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**EDUCATION**

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**2005 Ph.D. in Political Science**, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, University of Aix-en-Provence (France), completed with high distinction and 'félicitations du jury'.

Dissertation supervised by Prof. J.-P. Gaudin; *Public Action in a Multi-Confessional Political System: Shi'a Political Movements in Post-War Lebanon*

Committee members: Profs. Michel Camau, Basma Kodmani, Elizabeth Picard, Pierre Signoles

**1996 DEA (Master) in Geography**, University of Tours (France), URBAMA (Center for the studies on urbanization in the Arabic world), completed with high distinction.

Thesis supervised by Profs. M. Davie and P. Signoles

> *Modes of Regulation of Illegal Urban Spaces in the Arab World.*

> *Controlling Space in the Southern Suburb of Beirut : Territorial Reconfigurations Between Public Authority and Private Players.*

**1995 DESS (Master) in Urbanism**, Institute of Urbanism of the Lebanese Academy of Fine Arts (ALBA-Balamand University), completed with high distinction.

Thesis supervised by Prof. J.-L. Arnaud, *Urban Politics in Beirut Southern Suburb*. Published as a book in 1996.

**1993 Bachelor of Architecture**, American University of Beirut (AUB), Dean's Honor List during four semesters.

> languages: **Arabic, French, English:** fluently spoken, written and read.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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September 2002- today

**Full-time Assistant Professor, Coordinator  
Master in Urban Planning and Design (MUP-MUD) Program  
American University of Beirut**

November 2005

**Visiting Fellow, Aga Khan Program, Harvard University**

> Launched the cooperation between the Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD) and the MUP/MUD programs; met with faculty and students; attended lectures.

Jun.2001-Mar.2002

**Research Coordinator, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Beirut**

> Organized the regional workshop on "Empowering Local Governments in the MENA Region" for the 4th Mediterranean Development Forum, Beirut, January 22-23, 2002.

> Assisted in the organization of the conference on "The Developmental State Model: Challenges for Lebanon", Beirut, February 15-16, 2002.

> Assisted in the organization of the World Bank Institute Development Debates on Poverty in the MENA Region, Beirut, March 2002.

> Edited the UNDP's 2001 National Human Development Report, Summer 2001.

Sept.1995-Dec.2000

**Researcher, IFPO/CERMOC-Beirut** (French Institute of the Near East, previously: CERMOC).

- > Participated to 3 collective research programs: *Urbanization in Greater Beirut, Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Lebanon; Municipalities and Local Authorities in Lebanon.*
- > Published short articles and book reviews in the *Lettre d'information* of the ORBR (Observatoire de recherche sur Beyrouth et sa reconstruction).
- > Participated and attended various research and methodology seminars.
- > Organized the workshop "Urban Governance and the Emerging Role of Municipalities", Beirut, 25-27 February 2000, with Roula Majdalani (co-organization Middle-East Awards-Cairo and CERMOC).

## TEACHING

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### Graduate Teaching, AUB

*core courses:*

*Social Research Methods in Urban Planning*

*Thesis Preparation*

*Planning & Design Workshop*

*City Debates Seminar*

*Introduction to Planning in Lower Income Countries* [co-taught]

*designed new electives:*

*Development Aid in MENA: Impacts on Cities and Spatial Planning*

*Introduction to Policy Analysis*

*Decentralization Debates: Impacts on Local Democracy and Economic Performance*

### Undergraduate Teaching, AUB

**April 2004**      **Invited professor**, Urbanism

**2002- to date**    **Invited juror**, Architecture Design Studios, Landscape Design Studios

### Academic Supervision, AUB

> as thesis advisor

**1. Amer Aïdour** (BE Civil Engineering, Wisconsin), Master Degree in Urban Planning. *Public Transportation in Lebanon: a Proposal for Reforming the Jitney System (a Case-Study of Beirut)*, June 2005. Thesis nominated for AUB Abdul-Hadi Debs Award 2005.

**2. Doris Summer** (MA Urbanism, Lyon University), Master Degree in Urban Planning, *Neoliberalizing the City: The Circulation of City Builders and Urban Images in Beirut and Amman*, June 2005. Awarded the Best Graduate Paper at the FEA Student Conference 2005.

**3. Roupén Sulahian** (Electrical Engineer, Head of Electrical Department, Khatib & Alami), Master Degree in Urban Planning, *Assessment of Electricity Privatization Law for Protecting Lebanese Consumer's Right*, June 2004.

