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**Education:**

* **PhD in sociology (2012-2016)** 
  + Goldsmith- university of London sociology department

I studied the experience of Palestinian women who have been in Israeli prison by looking into the everyday life practices before, during, and after prison. It focuses on the politicization of women body, and everyday life, which constructs political subjects.

* **Masters:**
  + (2007-2009) McGill university social work
  + (2004-2009) Berziet University Gender and development
* **Bachelor**:
  + (1999-2003) An-Najah national university psychology
* **Non degree course** (2006) McGill university community organization

**Work experience:**

* **An-Najah National University:** Professor Assistant in the Social work Department. The coordinator for the Master of Women’s Studies
* **An-Najah National University (July 2016- 2018):** the head of the sociology and social work department. In addition to be the coordinator of the women study master’s.
* **An-Najah national university (August 2009- 2011)**: full time instructor in the sociology and social work department, I was teaching (introduction to social work, social psychology, women and community, field work for social work, rehabilitations policies).
* **The Palestinian Academy for security science (Spring 2010)**: part time instructor in the psychology department teaching social psychology. And also I was research assistance, in the social research and network unit.
* **Social Worker**: *Community service center, An-Najah national university* (2006-2011): I was the coordinator of the Psychosocial Support program in the center that works in government hospital in Nablus city. The target groups are the chronic disease patients (dialyses and censer). With my team of volunteers we organized activities and psychosocial support for the patients while they are undergoing treatment; we tried to find their needs, and problems and try to direct them or communicate in their behalf with the area of specialty to deal with their problems, and rights. I was also coordinator for the after school program, which was working with children in a disadvantage neighborhood of Nablus city, trying to help them and support them to finish their schools. In addition to that I was organizing lectures and lecturing on social services and volunteerism for students in university, or for the different community centers.
* **Psychosocial Counselor Relief**: *UNRWA (2004-2006):* I planned and implemented activities for the inhabitants of refugee camp Number One in Nablus city in the West Bank. The program aimed to provide psychosocial support for people through workshops to raise awareness, through art and psychodrama activities, or through organizing a community work where participant from the camp use to participate in planning, and implementing this is in the base of community participation in creating social programs that respond to their needs. I worked with children, youth, the elderly, women, youth, and sanitation workers in the camp.

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**Publications:**

* Saleh, S. (2021) (in press). Challenges face Social Work profession in Palestine. *In Armbruster, U., Darbelley, K., Fumeaux-Evéquoz N., Lambelet, A., Tironi, Y. (2021). The territories of socio-cultural community development: issues and challenges.* EESP éditions. Lausanne.
* Palestinian women and Violence in Nablus governorate, MEFTAH, supervised by Hope organization, 2009: (researcher: Samah Saleh and Sami Al- Kilane). (Arabic)
* Aqraba Village in the West Bank: women respond to family violence. November 2010. Multiples, an informative bulletined by just governance group- Canada.
* Everyday prisons- women’s lives under occupation, September 24. 2013. Media Diversified: <http://mediadiversified.org/2013/09/24/everyday-prisons-womens-lives-under-occupation>.

**Up coming publications:**

* The politics of Everyday life: Palestinian women inside Israeli colonial prisons.  “Abolitionist Feminisms,” a special double-issue of *Abolition Journal*. 2021
* Social action in times of crises in the MENA region: sociocultural community development as a lever of social change. Sylvia Garcia Delahaye, Samah Saleh, Alexandre Dormeier Freire, 2022
* the embedment of Al-Nakba experience in the everyday life: the experience of Palestinian women political prisoners. Samah Saleh. the Handbook of Global Social Theory. Sage 2022

**Research groups:**

* Emancipatory Disability Research with EducAid 2020-2021
* Increasing Children Resilience towards Violence in Tulkarem governorate: An art/based participatory applied research project involving communities and artists in Tulkaren. Collaboration with Swiss researchers. 2019-2022

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**Conferences and Seminars participations:**

* Women in war (2016): Transmission of the Al-Nakba through three generations of Palestinian women. Yerevan, Armenia
* Women in War (2014): the experience of arrest and interrogation for Palestinian women who have been in Israeli prisons. Sarajevo
* Mosaic Room (2013): the present of absence: presented a paper called a world we don’t own
* Goldsmiths (2013): the graduate summer conference: the experience of everyday prison for Palestinian women
* Goldsmiths: the international visual conference (2013): presented a paper on the experience of incarcerated space for Palestinian women
* Jordanian university (2012): the Nordic conference I presented the experience of Palestinian women in Israeli prisons, which is overview around my PhD project
* The social work conference in Amman (2011): presented a paper around the fieldwork students in the social work department at An-Najah university and the relationship between this course and the community organizations

**Awards**

* HESPAL scholarship from the British council for my PhD
* CEDA (McGill middle east program- Canada) for my Master, and also for another non-degree course.
* Summer program in Social Science, An International and Interdisciplinary initiative for early- career Scholars from the Global South, 2018-2019

**Other Expertise:**

* Social Expert with An-Najah National University team for the National Urban Planning strategy (2021-2022)
* Social expert with An-Najah company for the electricity planning for the World Bank 2020.
* Social worker supervisors for women shelters in Nablus and Bethlehem, supervisor for the Women unit social worker in the social development ministry (2018-2019)
* Social consultant with M’alem for the north of the West Bank municipality in the strategic planning (2018).

**Membership:**

* Board member in PARC (Palestinian American Research Center) (2021-2023)
* Board member in the Palestinian Money Authority (2020-2022)
* Board member in the Psychologist and social workers syndicate- Nablus branch (2019-2021)
* Social committee member with RAWA Creative Palestinian Community Fund (2020-2022)