



HAWER Research Team for the year 2013-2014

- **Research Assistant**

Roueida El Khazen is a researcher in CADMOS since 2011. The “Center for Analysis of Disputes and their Modes of Settlements” is part of the College of International Studies, recognized by the Ministry of Research in France. Lately El Khazen has worked as a Research Assistant on the Project titled “Mapping the Intercultural Resources in the Arab World” under the supervision and recommendation of Dr. Selim El Sayegh – adviser of the UNESCO Program on Intercultural Dialogue.

El Khazen spent two years as Business Development Director at Business Enterprise for Media and Publishing (BEMP) based in United Arab Emirates. The company is publishing three leading regional monthly periodicals: B2B magazines: “Capital Business”, “Business Islamica” and “Lifestyle Middle East. She worked previously 4 years also as Business Development Director at Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), a weekly newsletter established in 1957 in Cyprus and recognized as one of the world’s foremost authorities on oil/gas, economy and politics in the Middle East.

El Khazen started her professional career as an administrative officer Under the UNDP program at IDAL (Investment Development Authority of Lebanon) Seconded and reporting to the Government Commissionaire.

Roueida El Khazen is a member of the Lebanese Press Editors Syndicate. She has few publications in the Lebanese newspapers and the regional Weekly Newsletter MEES. She is a Master’s Degree Student in Diplomacy & Strategic Negotiations at Paris XI University & La Sagesse University in Beirut. She has a “Maîtrise” in political sciences from La Sagesse University and a Bachelor Degree in communication Arts- Emphasis Journalism from NDU (Dotre Dame University) -Beirut.

- **Research Focal Points**

Afaf Khalil born in Lebanon, 1992. She is studying political and administrative sciences at the Lebanese University and is expecting to graduate in the summer of 2013. She ranked at the top of her class for three years and has good knowledge in political, legal, religious and philosophical subjects. She did several essays during her university years. She speaks Arabic, French and English and she has recently begun to learn Turkish.

Ahmed Allouch (Tunisia) work as an Adviser at the Tunisian National Constituent Assembly. Ahmed is a holder of a Master Degree in Management “The Company and the European market”. He is a Specialized Master Degree “Management of Associations and NGOs” and an Executive Master in Sports Organization Management. Active in the Civil Society through many NGOs basically “Youth Without Borders - Tunisia” which is the Vice-president and projects manager. He is a specialist in the youth field, intercultural dialogue, local development and sport management. Also he is National and International Election Observer.

Hossam Ballout born in Lebanon 1986, systems administrator, developer and port sites with more than 7 years of experience and certified in information and technology . He was on the list of honor at the “Arab Open University” graduates. His experience in the IT field allowed him to several opportunities and work with a number and a wide range of customers implementing different projects. Working with UNESCO since 2010 , and recently redesigned Hawer website .

Kawkab Al Wadei holds a PHD in consultant and psychology health and worked as a project manager and a coordinator for different gender and human rights projects. She is also a professional trainer in gender issues and human rights. Al Wadei is a gender and education specialist with extensive experience in gender mainstreaming, participatory training and human rights advocacy. She has an extensive experience in data collection and qualitative/quantitative research methods and participated in regional researches and studies through the Arabic region. Published many articles in the Yemeni and Arabic newspapers.

Lamia Dandan is a Lebanese undergraduate student of Political Science and International Affairs at the Lebanese American University in Beirut. She is currently working as a Trainer in LAU's Global Classrooms-Model United Nations and has completed several internships throughout her academic years, which include the UNDP, Al Jazeera and UNESCO. Her aim is to work in an International Organization which promotes Human Rights, Civil Society Empowerment and Institutional Strengthening.

Manal EL Tayyar is pursuing her bachelor degree in Political Science with a minor in sociology from the Lebanese American University. She is an honor student for the academic year 2010-2012. She works at Dreams InDeed International, where she works as an editor. She was the President of the Social Work Club at LAU for the year 2010-2011. Manal has volunteered in many projects and NGO in Lebanon. She attended many conferences and training workshops, such as The International Disaster Response Workshop, Prison Renovations, Leadership and Project Management, and Religion and Democracy Conference. She speaks Arabic, French, English, Spanish, and German.

Meena Kadhimi: Board member, Head of Media Department & International Affairs of Bahrain Women Association – for Human Development, member of PR & Media Department at “Tajdeed Cultural and Social Society”, Board Member of CoNGO “CONFERENCE OF NGOs IN CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH UN”, works closely with UN Organizations and offices as part of her international relations duties, represents Kingdom of Bahrain by preparing and presenting national reports, Member of Executive Committee for National Initiative “Bahrain Unites Us”. Meena is preparing her Doctorate of Philosophy, Sociology Specialization.

