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## Education

**University of Essex** **October 2023 – present**  
*PhD Government* *Colchester, England, UK*

**University of Essex** **October 2020 – September 2021**  
*Master of Science in Conflict Resolution, with Distinction* *Colchester, England, UK*

- Thesis Title: Challenging the Peace?: Examining Drivers of Rebel Violence Against Peacekeepers (Grade: Distinction)  
Supervisor: Dr Sara Polo
- Activities: Peer Reviewer at the Essex Student Journal, PGT Student Representative.

**Cairo University, Faculty of Economics and Political Science** **September 2016 – August 2020**  
*Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Minor in Statistics; Very Good with Honours* *Cairo, Egypt*

- Thesis Title: Responsibility to Protect and its Repercussions on Conflict Management (Grade: A)  
Cumulative GPA: 3.5/4.0

## Experience

**Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCCPA)** **October 2021 – present**  
*Visibility and Communications Assistant* *Cairo, Egypt*

- Designing social media content, publications, and visibility materials and giveaways while working closely with program staff to ensure all activities are represented and included
- Drafting briefing materials, press releases and coordinating CCCPA publications, and maintaining a library for all communications materials and photos
- Regularly reviewing and updating the websites of CCCPA and Aswan Forum, as well as analysing social media engagement and adapting communications strategy to key audience
- Coordinating with press outlets, media agencies, publishing and print houses, and suppliers to ensure the visibility and exposure received are appropriate for the thematic areas and activities, and the high-level events and guests

**British University in Egypt** **August 2020 – September 2020**  
*Public Image Intern* *Cairo, Egypt*

- Assisted in maintaining the digital profile of the Department of Political Science. Attended and moderated several online events and wrote articles and captions for the department's social media profiles and website. Designed and edited the digital media content for the department.

### AFS Egypt

*Intercultural Learning Trainer* *September 2018-October 2020*

- Certified intercultural trainer. Conducted the first run of AFS Effect+ and CISV Mosaic workshops on change making and community building with 40 students within the BP Global STEM Program, and facilitated the first virtual selection camp held for the USAID Scholars Activity Cohort 1.

*Summer Intern* *July-August 2017*

- Worked on the Local Scholarship Program, funded by USAID as a part of the Higher Education Initiative to enable underprivileged students to attend private universities in Egypt. Main tasks included data entry, coordination between the volunteers and staff members, and leading the data entry team throughout the interview and selection camp phases.

## Conferences, Courses, and Publications

**International Studies Association Annual Convention | Nashville, TN** **March 28-April 2, 2022**

- Accepted Paper: Regional Security Structures in the Middle East: the Egyptian Role and Challenges  
Panel: The Crossroads of Egypt: Understanding Egypt's Position within a Contentious Region

**Non-Peer Reviewed Publication (in Arabic)** **January 2022**

Khalifa, Fareeda (2022) 'Limits of Applying Gender Frameworks in Foreign Policy', International Politics, Vol. 227, Annex on Theoretical Directions in Analysing International Politics, pp.17-20.

**Africa Resilience Forum (remotely)** **September 28-30, 2021**

**Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis | University of Essex** **July 12-July 23, 2021**

- Course: Methods for Fieldwork in Social Science. Funded by the Department of Government MA/MSc Scholarship.

<b>Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development</b>   <i>Stockholm, Sweden (remotely)</i>	<b>May 4-7, 2021</b>
<b>Aswan Forum for Sustainable Peace and Development II</b>   <i>Cairo, Egypt (remotely)</i>	<b>March 1-5, 2021</b>
<b>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</b>   <i>University of Essex</i>	<b>July 27-August 7, 2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to R, Quantitative Data Analysis with R (Distinction), Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research.</li> </ul>	
<b>Academic Training Programme in Multiculturalism and Leadership</b>   <i>Al-Maktoum College – Dundee, Scotland, UK</i>	<b>January 25-February 21, 2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses: Multiculturalism, Globalisation, Female Leadership, and Entrepreneurship.</li> </ul>	

