

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Female | Date of birth 12/07/1993 | Nationality Lebanese

POSITION

Full-time Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon

WORK EXPERIENCE

(September 2026 – until now)

Full-time Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Architecture - Design and Built Environment

Beirut Arab University, Lebanon (<https://www.bau.edu.lb/>)

- Engaged in several courses in the Architecture Program (e.g., Architectural Design Level 5, Environmental Impact Assessment, Urban Design, Graduation Dissertation, Graduation Project Programming, City & Town Planning, Geographic Information Systems).

(September 2019 – August 2026)

Full-time Lecturer at the Faculty of Architecture - Design and Built Environment

Beirut Arab University, Lebanon (<https://www.bau.edu.lb/>)

- Lecturer engaged in several courses in the Architecture Program (e.g., Architectural Design, Environmental Impact Assessment, Urban Design, Theory of Colors, Geographic Information Systems, Graduation Project Programming, Execution Design)
- Faculty Council Secretary 2020 – 2021
- Faculty Council Secretary 2022 – 2023
- Faculty Council Secretary 2023 – 2024
- Yearbook Development:** (per academic year, 2019 – 2026) Contributed to the development of the faculty yearbook by preparing and completing the required templates for the courses I taught, including organizing course-related information, selecting relevant student work, and ensuring the submitted content was complete, clear, and aligned with the yearbook format.
- MIRO Digital Portfolio Development:** (per academic year, 2019 – 2026) Contributed to developing MIRO digital portfolio guidelines for architecture students across academic years, preparing structured guidelines and templates for each level. Followed up with students individually to ensure the completeness, consistency, and professional quality of their MIRO boards.

(September 2017 – June 2019)

Part-time Teaching Assistant at the Faculty of Architecture-Design and Built Environment

Beirut Arab University, Lebanon (<https://www.bau.edu.lb/>)

- Teaching Assistant engaged in several courses in the Architecture Program (e.g., Architectural Design and Execution Design)

(July 2016 – February 2019)

Office Architect at LDRS Chehab & Partners

Beirut, Lebanon (<https://www.ldrs-co.com/>)

Project Architect on multiple team projects. Some include:

- Involved in designing and preparing a Technical Tender for a Waste Management Center, coordinating with specialized institutions.
- Contributed to the design of a Port Cultural Complex and prepared execution drawings in coordination with electromechanical and Structure departments.

- Participated in the Architectural Design Competition for the Iconic Mosque in Dubai Creek Harbor.
- Responsible for assessing and compiling clients' briefs, preparing concept designs, permit drawings, and detailed drawings of various high-income residential projects, educational, and commercial projects in Lebanon, Arab and Gulf countries.
- Participated in a Cultural Heritage and Urban Development (CHUD) project, which aims at rehabilitating and protecting selected historical sites of Lebanon.
- Participated in developing design concepts and compiling clients' briefs for hospitals and coordinating with biomedical engineers.

(June 2015 – July 2015) **Architecture Student Trainee at LDRS Chehab & Partners**
 (August 2015 – September 2015) Beirut, Lebanon (<https://www.ldrs-co.com/>)

- Trainee in multiple team projects

(July 2015 – August 2015) **Architecture Student Trainee at Dar Al Handasah Shair & Partners s.a.l**
 Beirut, Lebanon (<https://www.dar.com/>)

- Trainee in multiple team projects, including ZAHA HADID Project.

(June 2014 – August 2014) **Architecture Student Trainee at A. Chehab Architects & Engineers**
 Saida, Lebanon

- Trainee in multiple team projects and in site monitoring

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(August 2026) **Ph.D. in Architecture at Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment**

Beirut Arab University, Lebanon

- Completed the required preparatory courses of the PhD program with CGPA 3.60/4.00.
- Earned the PhD degree in Architecture with a thesis entitled '**Resilient Retail in Urban Environment, A Geospatial Model**' under the theme of urban health and wellbeing.

