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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

International consultant, scholar, and security advisor with over 30 years of experience advising governments, militaries, and international organizations on political Islam, conflict dynamics, security sector reform, and governance transformation. Former Non-Resident Senior Scholar at the Atlantic Council and consultant to U.S. defense and intelligence agencies, with deep field experience in North Africa, the Sahel, and the Middle East.

Proven record of delivering political risk analysis, mediation support, and policy design for fragile and conflict-affected states. Extensive academic and advisory engagements worldwide, bridging scholarship and practice in governance reform, countering violent extremism (CVE), and civil-military relations.

Fluent in English, French, and Spanish; proficient in Arabic (reading/writing) and Italian (reading).

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Political Risk & Security Analysis
 - Counterterrorism & Violent Extremism (CVE)
 - Governance & Rule of Law Reform
 - Conflict Analysis & Mediation Support
 - Security Sector Reform (SSR) & Civil-Military Relations
 - African & Middle Eastern Geopolitics
 - Migration & Border Security
 - Democracy & Human Rights Promotion
 - Strategic Advisory to Governments & International Organizations
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CONSULTING & ADVISORY EXPERIENCE

Atlantic Council, Africa Center – Washington, DC

Non-Resident Senior Scholar (2011–2017)

- Produced security assessments on terrorism, migration, and political risk in the Maghreb and Sahel.

- Co-authored policy reports on Morocco as a regional hub and Boko Haram threats.

U.S. Government & Military Advisory Roles

- Briefed and consulted for:
 - U.S. Army Africa Command
 - U.S. Army Special Operations Command
 - Marine Corps University
 - National Counterterrorism Center
 - U.S. Department of State
- Provided analysis on Libyan post-conflict scenarios, Sahelian terrorist threats, and Islamist political movements.

International Organizations & Multilateral Engagements

- European Commission: Advised on governance, rule of law, and security in Muslim-majority states.
- African Union: Contributed to peacebuilding and governance reform assessments in the Sahel.
- Canadian Security Intelligence Service: Conducted policy consultations on extremist movements in Africa.
- Fund for Peace: Conducted fieldwork on migration flows, border security, and terrorist networks.

Field Engagements (Select Countries)

Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Nigeria, Niger, Mali, Senegal.

- Conducted policy-oriented field research on terrorism mitigation, border management, governance, and stabilization strategies.

Academic & Policy Advisory Engagements

Delivered lectures, consultations, and policy briefings at:

- National Intelligence Council (Washington, DC)
 - George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (Germany)
 - South Korean National Defense University (Seoul)
 - Istanbul Sehir University (Turkey)
 - Army War College (Carlisle, PA)
 - Howard University (Washington, DC)
 - Muhammad V University (Rabat, Morocco)
 - Al-Akawayn University (Ifrane, Morocco)
 - Universities in Niger, Senegal, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Venezuela, Guatemala, Singapore
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Political Islam: Movements, Ideologies, and Governance in Comparative Perspective* (Routledge, 2026)
 - *Revolution, Revolt, and Reform in North Africa* (Routledge, 2014)
 - *Islamic Law and Politics in Northern Nigeria* (Africa World Press, 2011)
 - *Islam and the Politics of Resistance in Algeria* (Africa World Press, 2001)
 - *Borders, Nationalism, and the African State* (Lynne Rienner, 2005)
 - *The Causes of War and the Consequences of Peacekeeping in Africa* (Heinemann, 2002)
 - Articles in *African Security*, *Oxford University Press*, and policy reports on Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, Boko Haram, and civil-military transitions.
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Political Science – Yale University
 - J.D. – New York University School of Law
 - B.A., cum laude, Political Science – New York University
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LANGUAGES

- **Fluent:** English, French, Spanish
 - **Proficient Reading/Basic Speaking:** Arabic, Italian
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AVAILABILITY

Available for short- and medium-term consultancies, both field-based and remote.