bahrain Pavilion in the Venice Biennale (publication & online archive)

ARCHITECT, FABRICATION DESIGNER, INTERNSHIP PROGRAM LEAD

MAY 2013 - DEC 2014

Atelier Hapsitus, Beirut

ARCHITECT

NOV 2012 - APR 2013

Group8, Geneva

SELECTED LECTURES & CONFERENCES

2020

- Circuits of Production, Crisis and Revolt: The environment and capital in the MENA (speaker)
- Urban Struggles in the Arab Region Webinar (co-organizer, moderator)

2019

- Global Shapers, Tripoli, Lebanon (speaker)

2018

- MAS urban design, ETHZ, Switzerland (guest juror)
- City-street 3 conference, NDU, Lebanon (discussant)
- Urbanism and social justice conference, Université de Carthage & Legal Agenda, Tunisia (speaker)
- National Seminar: Master-Planning in Lebanon, Dar el Nimer, Lebanon (co-organizer, speaker)
- Landscape architecture dpt, Lebanese University (speaker)

- Faculty of law, Université Saint-Joseph Lebanon (speaker)

- Places that remain conference, Lebanese American University (speaker)

2017

- Towards regional women's archives in the MENA: frameworks for documentation and dissemination, American University of Beirut (speaker)
- "Where is Law?" Salon arabe, Sursock museum (speaker)
- Urbanism intitute, Academie Libanaise des Beaux-Arts (guest lecturer)

2015

- Art criticism & curatorial studies program, Université Saint-Joseph (guest lecturer)

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2018

- In Forum on Cities and Designers in Beirut Design Week

2017

- In Exposure 8: Metabolisms, Beirut Art Center

2016

- In Zoukak Sidewalks Festival, Beirut
- In Open Studios, Ashkal Alwan, Beirut
- In Creative Physics group exhibition, Station, Beirut