

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

2024 - Present      Contributing Editor, Amwaj.media, London, UK

**EDUCATION**

2024      Ph.D., Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies  
New York University, U.S.A

Dissertation Title: Martyred Citizenship: Law, Victimhood, and Sacrifice in Post-Invasion Iraq

Supervisor: Helga Tawil-Souri

Committee: Adam Becker, Ismail Fajrie Alatas, Dina Khoury, Fanar Haddad

2015      M.Phil., Modern Middle East Studies  
University of Oxford, St. Antony's College, U.K  
Supervisor: Walter Armbrust

2012      B.A. (Hons), History  
University of British Columbia, Canada  
Supervisor: John Roosa

**PUBLICATIONS**

**(Book Chapters)**

2023      Walshe, Arran Robert. "Sealed with a Thumbprint: The Hybrid Politics of a Martyrdom Contract," *ISIS and the Current Political Order: Practices and Imaginations of Hybrid Sovereignty and Revolutionary Change*. Eds. Ondrej Ditrych, Jakub Zahora, and Jan Daniel. Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh. 2023 (Peer Reviewed)

**(Policy & Journalism)**

2025 [forthcoming]      Walshe, Arran Robert. "Social Exclusion of 'ISIS-families' in Iraq: A Primer," International Centre for Counterterrorism. Feb. 25, 2024 (Online)

2025      Walshe, Arran Robert. "Syrian community in focus as calls for repatriation grow in Iraq." Amwaj.media. Jan. 24, 2025 <https://tinyurl.com/225r5hqa>

2024      Walshe, Arran Robert. "Corruption claims, payouts to 'IS families' shake Iraq's Martyrs Foundation." Amwaj.media, May 28, 2024 <https://tinyurl.com/2djyqdt>

- 2024 Walshe, Arran Robert. "Will criminalization of homosexuality derail warming of Iraq-US ties?" Amwaj.media, Apr. 30, 2024: <https://bit.ly/44UjYIP>
- 2024 Walshe, Arran Robert. "Inside story: Saudi Arabia opens up to Iraq's shrines." Amwaj.media, May 15, 2024: <https://bit.ly/44UAjXB>
- 2023 Walshe, Arran Robert. "The Mango Juice is a Needle, and We're the Thread; or, the Non-Transactional Ethics of Iraqi Karam. Globally Rooted Magazine. Issue 2 (Online), May 2023: <https://bit.ly/3VaAYRr>
- 2019 Walshe, Arran Robert. "Water Be a String" in *Is al-Andalus a Place or a Poem?* Edited & Illustrated by Molly Crabapple. New York University. NY, New York.

### **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- 2022 - 2023 New York University Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (\$30,238)
- Fall, 2022 Provost Global Research Initiative Fellowship. NYU Athens, Greece.  
(\$4,500)
- 2020 - 2021 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$20,000)
- Spring, 2020 Graduate Dissertation Research Fellowship. NYU Shanghai, China. (\$11,217)
- Fall, 2019 Provost Global Research Initiative Fellowship. NYU Athens, Greece.  
(\$4,500)
- Spring, 2019 Distinguished Teaching Award – Nominated. New York University, NY
- 2016 - 2021 Henry M. MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship, New York University, NY (Full Scholarship)

### **INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD**

- Summer 2020 MEIS UA798-003 – Memes, Dreams, and Authoritarian Regimes: Media & Visual Culture in the Middle East

### **TEACHING ASSISTANCE**

- Fall, 2023 CORE UA562 – Cultures & Contexts: The Persian Gulf & the Modern World, Prof. Arang Keshavarzian
- Fall, 2018 & 2021 CORE UA400 – Texts & Ideas: Recognition in Literature, Prof. Philip Kennedy.
- Spring, 2018 CORE UA502 – Cultures & Contexts: Islamic Societies, Prof. Ismail Fajrie Alatas.