**4. Bassam Moussa** (BA Sociology, AUB), Master Degree in Urban Planning, *Whose Heritage is it? Dissent among Partners in the Heritage Preservation Projects in Post War Salima*, In progress.

**5. Tamara Zantout** (BA Sociology, AUB), Master Degree in Urban Planning, *Elite Planning Initiatives and International Agencies in Historic City Cores; The Case of the Old City of Saida, Lebanon*, In progress.

> as thesis reader

**1. Mona AbdulKhalek** (Bachelor of Architecture, LU, Economics AUB, Employed at the Directorate General of Urbanism in Beirut) Master Degree in Urban Planning, *Consolidation and Meanings of Housing: A Case-Study of the Wata al-Mussaytbeh Informal Settlement*, June 2005.

**2. Joyet Beyene** (BA in History and Sociology, Bowdoin College), Master Degree in Urban Planning, *Women, Migration, and Housing: A Case Study of Three Households of Ethiopian and Eritrean Female Migrant Workers in Beirut and Naba'a*, June 2005.

**3. Hans Bastian Hauck** (BA in Economics, MA in ME studies, post-grad in International Affairs, Berlin), Master Degree in Middle-Eastern Studies, *The Municipality of Beirut*, June 2004.

4. **Dania Akhal** (freelance architect & urban designer), Master in Urban Design, *[Ex]-Changing Boundaries: Between Social Practice and Spatial Representation*, June 2003.
5. **Marwan Mansour** (geographer & urban planner, based in Dubai), Master Degree in Urban Planning, *Implications of International Policies on National Legislation: A Case Study of Law 220 for the Rights of the Disabled in Lebanon*, June 2001.

**Other Teaching ( Part-Time Instructor)**

**1999, Lebanese University, Faculty of Fine Arts, Graduate Program in Urbanism (DESS)**

*Case Study: Hayy el-Sellom in the southern suburb of Beirut*, Spring.

**1997-2000, Institute of Urbanism – ALBA, Graduate Program**

*Analysis of Public Policies: an Introduction*, Summer terms.

*Cartography and Map Representation (Travaux Dirigés)*, Fall terms.

**1998-1999 University Saint Joseph, Department of Geography**

*Actors and Stakes of Urban Planning in Lebanon*, Fall terms.

**RESEARCH: INVITED TALKS & DISCUSSIONS**

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(\* *funded by organization extending the invitation, or their sponsor*

(\*\* *funded by AUB*)

**participation in international events**

**december 2005, invited discussant, beirut**

conference on *Cities and Globalization: Challenges for Citizenship*, organized by Heinrich Boell Foundation and Institut Français du Proche Orient, hosted by the American University of Beirut, Beirut, December 9-11, 2005.

**\*\*november 2005, accepted paper, washington d.c.**

*Hizballah: An Alternative Policy Network in Post-War Lebanon*, individual paper accepted and presented at the annual Middle-East Studies Association (MESA) meeting, Washington D.C., 19-22 November 2005.

**\*september 2005, invited paper, amsterdam**

*Islamizing Entertainment and Tourism Activities in Lebanon*, paper presented at the conference on '(In)Visible Histories: The Politics of Placing the Past', organized by ISIM, Amsterdam, 2-3 September 2005.

**\*august 2005, invited discussant, bellagio**

workshop on *Cooperation Across Ideological Divides in the Middle East*, organized by Janine Clark and Jillian Schwedler, Rockefeller Foundation's Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy, April 8-13, 2005.

**\*june 2005, invited presentation, paris**

seminar on *The Integration Clauses of Islamism in the Political Process in Maghreb and Middle East*, in partnership with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), Paris, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

**\*april 2004, invited public lecture, istanbul**

*Alternative Images of Post-War Beirut: Hizb'Allah's Suburb*, public lecture presented at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Sabanci University, Istanbul, April 29, 2004.

**\*\*march 2004, accepted paper, florence**

*Hizballah and the Production of Culture in Beirut's Suburb*, paper presented at the 5th Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Florence & Montecatini Terme, 19-23 March 2004, organised by the

Mediterranean Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute.

**\*december 2003, invited presentation, amman**

*The Local Government System in Lebanon: Ambiguities and Paradoxes*, paper presented at the World Bank meeting on “Municipal Governance and Local Decentralization in the MENA Region”, Amman, December 19-20, 2003.

