

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Language and Literature Intersection, Applied Linguistics, ELT Teaching Methods, Language Testing & Assessment, Curriculum Development, Test Washback, Translation Studies-Arabic to English

EDUCATION

- PhD.** **2019** **Department of English and Foreign Languages (erstwhile)**
Tezpur University, Assam, India
PhD in English Language Teaching (ELT)
Thesis Title: *Investigating the Role of the National Baccalaureate Examination in Changing Classroom Practices in Syrian Secondary Schools: A Washback Study*
Supervised by Prof. Madan M. Sarma (retd.)
- M.A.** **2014** **University of Delhi, India**
Master of Arts in Linguistics
Dissertation: *Tense, Aspect and Mood in Mara Language*
Supervised by Prof. Gail Coelho
- B.A.** **2009** **Tishreen University, Syria**
Bachelor of Arts in English Literature

WORK EXPERIENCE (academic)

- 2021 – Pres** Serving as the **Head of Department (HoD)** at the Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Tartous, Syria
- 2023 – Pres** **Guest Lecturer** at the Department English, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Albaath University, Homs, Syria
- 2022 – Pres** **Guest Lecturer** for Diploma in ELT, Faculty of Education, University of Tartous, Syria
- 2021 – 2022** Served as **Guest Lecturer** for English for Specific Purposes (ESP) Course at the Department of Early Education, Faculty of Education (Open Learning), University of Tartous, Syria
- 2019 (Dec) – Pres** **Assistant Professor** at Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Tartous, Syria
- 2016 (Sep) – 2017 (Jun)** Served as **Teaching Assistant** at the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, India
- 2009 (Sep) – 2012 (May)** Served as **Assistant Lecturer** at the (Second) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Tishreen University, Tartous, Syria
- 2009** Served as **English Language Instructor** at Descartes’s Institute of Languages, Tartous, Syria

PUBLICATIONS (academic)

- 2023** Published a chapter titled “Women and Cities: Symbols in the Poetry of Nizar Qabbani” in *World Literature: Past, Present and Future*, published by Rudra Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, 2023 (ISBN: 973-93-92108-72-3)
- 2019** Completed monograph titled “Investigating the Role of the National Baccalaureate Examination in Changing Classroom Practices in Syrian Secondary Schools: A Washback Study” for PhD degree at Dept of ELF (erstwhile), Tezpur University, Tezpur, India

- 2018** Published a research article titled “Teaching English in ESL and EFL contexts: A comparative study in Syrian and Indian public schools” in *Veda’s JOELL*, 5(1): 458-463. |Peer-reviewed.
- 2018** Published a research article titled “Test impact and test design: Insights from the Syrian National Baccalaureate Examination of English.” in *The ELT Practitioner*, 5(2)
- 2014** Completed dissertation titled “Tense, Aspect and Mood in Mara Language” for MA (Linguistics) degree at Dept of Linguistics, University of Delhi, Delhi, India.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2017** Presented research findings titled “Disposable educational plans in times of war: Curriculum B in Syria” Proceeding: *International Conference under the theme Aligning Education Systems to the Challenges of the Future*, organized by Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, Delhi University, November 8-10, 2017.
- 2016** Presented research findings titled “A field investigation of the social and educational status of internally-displaced refugees in Latakia and Tartous Cities in Syria” Proceeding: *International Seminar on Governance, Development and the state in Contemporary Times*, Tezpur University, March 9-12, 2016.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2017** Conducted a study on the educational and social status of internally displaced refugees in the Syrian coast.
- 2017** Participated in the International Conference on Aligning Education Systems to the Challenges of the Future
- 2017** Conducted a comparative study on teaching English as a Foreign and Second language in Syria and India respectively.
- 2017** Conducted a study on the Effect of the National Baccalaureate Examinations of English in Syria on the quality of education.
- 2016** Participated in the International Seminar on Governance, Development and the State in Contemporary Times organized by the Department of Sociology in Tezpur University and UNICEF.

- 2015** Attended a workshop on Research Methodology in Tezpur University, India
- 2014** Participated in a project to write Mara Language Grammar as part of Delhi University plan of documenting endangered languages in India.
- 2011** Participated in writing the National Report of the Youth Agenda, the Syrian Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Damascus, Syria.
- 2010** Organized a workshop on the Difficulties of Learning English in Syrian Schools, Second Faculty of Arts, Department of English, Tishreen University.
- 2010** Attended a three-months training program in Leadership and Dialogue as part of the annual program of The Syrian Red Crescent and The National Union of Syrian Students in Damascus, Syria.
- 2009** Attended a one-month program in Language, Media, and Conflict Resolution as a member of the USA-Syrian Grassroots Diplomacy Program hosted in Damascus, Syria in participation with The American Mideast Leadership Network (AMLN).
- 2009** Attended a two-months training program in Radio Reporting, Media and Politics with Dr. Elizabeth Nemri, Damascus.

LANGUAGES

Arabic	:	Native Speaker
English	:	Proficient
French	:	Basic
Hindi	:	Basic