Fall, 2017 MEIS/POLI UA750 – Politics of the Middle East, Prof. Arang Keshavarzian.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Conference Papers & Panels**

- Nov. 2023 “The Politics of Generosity: Karam, Gheira, and Everyday Giving in Iraq,” in the panel Mutual Aid & Precarity in Iraq and Lebanon. Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- June 2023 “The Politics and Program of the Iraqi Martyrs’ Foundation” Iraq 20 Years After the Invasion Lecture Series, German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Online
- Sept. 2022 “Eschatology as Ethics: ISIS, Jihad, the Future and the End of the World” European International Studies Association, Athens, Greece.
- Nov. 2021 “Shi’a Visions of Humanity in the Iraqi Martyrdom Foundation.” Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Nov. 2019 “Sealed with a Thumbprint: The Epistemology and Poetics of an Al-Qaida Martyrdom Contract.” Middle East Studies Association (MESA), New Orleans, LA, USA
- June 2019 “That Strange Thing: Sacrifice and the Martyr as Commodity.” British International Studies Association (BISA), London, England.
- July 2018. “Dancing on Graves: Public Space and Leisure in Shanghai’s Longhua Cemetery. *Archaeology, Cultural Heritage, and Contemporary Connectivities of Indian Ocean History*. NYU Shanghai, China.
- June 2018 “Theatre of Rituals & Transformations: Political Theory in the Works of Sa’adallah Wannous. Re-Imagining Cultural Histories of the Middle East & North Africa. University of Westminster, London, England
- Oct. 2017 “The Management of Savagery: The Art and Governance of Destruction in the Iraqi Civil War.” Neil Postman Graduate Conference, New York University, NY, USA
- May 2017 “They’ll Clap When You’re Dead’: New Media & Martyrdom in the Iraqi & Syrian Civil Wars. Middle East History & Theory Graduate Conference. University of Chicago, USA
- May 2015 “Ambiguities of Mediation: Martyrdom & Mass Media in the Modern Era. An Honorable Death Conference, Birkbeck College, University of London. U.K

Mar. 2011 “The Gastown Riot & its Place in Vancouver’s Historical Consciousness. Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops B.C, Canada

### **Conference Organizing & Panel Chair**

May 2019 Co-Organizer of two-day conference: *Contact & Convergence: An Interdisciplinary Conference in Islamic Studies*. New York University, NY. Chaired ‘Sectarianism in Perspective’ Panel including Ayse Baltaciolu-Brammer, Fanar Hadad, and Maya Mikdashi.

### **Summer/Winter Schools & Workshops**

Mar. 2022 “New Directions in the Arab World” Graduate Student Research Workshop. New York University, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Jan. 2021 “The Iraqi State, Sovereignty, and Sacrifice” Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies Winter School. Doha, Qatar.

Jan. 2020 “The Thanatopolitics of the Iraqi Martyrdom Foundation” ‘Post-Sectarian Politics?’ The Transformation of Sectarian Political Identities in the Middle East Workshop. Cambridge University, U.K

Summer 2018 Indian Ocean World & Eurasian Connections International Summer School: *Archaeology, Cultural Heritage, and Contemporary Connectivities of Indian Ocean History*. NYU Shanghai, China.

Summer 2017 Indian Ocean World & Eurasian Connections International Summer School: *Connectivity in Motion: People, Ideas, and Animals across the Indian Ocean*. Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Regionalstudien, Halle-Wittenburg, Germany

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE**

2014-2015 Academic Development & Fundraising Intern, St. Antony’s College, Oxford

2013 History Honours Ambassador, History Department, University of British Columbia

2012 Delegate, University of British Columbia Social Justice Committee, University of British Columbia

2008 Student Representative, College President Search and Recommendation Committee, Langara College, Vancouver

2007-2008 Education Council Coordinator, Langara College Students’ Union, Vancouver B.C

### **EMPLOYMENT**

2012-2015 Campaign & Policy Manager, New Democratic Party of Canada, Vancouver, B.C Canada

2012-2013           Accounts Manager, The Edinburgh Journal Ltd. Edinburgh, Scotland

2010-2013           Outreach & Advocacy Coordinator, Dogwood Initiative, Vancouver, B.C  
Canada

2007-2009           Carpenter's Helper, IATSE Film Worker's Union, Vancouver, B.C Canada

**LANGUAGES**

English: Native

Arabic: Advanced – Reading & Written (MSA) & Colloquial (Levantine & Iraqi)

French: Advanced – Reading & Writing