**\*december 2003, invited presentation, aix-en-provence**

(co-authored) *Pouvoirs locaux et décentralisation en période de (re)construction étatique : les cas du Liban et de la Palestine ; étude comparée*, contribution to the conference “Les municipalités dans le champ politique local. Effets de modèles de décentralisation dans la gestion des villes en Afrique et au Moyen-Orient”, organized by the Programme de Recherche sur l’Urbanisation et le Développement (PRUD), Aix-en-Provence, 11-13 December 2003.

**\*\*march 2003, accepted paper, florence**

*Public Spheres and Spaces of Contestation in Post-War Beirut*, paper presented at the 4th Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Florence & Montecatini Terme, 19-23 March 2003, organised by the Mediterranean Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute.

**\*october 2002, invited paper, amman**

*International Assistance Programs and Participation Practices in Lebanese Municipalities*, paper presented at the 4th Mediterranean Development Forum regional workshop, organized by the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Amman, October 6-9, 2002.

**\*october 2002, invited paper, cairo**

*Public Policy Analysis in Lebanon: Situation Analysis*, paper presented at the Public Administration Research and Consultation Center (PARC) workshop, “Public Policy Analysis in the Arab World: Situation Analysis”, Cairo, September 26-27, 2002.

**\*december 2001, invited participant, rio de janeiro**

Attended the Third Global Development Network Conference on “Blending Local and Global Knowledge”, Rio de Janeiro, December 9-12, 2001.

**\*may 2001, accepted paper, cairo**

*The Political Construction of the Lebanese Shi’a Community: an Overview of Post-War Players*, paper presented at MEAwards/American University of Cairo workshop, “The Reconstruction of War-Torn Communities”, Cairo, May 21-23, 2001.

**february 2001, accepted paper, beirut**

*Mobilization Strategies of Shiite Groups in Lebanon (1970s-1990s)*, paper presented with Mona Fawaz at CERMOC/SSRC seminar (Social Science Research Council) « Cities and CitizenshipII: Questions of Comparison », Beirut, February 5-7, 2001.

**\*june 2000, invited paper, paris**

*Hizb’Allah : Competitions and Complementarities with the Lebanese State (1982-2000)* (in French), paper presented at the conference “Twenty Years Later : What Assessment to Contemporary Islamists Movements?”, organized by Gilles Kepel and Olivier Roy, Institut d’Etudes Politiques-Paris and International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM)-Leiden, Paris, June 21-24, 2000.

**\*december 1999, invited paper, lausanne**

*Hizb’Allah : The Making of a Lebanese Shiite Social Movement* (in French), paper presented at the conference “Social Movements in the Contemporary Muslim World”, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, December 3-4, 1999.

**\*june 1999, invited paper, paris**

*Beirut 1980s: from Periphery to Suburb* (in French), paper presented at the international meeting on “Naming and Categorizing Urban Spaces”, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, June 25-26, 1999.

**\*december 1998, invited presentation, cairo**

*Experiences with Interdisciplinary Studies* (in English), presentation presented at the workshop on “Population Research and Capacity Building in the Middle East and North Africa”, organized by the Middle-East Awards, Cairo, December 14-15, 1998.

**\*april 1998, february 1997, june 1996; invited participant, amman, cairo, istanbul**

Participation to three GURI (Global Urban Regional Initiative) regional meetings in Amman (April 1998), in Cairo (February 1997) and in Istanbul (June 1996).

**\*october 1997, invited participant, aix-en-provence**

Doctoral school on *Identity and Acculturation in the Mediterranean*, organized by the Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l’Homme, IREMAM, Aix-en-Provence, 19-25 October 1997.

**other participations**

**april 2005, invited participant and presentation, IFPO, beirut**

*Researching the City: Between Field and Theory*; talk presented on 19/04; *Public Action and Political Institutions : a case-study of Shi’a Political Actors in Beirut’s suburb*; talk presented on 20/04; as part of the Doctoral School on « Urban Projects and Planning Interventions : Stakes and Stakeholders », organized by the French Institute of the Near-East (IFPO), Lebanese University, University Saint-Joseph, and AUB; Beirut, April 18-22, 2005.

**may 2002, invited participant and presentation, ESA-IEP, beirut**

*The Elyssar Project and Post-War Reconstruction in Beirut*, talk presented on 12/05; as part of the Doctoral school on *Political Islam*, organized by (ex-)CERMOC, the Ecole Supérieure des Affaires (ESA) and the Institut d’Etudes Politiques of Paris, Beirut, May 28-29, 2002.

