

M'hamed OUALDI

Curriculum vitae (Updated 15/05/2023)

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**PAST EMPLOYMENT**

- 2024 European University Institute, Florence – *Professor* of History
- 2019–2024 Sciences Po, Paris – *Professor* of History
Principal investigator *ERC Consolidator Grant* “SlaveVoices”
- 2019 Princeton University – *Associate Professor* of Near Eastern Studies and History
- 2013–2019 Princeton University – *Assistant Professor* of Near Eastern Studies and History
- 2010–2013 Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris – *Maître de conférences (Associate Professor)* of History of Early Modern and Modern North Africa
- 2010 French Center of Scientific Research (CNRS) – *Chargé de recherches (Permanent Researcher)*, position declined
- 2007–2009 Université Strasbourg II – Graduate Teaching Fellow, History Department
- 2003–2007 Université Paris-Panthéon Sorbonne – Graduate Teaching Fellow
- 2001–2003 Instructor of History in French High Schools

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2017 *Habilitation à diriger les recherches*, History, École des Hautes Études en Sciences sociales (EHESS)
“Reinterpreting European Colonial History of North Africa through the Ottoman Imperial Legacies”
Committee: Jocelyne Dakhlia (EHESS), Simona Cerutti (EHESS), Fatma Ben Slimane (Tunis University), Catherine Brice (Université Paris-Est Créteil), Olivier Bouquet (Université Paris-Cité), James McDougall (Oxford University)
- 2008 *Ph.D.*, History, Université Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne
Dissertation: “The Mamluks in the Ottoman Province of Tunis from the 17th Century until the 1880s”
Adviser: Daniel Rivet (Université Panthéon-Sorbonne). *Committee*: Leila Blili (Manouba-Tunis University), Jane Hathaway (Ohio State University), Bernard Heyberger (EPHE), Wolfgang Kaiser (Panthéon-Sorbonne), Nadine Picaudou (Panthéon-Sorbonne)
- 2002 *M.A. second year*, History, Université Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne.
“Servir le Prince: La cour des beys de Tunis (1700–milieu XIX^e siècle)”
Degree in Modern Standard Arabic (Dulco/BA) at INALCO (French Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations), Paris

- 2000–2001 “*Agrégation*” and “*CAPES*” in History (national competitive exams to teach in French high schools)
 1999 *M.A. first year*, History, Université Paris-Panthéon Sorbonne.
 “Salah Ben Youssef et les youssefistes en Tunisie en 1955–1956”

FUNDED PROJECTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019–2026 *European Research Council* – Consolidator Grant (2,5 million € for 5 years with a 2 year extension due to the COVID crisis)
 2018 *Princeton University* – William Hallum Tuck Research Fund
 2017 *Institute of Advanced Studies*, Paris – Fellowship
 2016 *Ecole française de Rome* – Visiting Fellowship (spring)
 2015 *European University Institute*, Florence – Fernand Braudel fellowship (fall)
 2008–2009 *European University Institute*, Max Weber Program, Florence – Postdoctoral Fellow
 2006 *French Research Institute on Contemporary Maghreb (IRMC)*, Tunis – Doctoral Fellowship
 2003–2008 *Université Paris I-Panthéon Sorbonne* – Doctoral fellowship

LANGUAGES

Fluent in *French*, *English*, and *colloquial Tunisian Arabic*

Proficient reading and speaking in *Italian*

Reading knowledge of Classical and Modern Standard *Arabic*, *Spanish*, and *Portuguese*

Elementary knowledge of *Turkish* and *Russian*

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

- 2022–2024 In charge of establishing the question for the *agrégation* in Arabic Language: “Slavery and Abolition in the Arab World (18th–20th century)”
 2022 Member of the selection committee for the best dissertations dealing with the Middle East and the Muslim Worlds
 Member of the selection committee for the OxPo fellowships (Oxford University and Sciences Po-Paris)
 Assessor for several applications for a full professorship at Harvard University
 Assessment of an application to the EHESS-Paris
 2021 Member of the search committee at Sciences Po-Paris for a position of full professor, History of 19th-century Europe.
 2020 Assessor for the *European Research Council*
 Member of the search committee at Paris-8 for a position of full professor, History of Early Modern Europe.
 2019-present Supervision of postdoctoral research, *ERC* “SlaveVoices”:

2023-2024, Dia Barghouti, "Sufi Hagiographies and Miracles as ways to write a social history of West African and North African Slaves in 18th and 19th Mediterranean"

2021-2023, Salma Hargal, "Ottoman Abolition in the province of Trablus al-Gharb, second half of the 19th century" (forthcoming paper in *Middle Eastern Studies*), "Representations and words of enslaved men and women in North African songs".

2021-2023, Giacomo Ghedini, *Da "selvaggi" a "moretti". Schiavitù, riscatti e missioni tra Africa ed Europa (1824-1896)*, Florence University Press.

2020-2022, Ali Al Tuma, "Leaving the Master and into the Desert. Slave Escapes in the Spanish Sahara: Colonial Attitudes and Slave Agencies" *Journal of North African Studies* (forthcoming)

2020-2021, Gabriele Montalbano, "'Despite the Fear': Emancipation Trajectories in Libya, 1890-1930," *The Journal of African History*, 2022, p. 1-18; "Italian Abolitionism in Late and Post-Ottoman Libya (1890-1928)," *Afriche e Orientali*, XXIII-1, 2021, p. 204-221.