Mireille Moukarzel is from Lebanon. She is a lawyer and a Master degree holder in Diplomacy and Strategic Negotiations. Her achievements are: becoming a member at the BBA and owning a law office at an early age; becoming the head of Metn Lawyers’ committee for three years at a political party; establishing a public library in Morocco during a benevolent work in an intercultural program, etc... Presently, she is pursuing a high degree in Piano performance.

Naela El Mehrek is an Egyptian Teaching Assistant at the Ahrum Canadian University where she received a bachelor in Business Administration. She is currently obtaining a diploma in Education Leadership at The American University in Cairo and will begin a MA in Education and International Development in 2013. She volunteers with Educate-Me, an NGO that works with Egyptian underprivileged children. Her interests include: Education Development, Policy-Making and Gender Issues.

Noushig Ghazarian is a Political Science/ International Affairs student at Lebanese American University, and will be graduating soon in July, 2013. Her interests are world politics, foreign policy, social media as well as entrepreneurship. Noushig has always managed to have an active life, both in and outside of campus. At LAU, she serves as a Model United Nations Trainer at GC LAU MUN (part of LAU’s Outreach and Civic Engagement Team) and has trained several students on the foundations of the United Nations, as well as the arts of diplomacy and negotiation. Moreover, Noushig has worked as a program assistant for two programs: Cisco Entrepreneur Institute and Arab Women’s Entrepreneurship program, both under the umbrella of Amideast/ Lebanon. Previously, Noushig has taken part of other internship opportunities such as serving as a Model United Nations Trainer at United Nations Association of Minnesota and AMIDEAST.

Rabia M'Rabet: I am from Tangier, Morocco: administrative and researcher at Observatory of Mediterranean Studies at Law's Faculty of Tangier. I am PhD Student. I have a Master's Degree Relationship Euro Mediterranean: Moroccan Spanish dimension; Degree in Law; Specialized training Course in computer Engineering and Degree in Physics. I speak Arabic, French, Spanish and English. My dream is to achieve a peaceful dialogue over the world, Human Right sacred and the International Law respected, it is not too.

Raed Abu Hayyaneh was acquired a B.SC degree in Environment and Geology from Yarmouk University and pursued a prestigious Masters degree from Huddersfield University, UK in Environmental Education and Human Resources Development. Abu Hayyaneh has also a set of high-status professional certificates including the TOT and the PMP. Abu Hayyaneh has worked in a number of posts in the field of development including, health, education, refugees, community, awareness and many more. Abu Hayyaneh worked as Program officer and Outreach specialist at Save the Children and as a Community Mobilization Specialist in a Health and family planning program at Save the Children & Jordan Health Communication Partnership JHCP one of USAID initiatives. This experience has allowed Abu Hayyaneh to practice the outreach, awareness, media as well as social marketing fields. Moreover, Abu Hayyaneh gained regional experience while working as an Environmental Awareness specialist at the WHO –United Nations in Erbil Northern Iraq. Enriching and broadening Abu Hayyaneh's credentials is his experience in the field of environment since he worked as the Head of Environmental Education and Awareness Department with the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN). His experience with RSCN not only included developing strategies but also designing educational tools and curriculum with the society's Netherlands' fund. Abu Hayyaneh has a wide regional consultation experience that includes working as Environmental Awareness Specialist in the Red Sea and Gulf of Adan Conservation Program, and as an Environmental Education and awareness Specialist with the Saudi Environmental Society. Moreover, he worked as an Environmental outreach Specialist, with Massar Society- Syria & Sustainable Business Associates. Abu Hayyaneh's experience is supported by dozens of training courses given by top-of-the-line local and regional training institutions; on topics of child education, eco tourism, community mobilization, Human resource development, and family planning and conflict management skills. Abu Hayyaneh has also published a number of publications on many development topics since the year 2000.

Raghda Kawass has a BA degree in "Early Childhood Education" from the "Lebanese American University", Beirut 2011. Kawass joined UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States - Beirut in 2012, as a programme assistant in the Basic Education Department. Her work focuses on "Early Childhood Care and Education", "Intercultural Peace and Dialogue " and "Education in Emergencies".

Rusul Mihdat: BSC in Mathematics / Baghdad University. Activist in civil society field for 7 years and still. Working in Iraqi al-amal association as project's coordinator. Interested in women economic empowerment and peace building activities. I have skills in: communication, coordination, preparing, reporting activities and meetings, archiving, mapping and case study analysis). My important achievement is conducting research by using "case study" methodology in project "survey of organizations working on women's economic empowerment and peace-building funded by UNDP which was publish as a booklet.

Sara Elkamel is an Egyptian journalist living in Cairo. She has been working in the field of journalism for the past three years, contributing to various local papers including *Daily News Egypt* and *Egypt Independent*, as well as foreign publications such as the *The Guardian* and *GlobalPost*. Elkamel is currently pursuing Graduate Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication at the American University in Cairo, and writing for Ahram Online.