**february 2002, invited presentation, AUB, beirut**

*An Overview of Urban Research Issues in Lebanon and the Region*, Presentation at the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, February 17, 2002.

**march 2000, invited presentation, UMP, beirut**

*Mafhum al-idara al-mahalīyya wal charaka li takhtit al-mudun* [*The Concept of Local Governement and Partnership in Urban Planning*], Intervention in Arabic at the Public Discussion on “Participation of the Media in the Urban Local Government” organized by the Development and Environment Media Association in collaboration with the Urban Management Program, Beirut, March 7, 2000.

**\*march 1998, invited presentation, amman**

*From Fieldwork to Theoretical Elaboration* (in French), paper presented at a seminar in CERMOC-Amman, March 18, 1998.

**RESEARCH: CONSULTANCIES**

**Dec.-March 2006**

**World Bank Cities Development Strategy (CDS) Project in Lebanon**, led by the Ministry of Interior, Kamal Hamdan Consultants (Consultation and Research Institute, CRI); subcontracted by CRI for preparing 2 Cities Reports as part of the CDS project (Tyre and Jounieh).

**July 2005**

SEPHIS program, PhD thesis review, anonymity of author preserved.

**Sept.-Oct. 2004**

**European Union - Lebanese Ministry of Administrative Reform**, Louis Berger Consultants, Beirut, consultation report co-authored with Mona Fawaz, *Simplified Local Development Plan for Iqleem al-Tuffah, Nabatiyeh*.

**May-Jun. 2003**

**World Bank Institute**, Washington DC., consultation report co-authored with Sami Atallah, *Municipal Management and Decentralization Study: Lebanon*.

**Jan. 2000**

**UNDP**, Beirut, consultation paper entitled *Towards a Regionally Balanced Development*, presented at the conference "Linking Economic Growth and Social Development in Lebanon", Beirut, January 11-13, 2000.

**Oct. 1999**

**Middle-East Awards**, Population Council, Cairo, consultation report entitled: *The State of Social Sciences in Lebanon*

**July 1998**

**UN-ESCWA**, Beirut, consultation report entitled: *An Appraisal of the Urban Environment of Illegal Settlements in the Beirut Area: the Case of Ehysar*

## **RESEARCH GROUPS**

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**since Feb. 2006**

**Member, Arab Democracy Barometer**, collective Arab research network associated with a US research institute, the IISD (The International Institute for Sustained Dialogue).

**Jan. 2002 – Jan. 2004**

**Member, Programme de Recherche Urbaine pour le Développement (PRUD)**, collective MENA research group on: *Municipalities in the Local Political Field : The Effects of Exported Decentralization Models on the Management of Cities in Africa and the Middle-East*.

**1996-1998**

**Member, MENA-GURI research network** on *Urban Governance*, ("Middle-East and North-Africa" region of the "Global Urban Research Initiative"), coordinated by Dr. Seteney Shami.

## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

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**Sept. 2004-Jan.2005**

**Hewlett Grant**, Competitive Grant through the American University of Beirut; *Planning, Socio-Cultural and Development Policies in Post-Conflict Societies*; one semester of paid leave.

**Sept.2003-Sept.2004**

**University Research Grant** from the American University of Beirut; *The Analysis of Policies in the Middle-East Region. An Investigation of Institutions, Donors and the Role of State*; 5,000\$

**Jan.-Jun. 2003**

**University Research Grant** from the American University of Beirut on proposal entitled: *Policy Making and the Nature of State in Lebanon: Mapping the Forms of Political Exchange Across Policy Actors and Policy Sectors*; 5,000\$.

**Oct.1997 – Ap.1999**

**Middle-East Award** (Population Council), Cairo, Egypt on proposal entitled: *Alternative Forms of Service Delivery in the Southern Suburb of Beirut*; 13,000\$.

**during 1995-2000**

**French Government Study Grants:** 9 grants for PhD study trips in France between 1995 and 2000; 2,000\$ each.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **books**

1. Harb M. (ed.), *The Lebanese National Master Plan: A Critical Assessment*, Proceedings of the 2003 City Debates, Beirut: AUB, **2004**, 98 p.

2. Harb M., *Politiques urbaines dans la banlieue-sud de Beyrouth [Urban Policies in the Southern Suburb of Beirut]*, Beirut: CERMOC, no.14, **1996**, 88 p.

