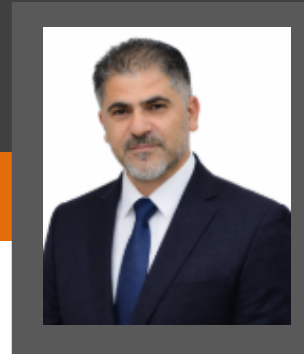


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Employment History

August 2017 – Present

Assistant Professor , An-Najah National University,
Department of Geography ,Nablus, Palestine

September 2009-September 2014

Instructor (Full Time) An-Najah National University,
Department of Geography, Naplus, Palestine • Classes
and Seminars: Urban Geography, Principles of Climate,
Geography of Tourism , Geography of Palestine

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Instructor (part Time) Al-Quds Open University, Nablus
and Tulkarm , Palestine Classes and Seminars:Economic
Geography, urban Geography, Geography of Palestine ,
Physical Geography, Geography of the Arab
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February 2004-September 2009

An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine Classes
and Seminars: Urban Geography, Principles of Climate,
Geography of Tourism , Geography of Palestine

Education

- 2017** Ph.D. in Economic Geography,
University of Minho, Portugal (2017)
Title of Thesis: “The Current Challenges Faced by
the Palestinian Industrial Sector in the West Bank
- 2009** MA in in Geography
An Najah National University, Palestine
Dissertation Title: “Patterns of Agricultural
Land Use in Jericho Governorate (1970–2008)”
- 2004** B.A. in Geography
An Najah National University
Nablus, Palestine

Publications

1. Aburaida, L. (2025). *Motivational Factors and Hebrew Learning among Palestinian Workers: Professional, Economic, and Social Challenges*.
2. Aburaida, L. (2023). *Impact of Political Instability on 1948-Palestinian Shoppers' Satisfaction: Palestinian Tourist Destinations as a Case Study*.
3. Aburaida, L. (2020). *Obstacles Facing Rural Women Development in Palestinian Society: Nablus Governorate as a Case Study*.
4. Aburaida, L. (2018). *The Palestinian-Russian Trade Relations: Between Reality and Future Prospects*.
5. Aburaida, L., & Nunes, F. (2018). *Obstacles to West Bank Industrial Development Caused by the Palestinian Lack of Control over External and Internal Borders*.
6. Aburaida, L., & Nunes, F. (2018). *Industrial Policies in the Context of Disputed or Occupied Territories*.
7. Aburaida, L., & Nunes, F. (2018). *Internal Obstacles to West Bank Industrial Development: Governmental and Private Sector Decisions*.
8. Lohani, M., & Aburaida, L. (2017). *Women Empowerment as a Key to Sustainable Development*.
9. Ennab, W., Aburaida, L., & Nunes, F. (2017). *An Evaluation of the Role of Oslo Accords in West Bank Industry: An Economic Analysis (1994–2016)*

Conferences, Seminars, and Academic Activities

1. Aburaida, L. (2026). *Impact of Climate Change on Human Health*. Presented at the *International Conference on Environmental Impact on Women's Health*, Km. Mayawati Government Girls P.G. College, Uttar Pradesh, India (online), February 27, 2026.
2. Aburaida, L. (2018). *The Palestinian-Russian Trade Relations: Between Reality and Future Prospects*. Presented at the *First Scientific Conference on Palestinian-Russian Relations*, Al-Istiqlal University, Jericho, Palestine, March 26–27, 2018.
3. Aburaida, L. (2015). *Towards Reducing the Impact of Israeli Settlement Industry on the Palestinian Economy (West Bank)*. Presented at the *4th International Conference on Industrial and Operations Management (IICOAC 2015)*, Barcelona, Spain, April 2015; and the *4th International Conference on Management of Natural Resources, Sustainable Development and Ecological Hazards*, July 1–3, 2015.
4. Aburaida, L. (2014). *Introduction to the Geopolitical Situation in Palestine*. Presented at the Department of Geography, University of Minho, Portugal, December 2014.
5. Aburaida, L. (2010). *Patterns of Agricultural Land Use in Jericho Governorate (1970–2008)*. Presented at the *Third Palestinian Geographic Conference (GeoPalestine 2010)*, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine, July 12–16, 2010.

