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A Palestinian-Jordanian expert on the Middle East, Riad has for over four decades trained, advised, lectured, and researched on a wide variety of topics in or on the region and its periphery, including migration, culture, politics, refugees, and human rights, inter alia, publishing on many of them and others, as well as making media appearances. He has also appeared as court witness or made expert submissions on cases involving various countries of the region, including Jordan, on a range of topics such as asylum-seeking. His mother tongue is Arabic, and he is also fluent in English, with a strong knowledge of French.

He graduated BA from the American University of Beirut (School of Arts & Sciences) and MLitt from the University of Oxford (Faculty of Social Studies). Riad was visiting scholar at the Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut; strategic advisor to the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; dean, trustee, and council member at the Lebanese French University, Erbil; Professor at the Prince Hussein School of Politics and International Relations, the University of Jordan; and Lecturer at the Starr-Middlebury School, Amman.

Among other current activities and positions, Riad is Board member, and senior advisor for Jordan, of the Global Challenges Forum Foundation, Geneva; Country of Origin Information expert for the Fahamu Refugee Program, Oxford; Board Associate at SUNSGLOW Global Training in the Rule of Law, New York City; and international advisor to the president of Questscope (a UK-registered NGO dealing with refugees) Amman; as well as member of the Anna Lindh Foundation’s United Religions Initiative Jordan action team, and the Council for British Research in the Levant, among other bodies and organizations.

Riad has undertaken assignments as principal or subcontractor for the Jordan Center for Human Rights; the Palestine National Fund; the Center for Regional Studies, Ramallah; the International Organization for Migration (IOM); the Center for Democracy and Development, East Jerusalem; the governments of Ras al Khaimah and of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office, and the Department for International Development; the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), as well as numerous other private, public, and civil organizations. He conducted workshops, lectured, or appeared in panels on-site at the Carnegie Foundation, Brussels, & Washington DC; the American University of Beirut; Case Western University, Cleveland; the European University Institute, Florence; Temple University, Philadelphia; the Lebanese American University, Beirut; Stanford University, Palo Alto; and the Middle East Institute, Washington DC; as well as off-site for the Los Angeles World Affairs Council; Columbia University; the University of Chicago; and the University of California, Los Angeles, among many others. His completed work in 2019-20 includes as consultant on a USAID project assessing Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance in Jordan, as well as submitting country expert reports that resulted in successful court outcomes for Jordanian asylum seekers, among other recent activity. Married with two children, he lives in Amman.

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