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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate - University of Konstanz Department of Politics and Public Administration	2022 - current
MA - Università degli Studi di Siena Global governance, intercultural relations and peace-process management (<i>cum laude</i>)	2017 - 2019
BA - American University of Science and Technology International affairs (<i>honors</i>)	2013 - 2017
Charles University - Univerzita Karlova The American Institute on Political and Economic Systems (AIPES)	Summer 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Researcher <i>University of Konstanz</i>	06/2022 - current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PhD Candidate at the Department of Politics and Public Administration.• Doctoral Researcher, Emmy Noether Research Group, “Working Group Legislatures in International Politics”.	
Research Assistant <i>Stockholm International Peace Research Institute</i>	01/2020 - 03/2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researched and drafted SIPRI’s Middle East and North Africa programme’s policy papers, reports, thematic and background research.• Contributed to the MENA programme through publications and assisting with creating its research agenda and database sets.• Built and developed networks with policymakers, media personnel, stakeholders and the wider research community.	
Project Manager <i>Berghof Foundation</i>	10/2019 - 12/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-managed the German Foreign Office-funded project on conflict transformation in Lebanon, “<i>Supporting local dialogues, regional exchange and prevention capacities of social actors</i>”.• Researched and drafted publications and conflict analysis papers on the project.• Cooperated with experts and key stakeholders to support project development and outreach.	
Director, Governance and Policy <i>International Youth Federation</i>	09/2016 - 08/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed relations between IYF, international organizations and IYF Member States on youth policies in governance, human rights, and youth-focused initiatives.• Curated external partnerships in projects and solutions focused on SDGs and youth.• Strategized advice in leadership development, portfolio continuity and operation benchmarks.	

- Researched and analyzed external relations policy material on organized civil society, and governmental policies in relation to European Neighborhood Instrument.
- Drafted background research on EU-Accession Candidates.
- Assisted in the coordination, event-planning and organization of the annual Euro-Mediterranean Summit.

- Researched conflict resolution tracks through fellows' inputs and data.
- Enabled conflict transformation instruments among young leaders through a culture of coexistence aimed to peace-oriented sustainable methods.

- Researched and drafted inter-and-intra conflict scenarios and conflict-transformation methods in a local context in North Lebanon (*Tripoli and el-Mina*)
- Researched assimilation methods and organized data collection on Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

PUBLICATIONS AND POLICY PAPERS

Maddah, M., "New faces in the Lebanese Political Scene," *University College London's Prosperity Co-Lab (PROCOL)*, forthcoming book chapter, Spring 2025

Maddah, M., "Civil Society Networks and State Society Relations in Lebanon," *European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)*, forthcoming journal article, December 2024.

Maddah, M., "Overview of the Lebanon's Chamber of Deputies", The UK Political Studies Association Specialist Group on Parliaments, Jan-2024

Maddah, M., "Lebanon's Presidential Vacuum Puts the Onus on Parliament", Syndication Bureau", Oct-2023

Bien,P., **Maddah, M.** and Malang,T., "National legislators in global governance: there's more going on than you think", ECPR, April-2023

Maddah, M., "Social Theory: Mari. J. Matusda", SEPAD (the Sectarianism, Proxies and De-Sectarianization project), Oct-2022

O'Driscoll,D., Fazil,S., Ardovini,L., **Maddah, M.** and Bourhrous,A., "Reimagining the Social Contract in Iraq", UNDP-Iraq, June-2022

Bourhrous,A., Fazil,S., **Maddah, M.** and O'Driscoll,D., "Reform within the System: Governance in Iraq and Lebanon", Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Dec-2021

Maddah, M., "Political Participation in Lebanon: A Look into Emerging Political Movements", LSE's Middle East Centre, Sep-2021

Maddah, M., "A movement in good company: Voices of Lebanese women", LSE Centre for Women, Peace and Security, Jan-2021

O'Driscoll,D., Bourhrous,A., **Maddah, M.** and Fazil,S. "Protest and State-Society Relations in the Middle East and North Africa", Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Oct-2020

Maddah, M., "The Special Tribunal for Lebanon Awaiting the First Trial Chamber Deliberation", International Law Blog, Jan-2019

Maddah, M., "Liberty Denied: Tracking the Subversion of Poland's Judiciary and Public Media", The New Federalist, Nov-2018

Maddah, M., "Stealing Freedoms and Getting Away With It: Reproductive Rights and Rule of Law in Poland", The New Federalist, Nov-2018

SKILLS

Software: R, Python, STATA, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office, Adobe, and Google suits.

Language: English (fluent) Arabic (native), French (intermediate), German (B1), Swedish (A2)

FELLOWSHIPS

Global Fellow , Brown University: Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies
Aug-2022 - Aug 2024

Peace and Conflict Studies Fellow, World House fellowship, Rondine Cittadella della Pace
June-2017 - June-2018

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Maddah, M.; Malang, T., "Does the representation of inequality have an effect on policy? Women MPs at National Parliaments and the IPU" The 7th Global Conference of World International Studies Committee (WISC) - Jul 2024

Maddah, M.; Malang, T., "Promotion of Female Representation in International Organizations. Descriptive and Substantive Effects" EPSA's Annual Conference - Jul 2024

Maddah, M., "Understanding the Determinants of Leadership in Friendship Groups: Evidence from the Lebanese Parliament" BRISMES Annual Conference - Jul 2024

Maddah, M., "Parliamentarians and Institutions in the Middle East: Roles of Lebanese MPs and their Effect on Target Destinations" MENA Meeting and Annual Asian Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology - Jan 2024 (poster)

Maddah, M., "Parliamentarians in the Middle East and North Africa: Analysis of their Roles and Prominence" ECPR's Standing Group on Parliaments - July 2023

Maddah, M., "Parliamentarians in the Middle East and North Africa: Analysis of their Roles and Prominence" DVPW-Sektion Internationale Beziehungen - June 2023

INVITED TALKS

"Vital Lebanon: Uncertainty, Solidarity, Activism and Energetics: Social Movements as the New Political Expression"- UCL's Institute for Global Prosperity and PROCOL. March 2023

"How will the Changing Geopolitics in the Middle East Affect the Aspiration of its Youth? (Webinar)"- CIC National Capital Branch's Middle East Study Group (MESG). Jan 2021