- 2018 Member of reappointment committee for a Language Lecturer, Princeton University
Co-convener, Brown Bag Talk Series, Princeton University
- 2017–present Section Editor "North Africa," *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3rd edition (Leyden: Brill)
- 2017–2015 Member of Committee on Examinations and Standing, Princeton University
- 2011–2013 Member of the Scientific Board, INALCO, Paris

Peer reviewer for *American Historical Review*; *Annales. Histoire et Sciences Sociales*; *Année du Maghreb*; *Cahiers d'Études Africaines*; *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*; *Journal of North African Studies*; *Islamic Law and Society*; *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*; *Journal of World History*; *Revue d'histoire du 19e siècle*; *Studia Islamica*; *Studi Maghrebini*.

TEACHING

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Sciences Po-Paris

- 2019–2023 North Africa from the Early Modern Period to the Arab Spring (reading seminar)
- 2019–2022 History of 19th-century Europe (lecture)

Princeton University – reading seminars

- 2018 Muslims, Jews, and Christians in North Africa
- 2017–2018 France, Muslims, and Islam (Spring)
- 2016–2018 Human Trafficking and Its Demise in Global Islam (Fall)
- 2014–2018 Colonialism, Post-Colonialism, and Islam: North Africa and Europe (1830–2011) (Spring)
- 2014 Seminar in Research Methods (Fall)
- 2013 Modern North Africa (1500–1900): Between West Africa, Europe, and the Middle East (Fall)

INALCO, Langues Orientales

- 2010–2012 History of North Africa (16th–21st century) (lecture)
 North African Relations with West Africa, Ottoman Levant, and Europe (16th–21st century) (lecture and reading seminar)
Université Strasbourg II
- 2007–2009 French and European Early Modern History (TA)
 Mediterranean History (17th–18th century) (lecture)
- 2007 European Historical Sources (seminar in the local archives in Strasbourg)
- Université Paris-Panthéon Sorbonne*
- 2003–2007 French Revolution (TA)
 Economy and Society in Early Modern France (TA)
 19th-Century France and England (TA)

GRADUATE COURSES

Sciences Po-Paris

- 2022 Historiography of Modern North Africa and the Mediterranean

Princeton University

- 2018 Recovering the Voices of the Oppressed, Middle East-North Africa
 2013–2018 Problems in Early Modern and Modern North African History
 2013–2014 Post-Colonial North Africa before the Arab Spring

INALCO, 2010–2012

(with O. Bouquet, A.-L. Dupont, C. Mayeur-Jaouen, N. Michel, C. Verdeil)

- 2012–2013 New Approaches to the Religious History of Islam
 2011–2012 Revolts, Reforms, and Revolutions in the Islamic World, 19th–20th Century
 2010–2011 Lands and Space in the Islamic world, 19th–20th Century

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

PhD dissertation chair

- 2021–present Abel Solans (Sciences Po-Paris), “Les anarchistes italiens dans l’Égypte et la Tunisie coloniale.”
- 2014–2020 Peter Kitlas (Princeton University), “Divinely Guided Ambassadors: Ottoman and Moroccan Roots of Modern Diplomacy in the Eighteenth-Century Mediterranean.” Tenure track position at the American University of Beyrouth (Lebanon) since 2023.
- 2013–2019 Antoine Perrier (Sciences Po-Paris), “La liberté des protégés: Souverains, ministres et serviteurs des monarchies marocaine et tunisienne sous protectorat français (1881–1956).” Permanent researcher at the CNRS since 2021.

PhD dissertation, committee member

- 2021 Giacomo Ghedini (Università di Bologna), "I 'Moretti': Schiavitù e Missioni Tra Africa ed Europa (1824–1847)."
- Julian Weideman (Princeton University), "Islamic Reform on the Margins of Colonialism: Political Economy, Social History, and Intellectual Life at the Zaytuna Mosque-University."
- Youssef Ben Ismail (Harvard University), "Sovereignty across Empires: France, the Ottoman Empire, and the Imperial Struggle over Tunis (ca. 1830–1920)."
- 2020 Sarra Zaied (Université de Paris), "Le nationalisme tunisien à travers la question du bilinguisme: Hommes politiques, discours et statut de langues pendant la pensée coloniale—1906–1956."
- Matthew Schumann (Princeton University, NES) "The Foundation and the Expansion of the Nasiriyya Sufi Order in Early Modern Morocco."
- 2019 Yasmina Aidi (Princeton University), "Redes rifeñas de colaboración (trans)cultural ibero magrebí en el Estrecho de Gibraltar (1940–1996): una historia cultural."
- Noureddine Amara (Paris-Panthéon Sorbonne), "Faire la France en Algérie: Émigration algérienne, mésusages du nom et conflits de nationalités dans le monde. De la chute d'Alger aux années 1930."
- 2018 Brahim El Guabli (Princeton University, Comparative Literature), "Other-Archives: Literature Rewrites the Nation in Post-1956 Morocco."
- Chris Rominger (CUNY), "The Mediterranean Overturned: Migration, Colonialism, and Tunisians around the First World War, 1911–1925."
- 2017 Edna Bonhomme (Princeton University, History), "Plagued Bodies and Spaces: Medicine, Trade, and Death in Ottoman Egypt and Tunisia, 1705–1830 CE."
- 2016 Nancy Demerdash (Princeton University, Art History), "Tunisia, 1940–1970: The Spatial Politics of Reconstruction, Decolonization, and Development."

HABILITATION A DIRIGER LES RECHERCHES, *committee member*

- 2021 Natividad Planas, "Enquête méditerranéenne sur les relations de l'Europe et de l'Islam à l'époque moderne" (Dec. 18)
- Malika Rahal, "Une histoire poulaire de l'Algérie en 1962" (June 24)
- 2019 Alain Messaoudi, "Pour une histoire socio-culturelle des savoirs et des arts dans le Nord de l'Afrique (XIX^e–XX^e siècle)" (Nov. 22)

REFEREES

Professor Linda Colley

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