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## EDUCATION

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- Feb 2015      Doctor of Philosophy, Department of War Studies, King's College London (KCL);  
                  'Policing Disputes: Power and Social Order in Jordan.' Supervisors: Claudia  
                  Aradau & Yezid Sayigh. Passed no corrections.
- Sep 2010      MA Research, Department of War Studies, Kings' College London. Distinction.  
                  *Core Modules:* Theory and Methodologies of the Social Sciences; Applied  
                  Social Science –

**Defence Studies, King's College London.**

- Sep 2015 – Dec 2015: Teaching Fellow for the **International Development Institute, King's College London**. Taught four first year undergraduate seminar classes for the BA modules *Social and Political Analysis of Emerging Economies* and *History of the Global Economy*.
- May 2014 – July 2015: MENA Research Associate specialising in the Levant & Iraq, **Risk Advisory Group**, London. Provided clients with daily written and oral assessments on political and security risks affecting the region.
- Sep 2012 – Mar 2013: Graduate Teaching Assistant for BA module *War in the International Order* (International Relations Theory), **the War Studies Department, King's College London**. Taught two second year undergraduate seminar groups. Conducted summative and formative assessments of coursework.
- Sep 2012 – Mar 2013: Co-organizer of a seminar series for PhD students on the practicalities of fieldwork, data collection and analysis



Journal article: 'The Arab Spring in the Genealogy of Weak States', work in progress for submission to *The Journal of International Security*.

**Book Reviews:**

Watkins, J. (2020). *Media persuasion in the Islamic State*: by Neil Krishan Aggarwal, Columbia University Press, 2019, 264 pp., 65.00/£54.00(cloth); 64.99/£ 54.00 (ebook), ISBN 9780231182386; 9780231544122.

Watkins, J. (2020). *Culture, time and publics in the Arab world: media, public space and*

Watkins, J. (2018), 'Tribes and Tribalism in a Neoliberal Jordan', Middle East Centre blog, 16 July 2018, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/mec/2018/07/16/tribes-and-tribalism-in-a-neo-liberal-jordan/>

Watkins, J., (2013), 'Jordan's Refugees: Breaking the Back of the Kingdom?', article for the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR), September 2013, online as of January 2015 at: <http://icsr.info/2012/07/jordans-refugees-breaking-the-back-of-the-kingdom/>

Watkins, J. (2010), *Security Sector Developments of the British Colonial Middle East and their Legacies*,

7 Oct 2020                    ‘Community Policing in Jordan after the Uprisings: Refugees, Representatives, and Re-imagined Communities’: panel presentation for Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual conference.

30 Jul 2020:                    ‘Iran in Iraq’, Paper launch webinar run by the Middle East Centre.

9 Mar 2009: Co-presenter of 'The Iraq Effect' Rand research project findings to US Pentagon client in Washington DC, US.

## **LANGUAGES**

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Arabic (fluent in written translation, highly competent and able to conduct interviews in spoken); French (fluent); Farsi (beginner); Spanish (beginner).

## **REFEREES**

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**Professor Toby Dodge** (Current line manager at LSE), Director of the Iraq Programme for the Conflict Research Programme, the Middle East Centre, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE. [B.T.Dodge@lse.ac.uk](mailto:B.T.Dodge@lse.ac.uk)

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**Dr. Yezid Sayigh** (PhD supervisor); Senior Associate, Carnegie Middle East Centre, Emir Bechir Street, Lazariéh Tower, Bldg. No. 2026 1210, 5th floor, Downtown Beirut P.O.Box 11-1061 Riad El Solh, Lebanon. [ysayigh@carnegie-mec.org](mailto:ysayigh@carnegie-mec.org)

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