

# Nathanael Chouraqui

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**Skills:** Research Management, Qualitative Research, Interviewing, Field Research, Strategic thinking, Blog Writing

## Work Experience

### Research Coordinator and Senior Middle East Researcher

Dec. 2016 – Present

#### *Iguacu*

- Led the research team's work, reviewing team members performance, designing research strategies for the identification and assessment of effective aid organisations worldwide
- Conducted qualitative semi-structured interviews of over 150 MENA experts, leading to the successful identification of highly effective aid organisations in Yemen, Syria and Iraq
- Line managed, onboarded and led the recruitment of junior researchers
- Created an improved research methodology with better triangulation of sources and effectively more robust framework for bias analysis and flaws identification
- Produced in depth analysis of political, economic and cultural drivers of MENA crises
- Conducted open source and network-based due diligence reports on organisations' transparency, accountability, reliability, good governance; assessed possible reputational risks such as corruption activities
- Achieved the creation of a network of nearly 200 key informants in the MENA region
- Conducted several research field trips in several e.g. in Syrian refugee camps in Jordan, meeting partners, leading on-site evaluations of organisations
- Set up media outreach plan and secured four major media exposure for the research team in three months
- Assisted the CEO in communications, fundraising and strategic matters

### Research Consultant

Feb. 2017 – June 2017

#### *Harvard University*

- Conducted original research on the issue of academic treatment of the Palestine-Israel conflict surveying the entire run of journals since the onset of the conflict
- Created Excel database compiling raw data
- Analysed numerical data and identified quantitative findings
- Produced report with qualitative analysis of the findings

### President

Oct. 2015 – Present

#### *European Forum of Middle Eastern Studies Societies (EFMESS)*

- Co -founded international research network in Middle Eastern Studies with presence in three leading social science universities: LSE, Sciences Po Paris and Sciences Po Aix
- Led the work of the research and operations teams
- Organised a number of academic events on the Middle East
- Designed and implemented communications plan and to get the Facebook page reach nearly 3,500 likes

### Intern: Economic analysis and Speechwriting

Dec. 2015 – Feb. 2016

#### *French Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

- Helped draft official speeches for French President Francois Hollande
- Drafted diplomatic correspondence for Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius
- Wrote original research policy paper on the comparative economics of India and China
- Provided political analysis and administrative support in the preparation of Presidential visit to India

## Education

**MSc. in International Relations London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** **2015-2017**  
Courses: International Strategy, International Relations of the Middle East, International Politics, Arabic, Dissertation (Highly Commended Prize for Dissertation)

**Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Sorbonne Law School** **2013-2016**  
Courses: Corporate Law, Trade Law, Human Rights Law, International Law, European Union Law, Constitutional Law

**General Course, study abroad program London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** **2014-2015**  
Courses: Public International Law, Foreign Policy Analysis, Anthropology of Human Rights, Social Psychology

**Bachelor of Arts in Government Sciences Po, Aix** **2012-2015**  
Courses: Political Science, International Economics, Micro and Macro-Microeconomics, Anthropology

**Baccalauréat Scientifique** (French high school diploma) Spec. in Engineering Sciences, obtained with Highest Honors **2011-2012**

## Languages

**French:** Native

**English:** Fluent

**Arabic (Classical and Jordanian dialect):** Conversational (LSE Arabic Certificate; 4 weeks immersive program in Amman at *Ahlan Jordan*)

**Spanish:** Working knowledge

**Hebrew:** Basic

## Academic Papers and Public Speaking

**University of Edinburgh**, The social life of time: Power discrimination and transformation - Conference, June 2018

"No Future: Modernity's Temporal Horizon and the Shape of the War on Terror"

**University of St Andrews**, Contemporary Issues in Terrorism Studies - Conference, March 2018

"Anxiety and the Risk Society: How do Conceptions of the Future Underwrite Reactions to Terrorism?"

**London School of Economics** Millennium Annual Conference on The Politics of Time in International Relations, October 2017

"Vacuous Future, Anxious Citizens: International Terrorism in an Age of Risk"

**University of Oxford** - St Antony's International Review, May 2017

Marc Sageman, *Misunderstanding Terrorism*: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016 (Book Review)

## Blogs and videos (selected)

[Blog - Money, Hunger and Crime: the disturbing economics behind the Syrian conflict](#)

[Blog - A wise world backs Iraqis now | What aid workers are saying on the ground.](#)

[Blog - What you need to know about the ceasefires and de-escalation zones in Syria](#)

[Video -Syrian refugee camp's market Street, Jordan, June 2018](#)

[Video - Inside Zaatari refugee camps' supermarket , Jordan, June 2018](#)

## In the Media (selected)

**NPR**- On the Syrian crisis, April 2018

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2018/04/13/600834161/syria-systematically-harasses-medical-aid-convoy>

**NPR**- On the Yemen crisis, April 2018

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2018/04/04/599546664/the-irony-of-a-930-million-donation-to-help-yemen>