## Leadership / Extracurricular Activities

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<b>Faculty of Economics and Political Science Website</b> <i>Assistant Editor-in-Chief and Senior Member</i>	<b>October 2018-October 2020</b> <i>Cairo, Egypt</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Editor-in-Chief of the monthly newsletter “ELITE” and leader of the freelancers’ team, responsible for covering events that take place at the faculty, writing reports for the website, and translating articles from English to Arabic and vice versa. Previous roles held: Editor and Member (August 2018-October 2018).</li> </ul>	
<b>AFS Egypt</b> <i>Volunteer</i>	<b>July 2015-October 2020</b> <i>Giza, Egypt</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helped organise applicants’ databases at the national office. Took part in conducting interviews for prospective recipients of several scholarships, translated and evaluated students’ applications. Ran workshops and participated in training camps to prepare exchange students for their upcoming study abroad experience.</li> </ul>	
<b>Arab League Model United Nations</b> <i>Roles held: Director of the United Nations Security Council, Campaigners Committee Member, Delegate at the United Nations Security Council, Coordination Committee Member</i>	<b>October 2016-April 2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviewed and selected delegates for the United Nations Security Council. Researched and organised academic content for the sessions held throughout the year, which I presented and delivered to 60 delegates. Co-authored a background paper titled “To what extent has nationalism, in a globalised era, been affecting international peace and security?”</li> <li>• Planned new social responsibility, awareness, and development campaigns, and implemented them, as well as maintained old campaigns done by the organisation.</li> <li>• Awarded “Member of the Month” in December 2016, “Most Hardworking Member” in February 2018, and “Best Delegation” for representing the Syrian Arab Republic and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea at the conference in April 2018.</li> <li>• Linked between ALMUN and the faculty’s administration through acquiring the necessary permissions to organise sessions throughout the year, facilitated the sessions and conference by providing suitable rooms and materials, and planned formal events.</li> </ul>	
<b>European Federation for Intercultural Learning Volunteer Summer Summit</b> <i>Participant</i>	<b>July 2018</b> <i>Utøya, Norway</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the annual summit held for European volunteers in AFS, which tackled the theme “Civic Education against Extremism.” Workshop track: Shaping Public Opinion; with workshops on “How to Argue with Trolls,” “Piece for Peace,” and “How changing conversations can prevent extremism.”</li> </ul>	
<b>US Embassy Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs</b> <i>Volunteer responsible for promotion of Department of State programs for Egyptians at different events.</i>	<b>2016-present</b> <i>Cairo, Egypt</i>
<b>Awards</b>	
<b>Department of Government MA/MSc Scholarship</b> <i>Full funding to attend the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i>	<b>July 2021</b>
<b>Big Essex Bronze Award</b>	<b>June 2021</b>
<b>University of Essex Africa Scholarship Programme Award</b> <i>Partial funding award towards MSc Degree</i>	<b>October 2020-October 2021</b>
<b>Academic Excellence and Achievement Award</b> <i>Award for ranking third in the Department of Political Science, Cairo University, Academic Year 2017/2018</i>	<b>March 2019</b>
<b>Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES)</b> <i>United States Department of State Scholarship Recipient</i>	<b>August 2014-June 2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spent an academic year living with a host family in Michigan and attending a U.S. school. Held multiple presentations about the Egyptian culture and values for people of different ages, participated in cultural, sports, and robotics extracurricular activities, and spent over 100 hours of community service helping kids and elderly.</li> </ul>	

## Core Competencies

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**Languages:** Arabic (Mother Tongue), English (Fluent), German (Professional Usage C1)

**Personal Skills:** Communication, Intercultural Skills, Leadership, Teamwork, Scheduling.

**Technical Skills:** Microsoft Office, Google Drive, R, SPSS, Quantitative and Qualitative Data Analysis, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, InDesign, Photoshop, Basic Videography and Video Editing.

## References

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- References available upon request.