(September 2016 – June 2017) **Master of Architecture, M.Arch Program at Faculty of Architecture -Design and Built Environment**

Beirut Arab University, Lebanon

- Earned the master's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.83/4.00
- The Master's degree offered by Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment is validated by the Royal Institute of British Architects as equivalent to RIBA Part 2.

(September 2011 – June 2016) **Bachelor of Architectural Engineering at Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment**

Beirut Arab University, Lebanon

- Earned the B.Sc. with a cumulative GPA of 3.18/4.00
- The Bachelor's degree offered by Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment is validated by the Royal Institute of British Architects as equivalent to RIBA Part 1.

(September 1996 – June 2011) **Baccalaureate in Life Science Section**

Al Qualaa Secondary School, Saida, Lebanon

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Arabic

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1/2	C1/2	C1/2	C1/2	C1/2
French	A1/2	A1/2	A1/2	A1/2	A1/2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

- Communication skills**
- Interpersonal Skills through effectiveness in building relationships and collaborating with diverse teams.
 - Quick learner having a strong aptitude for grasping & utilizing new knowledge resourcefully.
 - Experience in delivering compelling presentations, ensuring engagement and comprehension.
 - Skilled in verbal and non-verbal communication.
 - Proficient in creating clear and concise documentation and reports.
 - Listening skills: being attentive and responsive, fostering open communication and understanding diverse perspectives.
 - Collaborative approach with students, fostering a communicative learning environment.
- Organizational/managerial skills**
- Team Leadership: Led multidisciplinary teams in both academic and professional settings.
 - Project Management: Managed the planning, execution, and completion of architectural projects, consistently meeting project goals. Competent in working under pressure and handling multiple tasks.
 - Decision-Making: Capable of making informed decisions based on extensive analysis of project requirements, contributing to the success of diverse initiatives.
 - Problem-solving: Proactively addressing challenges, employing problem-solving skills to ensure project success.
- Computer skills**
- Microsoft Office™ tools (PowerPoint, Excel, and Word)
 - Revit Architecture
 - AutoCAD
 - Photoshop
 - Lumion
 - ArcGIS Pro (ArcGIS Survey tools, ArcGIS Business Analyst)
- Other skills**
- Cooking
 - Sports
 - Shopping
- Driving license**
- B (car)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Conferences, Workshops, Presentations, Competitions
(May 8 -9 2025)

Participated in the **8th International Conference of Contemporary Affairs in Architecture and Urbanism (ICCAUA 2025)**, organized by Alanya University, Alanya, Türkiye. The accepted paper entitled **"Identifying Key Parameters for Enhancing Urban Resilience in Commercial Spaces: A Comparative Study in Saida, Lebanon"** was presented at the conference and published in the conference proceedings.

(January 18, 2025 – March 24, 2025)

Participated in the **Urban Sustainability Workshop** organized by the **Hariri Foundation** at the Outreach and Leadership Academy (OLA), Saida Historic District, Lebanon. The workshop explored the balance between environmental preservation and contemporary urban needs, aiming to reimagine Saida as a more livable, resilient, and integrated city. Through learning sessions, knowledge exchanges, and interactive experiences, it addressed three themes: *The Nature Positive City*, *The Smart & Inclusive City*, and *The Active & Vibrant City*. It involved hands-on community work and direct engagement with the site, offering a deeper understanding of urban sustainability challenges and solutions within Saida's historic urban fabric.

(March 12, 2024 – March 23, 2024)

Participated in the workshop entitled **'Urban Insights: A Space Syntax Exploration Workshop'** within the **Urban Acupuncture** project, DAAD – Ta'ziz Science

Cooperations, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt). The project was held in collaboration between the University of Kassel, the University of Babylon, Beirut Arab University, and Alexandria University. The workshop covered space syntax principles and methodologies, axial map preparation and analysis using the Space Syntax Toolkit in QGIS, data visualization, mapping of frontages, entrances and land use with the Urban Data Input tool, and testing of design alternatives. It concluded with a spatial configuration report and a group jury.