Conference Attendance & Training

1. Attended the *AGA and Conference "Philanthropy: Visions and Energy for Change"*, European Foundation Centre, Milan, Italy, May 20–22.
2. Attended the Conference *"A Jangada de Pedra: Geografias Ibero-Afro-Americanas"*, Department of Geography, University of Minho, Portugal, December 11–14, 2014.
3. Attended the Conference *"Israeli Industries in Border Areas and Settlements: Bridges of Peace or Environmental and Human Destruction"*, February 13–14, 2010.
4. Completed a *Multidisciplinary Intensive Course* across seven Italian universities (150 teaching hours), Italy, September 6 – October 22, 2010.
5. Completed training in *Excellence in Teaching (SET)*, Palestinian Faculty Development Program (PFDP), AMIDEAST, Ramallah, December 11–12.

Courses Taught

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| 1. Introduction to Geography | 11. Arid and Semi-Arid Lands | 19. Community Organization and Local Development |
| 2. Human Geography | Geography | |
| 3. Geography of Palestine | 12. Population Geography | 20. Applied Geography (Practical Training) |
| 4. Geography of the Arab World | 13. Demography | |
| 5. Economic Geography | 14. Computer Applications in | 21. Practical Training |
| 6. Principles of Cartography and Map Representation | Geography | 22. Teaching Practice (Educational Internship) |
| 7. Principles of Climatology | 15. Urban Geography | |
| 8. Principles of Geology | 16. Agricultural Geography | 23. Research Methodology in Social Sciences |
| 9. Principles of Geomorphology | 17. Industrial Geography | |
| 10. Astronomical Geography | 18. Geography of Water Resources | 24. Principles of Statistics |

MA Courses:

- International Institutions and Refugees
- Industrial Geography
- Location Theory

Supervised and Examined MA Theses (a sample):

1. Nagjar, S. (2026). *Development and Regional Planning Trends in the Southwest Area of Nablus City*. Master's Thesis, An-Najah National University, Palestine.
2. Hafeetha, R. H. A. (2025). *The Applicability of Using OpenStreetMap Data in Studying and Analyzing Tourist Attractions in the West Bank, Palestine*. Master's Thesis, An-Najah National University, Palestine.
3. Badawi, L. (2022). *The Economic Impacts of COVID-19 on the Commercial Sector in Tulkarm Governorate*. Master's Thesis, An-Najah National University, Palestine.
4. Abu Shamleh, M. (2021). *Stone and Marble Industry in the West Bank: A Comparative Study*. Master's Thesis, An-Najah National University, Palestine.
5. Al-Khatib, W. (2018). *The Economic Structure of the Population in Jenin Governorate Based on the 2007 and 2017 Censuses*. Master's Thesis, An-Najah National University, Palestine.
6. Abu Shnab, M. (2022). *The Geopolitical Dimensions of the Israeli Annexation Plan for the Jordan Valley*. Master's Thesis, An-Najah National University, Palestine.
7. Sawalha, D. (2023). *The Impact of Alternative Assessment on Developing Habits of Mind in Geography among Gifted Students in Tulkarm Directorate*. Master's Thesis, An-Najah N.

Awards

1. Erasmus Mundus scholarship. Ph.D. In the University of Minho. Braga-Portugal. 2014-2014.
2. Italy, Multidisciplinary Intensive Course in seven Italian universities, total of 150 teaching hours and other course-related activities from 6 Sep.2010 to 22 Oct. 2010

Staff Mobility For Teaching

1. Erasmus+ KA107 at the USC Project 2019-2022: Teaching Staff stay at the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC), Spain from the 23rd May to 30th May 2022 .
2. JAMIES Staff Mobility for Teaching at Universidade do Minho (UMinho), Portugal from 8-24 May 2019
3. Erasmus+ ICM KA107: Teaching Staff Mobility 2019/2020 at the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC),Spain from 7-11 October 2019 instead of 23 -27 September 2019

Administrative Positions

Coordinator of Sustainable Development office – An-Najah National University, 2025-Present

Elected Member, Faculty Council – Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences, 2025–2026

Elected Member, Faculty Council – Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences, 2024–2025

Elected Member, Faculty Council – Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences, 2023–2024

Elected Member, Faculty Council – Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, 2020–2021

Languages

Arabic – Native language

English – Very good command

Portuguese – Basic knowledge

Selected Activities

1. Member of the Palestinian Geographical Society since 2004
2. Reviewer for several academic journals, including the An-Najah Journal for Humanities and the Hebron University Journal.
3. Attendant of different training courses in e-learning activities and the use of Moodle in learning and teaching.