

Personal Profile including career highlights, and personal information

Studies in Political Science (International Relations), Social Anthropology and Journalism, with experience in public and private sectors: government, university, think tanks, media.

Education

1985-1990 The Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (CH)

Ph. D. in Political Science (International Relations).

1979-1984 The Faculty of Social Science, University Fribourg (CH)

M. A. in Social Anthropology.

1979-1983 The Faculty of Arts and Journalism, University Fribourg (CH)

M. A. in Journalism.

1969-1975 Saint Michel College, Fribourg (CH)

Federal Maturity.

Professional Experience

2008	The Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chief, Research and Analysis Center
March-April 2009	The Swiss Embassy in Syria Deputy Head of Mission a.i.
1999-2008	The Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs Political Analyst, Policy Planning Center
1998	The Center of Political Analysis, Ottawa, Canada Director
1997	Bowdens Media Monitoring, Ottawa, Canada Journalist
1996-1997	Faculty of Anthropology, University Fribourg (CH) Professor (Privat Docent)
1988-1996	The Swiss Ministry for the Refugees Scientific Collaborator
1989-1990	The Swiss Fund for the Scientific Research Fellow
1984-1985	The International Committee of the Red Cross Delegate

• Chief of the "Tracing Agency" in Lebanon.

	<p>1978-1979 Swiss Media, Geneva, Lausanne and Fribourg (CH)</p> <p>Journalist "Freelance"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing of articles for Swiss newspapers and reviews. • Long stays in India, Pakistan, Turkey, Israel, Morocco, Algeria and Egypt
<p>Professional Development</p>	<p>Participation to the « <u>Annual Political Dialogues</u> » of Switzerland with Israel and with Turkey.</p> <p>Preparation and organization of the agenda for <u>the Regional Conferences of the Swiss Ambassadors</u> in Cairo (2002) and Alger (2006).</p> <p>Participation to the « <u>Global Strategic Review Conferences</u> » organized by the « International Institute for Strategic Studies » of London (ISS). Geneva (2005, 2007 and 2008).</p> <p>By invitation of the Emir of Qatar, participation to the 4th (2006), 5th (2007) and 6th (2008) « <u>Conference of Inter Faith Dialogue</u> », Doha.</p> <p>Since 2001, member of the « <u>Working Group Islam</u> » of the Swiss Bishops' Conference (representative of the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Meetings in Iran (2006) and Syria (2007) with leaders of religious communities.</p> <p>Supervision and coordination of researches with :</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Observatory of the Arab Countries, Paris. « The Political Regimes of the North-African Countries and the Challenge of Democratic Transition : A Question of Security for Switzerland ». (May 2006)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Professor Hans-Lukas Kieser : « The Kurd Question : Implications for Turkey » (June 2008)</p>
<p>Teaching experience at Webster</p>	<p>Undergraduate and Graduate Courses in International Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Diplomacy • Comparative Foreign Policy • Conduct of Foreign Policy
<p>Professional Memberships</p>	<p>Member of Swiss / Swiss-based organizations and their respective activities in Israel/Palestine (Swisspeace)</p> <p>Member of the International Directory of Middle East Scholars (Columbia University, New-York).</p> <p>Chairman of the CRES Foundation (Centre de Recherches Entreprises et Sociétés).</p> <p>Member of the Scientific Counsel at the "Geneva School of Governance".</p> <p>Founding member of the "Geneva Center for Security and Development in the Middle East"</p>
<p>Publications</p>	<p>"The Arab Spring: Challenges and Perspectives for Switzerland". <u>Swiss Foreign Policy Report 2011</u>. (DFAE, Bern, November 2011).</p> <p>"Religions and Humanitarian Aid in the Middle East: Clash or Meeting of Civilizations?" <u>Humanitarian Space</u>, 16th Humanitarian Conference. Webster University, Geneva (2012)</p> <p>"Energy, Democracy and development in the MENA Region". <u>Access to Resources and the International Community</u>, 15th Humanitarian Conference. Webster University, Geneva (2011)</p>

	<p>“The American Policy in the Middle East: Toward a Major Change?" The Political Direction, The Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs", Bern (June 2009).</p> <p>"Bachar al Assad from Syria: End of Regime or New Start" <u>Le Meilleur des Mondes</u>" No.5, Paris (Autumn 2007).</p> <p>« The Return of the Old Devils in Lebanon ». The <u>Policy Planning Center</u>. The Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bern (April 2007).</p> <p>"Governance in the South and East Mediterranean Countries: Obstacles and Challenges". <u>The Policy Planning Center</u>, The Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bern (August 2006).</p> <p>Islam and International Relations: Towards a Clash of Civilizations?" <u>Boèce Review</u>, No.6, Geneva (2003).</p> <p>"Islam in Switzerland: A Dialogue between Cultures". <u>Open Democracy</u>, London (January 2003).</p> <p>"Turkey at a Turning Point". <u>The Policy Planning Center</u>, The Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bern (June 2002).</p> <p>"Strategy for a Swiss Foreign Policy in South and East Mediterranean Countries". <u>Politorbis</u>, No.3, Bern (2001).</p> <p>"The Syrian Policy in the Middle East : 20 Years of the Assad Doctrine (1970-1990)". <u>Ph. D. Thesis, No. 504</u>, The Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (1993).</p> <p>"From Tribe to Nation in Black Africa". <u>Master in Political Anthropology</u> (1984), Fribourg University.</p>
<p>Conference Papers Presented</p>	<p>"The Gulf Crisis". <u>Speech</u> during a Conference organized by the Association "Switzerland, Middle East and Islamic Culture". University of Geneva (January 1991).</p> <p>"The Peace Process in the Middle East : Where to ?". <u>Speech</u> during the Swiss Ambassadors' Conference, Bern (August 23, 2002).</p> <p>"Islam in Switzerland : A Dialogue Between Cultures". <u>Speech</u> at the Goethe Institute, London (January 16, 2003).</p> <p>"Relations Between Switzerland and Israel : Diplomacy and Politics". <u>Speech</u> at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (November 6, 2003).</p> <p><u>Speech</u> at the Conference "For a Dialogue of Civilizations" organized by the Islamic Republic of Iran, Teheran (April 17, 2006).</p> <p><u>Short Intervention</u> at the 6th (11.28-30.2007), 7th (12.07-09.2008) "Forum of Nice on Energy and Geopolitics" organized by the European Institute of International Studies (Nice).</p> <p>“<u>The New Game of Power in a Nuclear Middle East</u>”. <u>Speech</u> at the Security Forum 2010, Webster University Geneva (04.16.2010).</p> <p>“<u>La dignité humaine: entre religion et politique</u>”. <u>Speech</u> at the University of Qom, Iran (01.11.2011).</p> <p>“<u>Perspectives on the Arab Spring</u>”. <u>Speech</u> at a roundtable organized by the Alumni of the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Bern (05.03.2011).</p>
<p>Languages</p>	<p>French / English / German / Arab (some oral notions)</p>
<p>Interests</p>	<p>Politics (international relations), Music (guitar), Photography, Sports (tennis, soccer)</p>