- (2020 – 2023) Assisted in the preparation of a **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)** titled **"Healthy Urban Systems"**. This project is in collaboration with esteemed organizations, including the International Science Council (ISC), International Society for Urban Health (ISUH), World Health Organization (WHO), and approximately 25 other professionals and practitioners. The University of Lausanne (UNIL) has been instrumental in supporting and inviting these contributors. It will be hosted on the "Coursera" platform. A travel to the University of Lausanne (UNIL) was held from the 24th to the 28th of April 2022 to work on the development of the MOOC.
<https://wp.unil.ch/citadyne-news/mooc-healthy-urban-systems-hus/>
- (June 5, 2023 – June 6, 2023) Participated in a Workshop entitled: **'How to get research funding in Germany? Workshop on Grant Proposal Writing for Postdocs and Young Researchers'** by DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst: The German Academic Exchange Service) covering all relevant areas, such as principles of successful grant proposal writing, structure & content, and the German research funding landscape. The workshop took place on the premises of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
- (October 12, 2022 – October 14, 2022) Participated as a Rapporteur for a Parallel Session over two consecutive days at the 10th **ASCAAD International Conference (ASCAAD 2022)**, hosted by Beirut Arab University, on the theme of Hybrid Spaces of the Metaverse
- (October 12, 2022) Participated in a technical workshop in the **10th ASCAAD International Conference (ASCAAD 2022)** entitled **'GIS-BASED PARAMETRIC URBANISM: BRINGING REALITY TO DESIGNS USING GEOSPATIAL 3D MAPPING AND URBAN DESIGN TOOLS'**. Workshop Moderator: Adel Fernandez; Gretta Kelzi, ESRI Lebanon
- (Feb. 2021 – March 2021) Enrolled in two MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) by ESRI entitled **'Cartography' and 'Do it yourself, GeoApps'**. Received a certificate from Esri for attending the MOOCs for 6 weeks.
- (August 24th – 26th, 2020) Participated in the **IGU Urban Geography Commission annual ONLINE meeting 2020** and received a certificate for presenting a presentation related to commercial corridors, including a pilot study in Beirut. The research focused on urban design and planning.
<https://www.igu-urban.org/2020-online-meeting/>
- (October 23, 2018 – October 25, 2018) Participated in the **International Conference on Urban Health & Wellbeing Building Collaborative Intelligence for Better Lives in Cities, UHWB18** at the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment, Beirut Arab University in Lebanon, in partnership with the International Science Council, ISC, and in collaboration with the International Society for Urban Health, ISUH. The submitted accepted paper entitled **"Focused Reviews on Community Livability Strategies for Upgrading Impoverished Areas"** has been presented at the conference and published in BAU journal.
- (June 27, 2017 – June 29, 2017) Participated in the 9th International Conference on Sustainable Development and Planning at the UNIVERSITY OF WEST ENGLAND organized by WESSEX INSTITUTE. The accepted paper entitled **"Guidelines for upgrading quality of life in low-income areas"** was presented by Nour El Baba at the conference in Bristol, UK and published for inclusion in the Sustainable Development and Planning 2017 conference volume.
- (2017) Participated in the **RIBA President's Medal Awards** competition with my Master Project (Advanced Design Studio II) supervised by Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment.
Part 2 Project Entry: "The Integrated Society", One Design Project for the Silver Medal
<https://www.presidentsmedals.com/Entry-43731>
- (January 2017) Participated in the **17th Chaderji Awards Competition** for architecture students in Lebanon, Senior Project Entry. The project was presented at the Order of Engineers and Architects in Beirut. The Entry received a **4th-place rank**.

