

# Yara Zalzal



## HUMANITARIAN WORKER AND WRITER

### EDUCATION

#### **American University of Beirut**

Master's of Public Administration with a focus on NGO governance  
September 2014 - February 2017

#### **American University of Beirut**

Bachelor's of Arts in English Language  
September 2012 - May 2014

#### **American University of Beirut**

Diploma in Media and Communication  
September 2012 - June 2014

#### **American University of Beirut**

Bachelor's of Arts in Public Administration with a minor in Public Policy  
September 2010 - June 2013

#### **Olympia Summer Academy, Nafplio, Greece**

Certificate of attendance in "Religion and International politics" and "Nationalism and ethnic politics."  
July 13 to July 23, 2015

#### **University of Cambridge, Pembroke-King's Summer Programme**

Enrolled in three undergrad courses counted as part of my undergrad degree: Varieties of English, Travel writing and Shakespearean Drama.  
June 29 to August 25, 2012

#### **Salzburg Global Seminar on Media and Global Change**

Enrolled in 2 courses counted as part of my Diploma in Media and Communication  
June 2011

## CONTACT

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## PROFILE

Highly motivated and dedicated writer and humanitarian worker, with an interest in IHL, IHRL, governance, public policy, poetry and animal welfare, whose growing improvement and adaptability has been attributed to excellent writing, translation and proofreading skills.

## LANGUAGES

Arabic - Native  
English - Excellent  
French - Excellent

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### CAREER SUMMARY

#### Frolicsome Writer | 2013 - Present

Founder and Writer:

Proposal writing, Translation from/to English, French and Arabic, Proofreading, Nonprofit sector consultancies, Creative writing, Poetry. Website:  
<https://frolicsomewriter.journoportfolio.com/>

### RECENT DELIVERABLES



- Writing several proposals for several parties, including Permanent Peace Movement, Geneva Call, Badael/Alternatives and Clown Me In, among others.
- Jointly writing, with the guidance of a fellow senior consultant, a "Strategy to Prohibit the Participation of Children in Armed Conflicts and Terrorist Activities in the Arab World" for the League of Arab States,
- Translating a book written by Dr. Roula Zoubian and titled "Peace Amidst the War of the Mountain" and a sequel titled "Peace-Building in Mount Lebanon. A Post-Mountain War Reconciliation Model."
- Translating a text written about Charles Corm from Arabic into English.
- Conducting an assessment of the "Relationship between the Municipal Police and Local Actors in 4 Towns around Lebanon" followed by complimentary workplans, as part of a project launched by the UNDP.
- Guiding several PhD and Master students in their dissertation writing process as well as providing final proofreading.
- Serving as the local consultant in a 5-year Review of the Mennonite Central Committee's Programs in the Middle East.
- Translating and proofreading several studies/reports/trainer guides for NGOs from/to English, French and Arabic, around IHL, IHRL, social challenges, education, peacebuilding, conflict resolution and business proposals.
- Translating a book about a family's history and genealogy.
- Copywriting for several businesses.

## PUBLICATIONS

Religion and Civil Society in the Arab World - Chapter 3:  
Civil society and non-profit governance in the Arab world - Co-authored with Dr. Tania Haddad - Routledge

<https://www.routledge.com/Religion-and-Civil-Society-in-the-Arab-World-In-the-Vortex-of-Globalization/Haddad-Hindy/p/book/9781138561298> -

## AWARDS

"Hussein Oueini Annual Award for the Best Written Master Dissertation at the AUB PSPA Department" May 2017

"Dr. Randa Antoun Annual Award for Public Service and Civic Engagement: Awarded to an outstanding master student in PSPA"

May 2016 "Ecrivain en Herbe" (French writing contest "Raconte moi la Paix" Organized by all the Besançon Schools) - Won First Place May 2006

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#### **The Critter Whisperers Society in Lebanon and Canada | June 2021 - Present**

Co-founder, rescuer and volunteer

#### **Permanent Peace Movement | June 2021 - Present**

Consultant supporting the Permanent Peace Movement in the implementation of several projects, most notably:

- Projects related to the "Empowering Palestinian refugee women in Lebanon to strengthen their role in security, civil peace and political life", "Enhancing community security and access to justice in the Lebanese host communities" and "Developing and implementing Mechanisms for Stability and Local Development (MSLD) in targeted communities across Mount Lebanon area", among others.

#### **Geneva Call | June 2017 - January 2020**

- Communication, monitoring and reporting officer at the regional support unit.
- Program officer at Lebanon office.
- Program assistant at Lebanon office.

#### **UNICEF | January 2017 - May 2017**

Knowledge and information management intern.

#### **American University of Beirut | September 2014 - October 2016**

Research assistant.

#### **Investment Development Authority of Lebanon (IDAL) | July 2013 - February 2015**

Data and program coordinator.

## REFERENCES

- Hiba Mikhail, former Legal and Policy Coordinator at Geneva Call, Regional Office.

Email: hiba.mikhail.rizk@gmail.com

- Samer Hankir, Instructor at the American University of Beirut, Department of political studies and public administration. E-mail: samer.hankir@aub.edu.lb

- Zeina Allouch, Former CEO at SOS children's village Lebanon, Current CEO and Board Member at Alternatives (Badael), E-mail: zeinaallouche@gmail.com

- Rana Slaibi, Head of accounting unit at the Investment Development Authority of Lebanon. E-mail: rana.slaibi@idal.com.lb

- Dr. Tania Haddad, Assistant professor at the department of political studies and public administration at the American University of Beirut. E-mail: th18@aub.edu.lb

- Fadi Abi Allam, President of Permanent Peace Movement and head of the Green Party in Lebanon. Email: fadiabiallam1@gmail.com