Marwa Ben Khalifa

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Education

Boston UniversityDoctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Political Science

Boston, MA 2022 –Present

University of Manchester

Manchester, UK

MSc International Development: Politics, Governance and Development Policy

2020 - 2021

- Dissertation: Tunisia's Democratic Transition and Consolidation:

Examining the Discrepant Role of Political Elites (Distinction)

Lebanese American University

Beirut, Lebanon

B.A in Political Science/ International Affairs (Distinction)

2015-2019

Minor in Multimedia Journalism

- Senior thesis: The Tunisian paradigm in the MENA region:

The Tunisian General Labor Union's influence on politics as an external navigator for change and reform.

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, Virginia

Study Abroad Semester

Spring 2018

 Academic coursework with a focus on comparative politics, International Political Economy, Politics of Developing Nations, and US Government and Politics. (Spring 2018 Dean's List)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Democratization, Islam, Politics of the Middle East and North Africa, State-building, Social movements and revolutions, Democratic Transition and Consolidation, Political Elites, Tunisia, Institutions.

Research Experience

University of Manchester	Manchester, UK
Virtual Fieldwork researcher in Uganda	Spring 2021

London School of Economics and Political Science

Tunis, Tunisia

Translator Summer 2020

SOAS University of London Lebanon

Interpreter/ Field Work Research Assistant Summer 2019

The Institute for Women Studies in the Arab World (LAU)

Research Assistant: Intern

Beirut, Lebanon

Spring 2017

The Civil Pole for Development and Human Rights

Tunis, Tunisia

Research Assistant: Intern

Summer 2016

Work Experience

Rethink Rebuild Society Community Liaison Officer	Manchester, UK 2021 –2022
Berlitz Corporation English Instructor	Tunis, Tunisia 2019-2020
Lebanese American University Writer/ Assistant Editor in Chief	Beirut, Lebanon 2015-2019
Lebanese American University Buddy program lead (Office of International Services)	Beirut, Lebanon 2018-2019
Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) English/Arabic Instructor	Byblos, Lebanon 2017–2018
Awards	
 The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chevening Scholarship The United States State Department program: 	2020–2021
 Middle East Partnership Initiative "Tomorrow's Leaders" Scholarship Program Lebanese American University Honor/Distinguished List Virginia Commonwealth University Dean's list United States Department of State certificate of outstanding volunteer service award 	2015- 2019 2015-2019 2018 2013

Languages

Arabic Native English Fluent French Fluent Spanish Basic