- (2016) Participated in the **RIBA President's Medal Awards** competition, Senior Project supervised by Beirut Arab University, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment.
Part 1 Project Entry: "The Others", One Design Project for the Bronze Medal
<https://www.presidentsmedals.com/Entry-41441>
- (November 8, 2015 – November 10, 2015) Participated in '**ARCHMARATHON AWARDS 2015**' as an Arch Angel participant. An International Architecture event that brings together 42 Architecture Design Studios in a unique and unprecedented format. The event was held in Beirut, Lebanon.
<https://www.lebtivity.com/event/archmarathon-awards-beirut-2015>
- Publications (February 2026) Published a Paper in **Urban Science (MDPI)**, Vol. 10, Issue 2, Article 120. ISSN: 2413-8851. Q1 journal (JCR: Urban Studies; Geography), IF 2.9.
MEASURING RETAIL RESILIENCE USING A GEOSPATIAL MULTI-CRITERIA MODEL: A CASE STUDY OF SAIDA, LEBANON
 - **Nour El Baba:** Lecturer & PhD Candidate, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Ibtihal Y. El Bastawissi:** Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University, Egypt
 - **Ayman Afify:** Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Hiba Mohsen:** Associate Professor, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, LebanonDOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/urbansci10020120>
- (July 2025) Published a Paper in **Proceedings of the International Conference of Contemporary Affairs in Architecture and Urbanism (ICCAUA)** Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 395–412. E-ISSN: 3023-7009
Title:
IDENTIFYING KEY PARAMETERS FOR ENHANCING URBAN RESILIENCE IN COMMERCIAL SPACES: A COMPARATIVE STUDY IN SAIDA, LEBANON
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 - **Hiba Mohsen:** Associate Professor, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, LebanonDOI: <https://doi.org/10.38027/ICCAUA2025EN0078>
- (May 2022) Published a Paper in **BAU Journal, Creative and Sustainable Development** Vol.2 issue 3. ISSN: 2789-8334
PARTIAL SYSTEM ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC NOISE REDUCTION IN TARIK AL JADIDAH, BEIRUT, LEBANON
 - **Ibtihal Y. El Bastawissi:** Professor, Dean, Faculty of Architecture-Design and Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Nour El Baba:** Lecturer & Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Architecture-Design and Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Shirine Khalil:** Ph.D. candidate & Lecturer, Faculty of Architecture-Design and Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Nour El Hage:** Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Architecture-Design and Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Rouba Joumbat:** Ph.D. candidate & Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Franz Gatzweiler:** Professor, Executive director of the ISC-IAP-UNU, Urban Global Interdisciplinary Science Program on Urban Health and Wellbeing, Lebanon<https://digitalcommons.bau.edu.lb/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1088&context=csdjournal>
- (September 2022) Published a Paper in **BAU Journal, Architecture and Planning Journal (APJ)** Vol. 28, Issue 2. ISSN: 2789-8547
INVESTIGATING COMMERCIAL URBAN CORRIDORS - A PILOT STUDY IN BEIRUT, LEBANON
 - **Nour El Baba,** Lecturer & PhD Candidate, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Ibtihal Y. El-Bastawissi,** Professor, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon

- **Ayman Afify**, Professor, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
 - **Hiba Mohsen**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
- <https://digitalcommons.bau.edu.lb/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1184&context=api>

(October 2018) Published a Paper in **BAU Journal, Health and Wellbeing** Vol.1 issue 3. SPECIAL ISSUE Urban Health & Wellbeing Building Collaborative Intelligence for Better Lives in Cities. ISSN: 2789-8288

**FOCUSED REVIEWS ON COMMUNITY LIVABILITY STRATEGIES FOR
UPGRADING IMPOVERISHED AREAS**

- **Nour El Baba** Teaching Assistant & PhD Candidate, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
- <https://digitalcommons.bau.edu.lb/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1075&context=hwjournal>

(2017) Published a paper in **WIT Transactions on Ecology and the Environment**, Volume 226
**GUIDELINES FOR UPGRADING QUALITY OF LIFE IN LOW INCOME AREAS: A
CASE STUDY – SABRA-TARIK JDIDEH, BEIRUT, LEBANON**

- **Maged Youssef** Assistant Professor, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
- **Nour El Baba** Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Architecture - Design & Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon

<https://www.witpress.com/elibrary/wit-transactions-on-ecology-and-the-environment/226/36307>

Membership Associated as an Architect in the Order of Engineers and Architects in Beirut, Lebanon since December 2016.

References Available upon Request