### **chapters in edited volumes**

1. Harb M., "Urban Governance in Post-War Beirut: Resources, Negotiations, and Contestations in the Elyssar Project", in SHAMI S. (dir.), *Capital Cities: Ethnographies of Urban Governance in the Middle East*, Toronto: Toronto University Press, **2001**, p.111-133.

2. "Transforming the Site of Dereliction into the Urban Culture of Modernity: Beirut's Southern Suburb and the Elyssar Project", in ROWE P. and SARKIS H. (ed.), *Projecting Beirut : Episodes in the Construction and Reconstruction of a Modern City*, New York: Prestel, **1998**, p.173-181.

3. Harb M., "Pratiques comparées de participation dans deux municipalités de la banlieue de Beyrouth: Ghobeyri et Bourj Brajneih" [Compared Practices of Participation in Two Municipalities of Beirut Suburb: Ghobeyri and Bourj Brajneih], in FAVIER A. (dir.), *Municipalités et pouvoirs locaux au Liban*, Beirut, CERMOC, **2001**, p.157-177.

> also translated and published in Arabic :

in LEBANESE CENTER FOR POLICY STUDIES, *Al-Aamal al-Baladi fi Lubnan* [Municipal Work in Lebanon], Beirut: LCPS, **2002**, p.125-158.

4. Harb M., "La reconstruction de la banlieue sud-ouest de Beyrouth : une négociation entre Etat et acteurs politiques" [Reconstruction in the Southwestern Suburb of Beirut: a Negotiation between State and Political Actors], in HUYBRECHTS E. et DOUEIHY C. (dir.), *Reconstruction et réconciliation au Liban ; négociations, lieux publics, renouement du lien social*, Beirut : CERMOC, **1999**, p.109-123.

5. Harb M., "Mudakhala" [Intervention], in CONSULTING CENTER FOR STUDIES AND DOCUMENTATION (CCSD), *Elyssar : al-waqe' wal tabawullat* [Elyssar: Reality and Transformations], Beirut: CCSD, **1998**, p.216-220.

6. Harb M., "L'espace dans les discours sur l'aménagement de la banlieue-sud: le projet Elyssar" [Space in the Discourse on Planning the Southern Suburb: the Elyssar Project], in ARNAUD J.-L. (dir.), *Beyrouth — Grand-Beyrouth ?*, Beirut: CERMOC, **1997**, p. 191-207.

### **articles in academic journals**

1. Harb M. and Leenders R., "Know Thou Enemy: Hizballah and the Politics of Perception", *Third World Quarterly*, Special Issue, Vol.25(5) **2005**, p.173-197.

2. Harb M., « La banlieue du Hizb'allah : Images alternatives du Beyrouth d'après-guerre » [Hizb'allah's Suburb : Alternative Images of Post-War Beirut], *Annales de la Recherche Urbaine*, no.96, **2004**, p. 53-61.

3. Harb M., “La *Dahiye* de Beyrouth: parcours d’une stigmatisation urbaine, consolidation d’un territoire politique” [*Dahiye* of Beirut : Process of an Urban Stigmatisation, Consolidation of a Political Territory], *Genèses*, 51, June **2003**, p.70-91.

**other**

1. Fawaz M. and Harb M., *Simplified Local Development Plan for Iqleem el-Touffah, Nabatiyyeh*, consultancy report for the EU/OMSAR Municipal Support Project in Lebanon, November **2004**.

2. Favier A., Signoles A., Harb M., Karam K., and Khayat T., *Pouvoirs locaux et décentralisation en période de (re)construction étatique : les cas du Liban et de la Palestine ; étude comparée*, Paris, consultancy report for the Programme de Recherche sur l’Urbanisation et le Développement (PRUD), Project title : “Les municipalités dans le champ politique local. Effets de modèles de décentralisation dans la gestion des villes en Afrique et au Moyen-Orient”, December **2003**.

3. Atallah S. and Harb M., *Municipal Management and Decentralization Study: Lebanon*, Washington DC: World Bank Institute, Regional Municipal Management and Decentralization Project, November **2003**.

4. Harb M., “Towards a Regionally Balanced Development”, in UNDP, *Linking Economic Growth and Social Development in Lebanon*, Beirut: UNDP, **2000**, p.115-136.

5. Harb M., *Bibliographie en arabe sur Beyrouth [Arabic Bibliography on Beirut]*, Beirut, Document no.2 du CERMOC, **1998**, 74p.