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 Responsibilities:
 - Liaising with international organizations (like UNDP) to fund the following projects: Stratigyyat, the Arab Cultural Program, Arab Culture Project, and the Oral History of the Arab World.
 - Co-organizer and participant of various workshops covering political developments in the Arab world and associate director of the international conference: ‘*Prospects of Change in the Arab World: From Tunnels to Horizons*’, November 2015, Beirut.
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 Achievements:
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- 9/2013-1/14 Teaching Assistant, Politics and International Studies School, University of Leeds, United Kingdom.
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 Research Topic: ‘The State of e-Services Delivery in Kuwait: Challenges and Opportunities’ (2011) Kuwait Programme on Development, Governance and Globalization in the Gulf States Publication (LSE), pp. 1–41, (http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/55253/1/Kraetzschmar_2012.pdf).
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- 2013 ‘Implications of the Syrian Conflict on the Lebanese Political Parties’, *Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies Department* (AMES) Research Seminar Series, February 20, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK.
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- 2014 ‘The Syrian Conflict and Lebanon’s Parliamentary Elections: Another Failure of Lebanon’s Democracy’, Cross-Centre Post-Graduate Conference in Language-Based Area Studies, the *Post-Graduate Conference: New Research in Language-Based Area Studies*, March 13-14, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK.
- 2014 ‘2013 Parliamentary Elections: Another Failure of Lebanon’s Democracy’, BRISMES Annual Conference 2014, *The Middle East in Global Perspective: Interactions Across Time and Space*, June 16-18, University of Sussex, UK.
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- 2017 ‘Democracy in Lebanon: Political Parties and the Struggle for Power since Syrian Withdrawal’, *Book Launch Event*, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, May 16, American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
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- 2021 ‘Active Citizenship: The Protest Movements in Lebanon and Iraq in 2019’, *Citizenship, Sectarianism & Belonging*, Sectarianism, Proxies and De-Sectarianization Project, 16-17 December, Lancaster University, UK (Online).

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- 2019 ‘The Rise of An Alternative Speech: The Case of Lebanon’, *Arab Region Between Regional Transformations and The International Context Conference*, Arab Alternatives Forum for Social Studies, July 12, Beirut, Lebanon.
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- Fall 2013-14 Introduction to International Relations, undergraduate, Politics and International Studies School, Leeds University. Teaching and correcting exams and essays.
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- 10/2014-6/15 Research Affiliate, Center for Arab and Middle East Studies (CAMES), American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
- 1/2014-1/18 Editor at Large, Member in the Editorial Board, New Middle Eastern Studies Journal - Durham, United Kingdom.
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- 2019 Bloomsbury (I.B. Tauris Publishers), Book Manuscript Proposal.
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2017 *Al-Bacha'er Radio*, September 14, Beirut, Lebanon.
2019 *Voice of Islam*, October 1, London, UK.
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