

**MAJD MUSA**  
Curriculum Vitae

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**Education**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA  
**PhD in Architecture**

University of Jordan, Amman  
**M.Sc. in Architectural Engineering**

United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain  
**B.Sc. in Architectural Engineering**

**Publications**

- **Musa, M.** (2020). Assessment, learning, and power in the architectural design studio jury: A case from the United Arab Emirates. *Archnet-IJAR: International Journal of Architectural Research*, 14 (3), 489-502. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1108/ARCH-01-2020-0009>.
- **Musa, M.** (2018). Imaging Amman through real-estate advertising discourse. *Archnet-IJAR: International Journal of Architectural Research*, 12 (1). DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.26687/archnet-ijar.v12i1.1316>.
- **Musa, M.** (2017, 2018). *Amman: Gulf capital, identity, and contemporary megaprojects*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Al-Asad, M. & **Musa, M.** (Eds.). (2007). *Architectural criticism and journalism: Global perspective*. Turin: Umberto Allemandi & Geneva: The Aga Khan Trust for Culture.
- Al-Asad, M. & **Musa, M.** (2007). *Exploring the built environment: Essays on the presentations of Diwan al-Mimar and affiliated public lectures*. Amman: Center for the Study of the Built Environment & Darat al-Funun-The Khalid Shoman Foundation.
- Al-Asad, M., Hussein, D., Maraqa, H., Zuraikat, L., & **Musa, M.** (2004). *Hada'iq al-nudra al-ma'iyya: Dalil al-mustakhdim* [Water-conserving gardens: A user's manual; in Arabic]. Amman: Center for the Study of the Built Environment.
- Al-Asad, M. & **Musa, M.** (2004). The built and natural environments: Reaching a state of positive coexistence. *Islam and Architecture* [a special issue of *Architectural Design*], 74 (6), 54 – 63.
- **Musa, M.** (2004, May). Water conserving landscapes: The Jordanian experience. In *International Water Demand*

*Management Conference*, Dead Sea, Jordan.

- **Musa, M.** (2003, October 20-22). Greywater reuse in other countries and its applicability to Jordan, with emphasis on preliminary guidelines for using greywater for irrigation [Abstract]. In Report on the *WHO/AFESD Regional Consultation to Review National Priorities and Action Plans for Wastewater Reuse and Management (WHO-EM/CEH/106/E)*, pp. 6-7, Amman, Jordan.

#### **Conference papers**

- **Musa, M.** (2018). Global influences on the built environment of Amman. In *Contemporary Amman and the Right to the City Conference*, Amman, Jordan.
- **Musa, M.** (2016). Globalization, identity, and the urban built environment: A theoretical context. In *The Fifth Jordan International Architectural Conference*, Amman, Jordan.
- **Musa, M.** (2004). Water conserving landscapes. In *Cityscape*, Dubai, UAE.
- **Musa, M.** (2004). Water conserving landscapes: The Jordanian experience. In *International Water Demand Management Conference*, Dead Sea, Jordan.
- **Musa, M.** (2003). Greywater reuse in other countries and its applicability to Jordan, with emphasis on preliminary guidelines for using greywater for irrigation. In *WHO/AFESD Regional Consultation to Review National Priorities and Action Plans for Wastewater Reuse and Management*, Amman, Jordan.

#### **Awards and fellowships**

- Recipient of a University Fellowship for the 2013 fall semester.
- Recipient of the Ernest and Reba Stouffer Fellowship for the academic year 2010-2011.
- Recipient of the Alan K. and Leonarda Laing Fellowship for the academic year 2008-2009.
- Recipient of the Fulbright Foreign Student Fellowship for the academic years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.
- Member of the Golden Key International Honour Society since 2012.
- Member of the Gargoyle Architecture Honor Society since 2009.
- Member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi since 2007.

#### **Other qualifications**

- Member of the Architecture Division of Jordan Engineers Association, Jordan.
- Member of the American Planning Association (APA), USA.
- International Associate of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), USA.

- Member of the Society of Architectural Historians, USA.

## Work experience

**2014-present**

**University of Sharjah, UAE**

### Assistant Professor

- Teaching contemporary and modern architecture, urban planning and design, introduction to architectural engineering, selected topics in architectural engineering, and architectural design studios.
- Supervising senior design projects and graduate theses.
- Mentoring students' research and supporting students' participation in competitions and conferences.
- Serving on college and department committees, including Teaching and Learning, Accreditation, Website, Hiring, and Student Disciplinary committees, and serving on the department and college councils, among others.
- Coordinating preparatory work for the initial accreditation of the MSc in Architectural Engineering program.
- Serving on an ad hoc committee for the preparation of a business plan for the MSc in Architectural Engineering program.
- Engaging in research activities and publications.
- Participating in other activities that serve the university and community.

**2008 – 2009**

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA**

### Teaching and Research Assistant

- Teaching discussion sections for a course on the history and theory of architecture. My responsibilities included lecturing, leading discussions, reviewing students' papers, writing exam questions, preparing students for exams, and grading papers and exams.
- Carrying out preliminary research tasks and locating research resources. My contribution was acknowledged in the book *Inconvenient heritage: Erasure and global tourism in Luang Prabang*, 2010, by L.M. Dearborn and J.C. Stallmeyer, London: Routledge.

**2000 – 2006**

**Center for the Study of the Built Environment (CSBE), Amman**

### Research and Documentation Officer, Website Manager

- Carrying out research tasks for various projects implemented by CSBE.
- Preparing an extensive program for a competition for the design of a model water- and energy-efficient, low-income housing unit in Aqaba, Jordan.
- Playing a lead role in two studies that set regulations for buildings' colors and finishing materials and for signs and awnings in the

Aqaba Special Economic Zone, Jordan.

- Writing lengthy essays on presentations delivered to the CSBE architectural forum by regionally and internationally renowned scholars. These essays deal with subjects including contemporary architecture, history and theory of architecture, architectural education, and environmentally friendly buildings and landscapes.
- Contributing to CSBE's web-based and printed publications.
- Editing the content and style of CSBE's publications.
- Translating CSBE's web-based publications from English into Arabic and vice versa.
- Presenting CSBE's work at national and international conferences.
- Programming, designing, and updating the website of CSBE.

**2005 – 2006**

**Museum With No Frontiers, Brussels**

**Editor**

Editing the content and style of the Arabic edition of essays on Islamic art and architecture in the Mediterranean. This task was a part of *Discover Islamic Art*, a project supported by the European Union and the Euromed European program. The essays are published as an online database on the website of the Museum With No Frontiers.

**2004**

**The Aga Khan Award for  
Architecture, Geneva**

**Translator**

Translating from English into Arabic the booklet on the recipients of the 2004 Aga Khan Award for Architecture and the 2004 information brochure of the Award.

**2002 – 2003**

**The Building Research Center of the  
Royal Scientific Society (RSS), Amman**

**Content Coeditor**

- Reviewing the historical material of over one hundred short essays on Islamic monuments in Jerusalem and rewriting many of these essays. This job was a part of the Jerusalem Database, a project undertaken by RSS and Harvard University and concerned with the documentation of Islamic, Christian, and Jewish monuments in Old Jerusalem.
- Coauthoring a lengthy essay on the Islamic architectural history of al-Haram al-Sharif (the Holy Sanctuary) in Jerusalem.
- Preparing a glossary of terms relating to Islamic architecture in Old Jerusalem.