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## Educational background

- Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture (PhD / 2014)  
The University of Manchester, United Kingdom
- Master of Science in Restoration of Historic Buildings (MSc / 2001)  
Middle East Technical University, Turkey
- Bachelor of Architecture (BArch / 1994)  
Middle East Technical University, Turkey

## Academic experience

- Assistant Professor  
Department of Architectural Engineering-University of Sharjah, UAE (Sept.2018-)
- Visiting Assistant Professor  
Department of Architectural Engineering-University of Sharjah, UAE (Sept. 2016- Aug. 2018)
- Assistant Professor  
Department of Architecture- Near East University, Cyprus (2015-2016)
- Assistant Professor  
Department of Architecture -Cyprus International University, Cyprus (2014-2015)
- Lecturer  
Department of Interior Design-American University in Dubai, UAE (2005-2010)
- Lecturer  
Department of Architecture-Girne American University, Cyprus (1998-2002)

## Memberships to international professional organizations

- Member of Europa Nostra (European Union)
- Member of the Society of Architectural Historians (USA)

## Research: interests, publications, and projects

### Research interests

History, theory, and conservation; evolution of architectural conservation philosophies and practices; conservation and management of heritage sites and buildings in colonial and post-colonial world; religious built heritage; valuation of built heritage; digitalization of heritage structures; Islamic architecture in the colonial era; British colonial-era religious architecture in the global South; Waqf's role in the formation and protection of built environments in Islamic cities; architectural conservation policies, principles, and practices in the Middle East, Mediterranean and sub-Saharan Africa.

### Journal Papers (Scopus and ISI indexed)

- **Sabri, R.**, and Olagoke, O.A. (forthcoming) "The genesis and evolution of Anglican ecclesiastical architecture in British Yorubaland and post-colonial reflections," *The Journal of Architecture*.
- **Sabri, R.**, and Sakalli, B. (2021, ahead of print) "The politics and ethical dilemmas of architectural conservation in an unrecognised state: insights from northern Cyprus", *International Journal of Heritage Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/13527258.2021.1950031.
- **Sabri, R.**, and Olagoke, O.A. (2021), "Safeguarding the colonial era's ecclesiastical heritage: towards a sustainable protection-use model", *Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development*, Vol. 11, No. 1, pp. 121-134. DOI:10.1108/JCHMSD-01-2020-0017.
- **Sabri, R.**, Altan, H., AlGhareeb, D., and Alkhaja, N. (2020) "Heritage Reconstruction Planning, Sustainability Dimensions, and the Case of the Khaz'al Diwan in Kuwait," *Sustainability*, Vol.12, No. 21, 8805. DOI:10.3390/su12218805.
- **Sabri, R.**, and Olagoke, O.A. (2020) "A Vanishing Legacy? Threats and Challenges in the Conservation of the Colonial Era's Anglican Ecclesiastical Heritage in Yorubaland," *Journal of Architectural Conservation*, Vol.26, No:2, pp.166-183, DOI: 10.1080/13556207.2020.1761684.
- **Sabri, R.**, and Olagoke, O.A. (2019) "Rethinking the Conservation of Afro-Brazilian Mosque Legacy," *Journal of Architectural Conservation*, Vol.25, No:1-2, pp. 49-71, DOI:10.1080/13556207.2019.1595321.
- **Sabri, R.**, and Olagoke, O.A. (2019) "Predicaments in the Management of Religious Heritage Buildings and Sites in Nigeria," *Conservation and Management of Archaeological Sites*, Vol.21, No.1, pp.45-65, DOI:10.1080/13505033.2019.1596521.
- **Sabri, R.** (2019) "Greek Nationalism, Architectural Narratives, and A Gymnasium That Wasn't," *International Journal of Heritage Studies*, Vol.25, No:2, pp. 178-197, DOI:10.1080/13527258.2018.1431302.

- **Sabri, R.** (2017) "From an Inconsequential Legacy to National Heritage: Revisiting the Conservation Approaches towards the Ottoman Built Legacy in British Colonial Cyprus," *Conservation and Management of Archaeological Sites*, Vol.19, No.1, pp.55-81, DOI :10.1080/13505033.2016.1290476.
- **Sabri, R.** (2016) "The Genesis of Hybrid Architectural Preservation Practices in British Colonial Cyprus," *Architectural Research Quarterly*, Vol.20, No.3, pp.243-255, DOI:10.1017/S1359135516000269..
- **Sabri, R.** (2015) "Transitions in the Ottoman Waqf's Traditional Building Upkeep and Maintenance System in Cyprus during the British Colonial Era (1878–1960) and the Emergence of Selective Architectural Conservation Practices," *International Journal of Heritage Studies*, Vol. 21, No. 5, pp.512–527, DOI: 10.1080/13527258.2014.968604.

### Book (monograph)

- **Sabri, R.** (2019) *The Imperial Politics of Architectural Conservation: The Case of Waqf in Cyprus*. Publisher: Springer / Palgrave Macmillan (Heritage Studies in the Muslim World series) Hardcover ISBN 978-3-030-18231-1; eBook ISBN 978-3-030-18232-8; DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-18232-8.

### Conference Proceedings

- **Sabri, R.,** Abdalla, S., and Rashid, M. (2021) "Towards a Digital Architectural Heritage Knowledge Management Platform: Producing the HBIM Model of Bait Al Naboodah in Sharjah, UAE". In: P. Roca, L. Pelà and C. Molins (Eds) *12th International Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions SAHC2021*, 29-30 September-1 October 2021. International Centre for Numerical Methods in Engineering (CIMNE), Barcelona, Spain 2021, pp. 1641-1650, [https://congress.cimne.com/SAHC2020/frontal/doc/Ebook\\_SAHC2020.pdf](https://congress.cimne.com/SAHC2020/frontal/doc/Ebook_SAHC2020.pdf) (to be Scopus indexed)
- **Sabri, R.,** and Olagoke, O.A. (2021) "British Colonial Era's Religious Built Heritage in Yorubaland, Nigeria: Key Conservation Problematics and the State of Know-How". In: P. Roca, L. Pelà and C. Molins (Eds) *12th International Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions SAHC2021*, 29-30 September-1 October 2021. International Centre for Numerical Methods in Engineering (CIMNE), Barcelona, Spain 2021, pp. 1514-1522, [https://congress.cimne.com/SAHC2020/frontal/doc/Ebook\\_SAHC2020.pdf](https://congress.cimne.com/SAHC2020/frontal/doc/Ebook_SAHC2020.pdf) (to be Scopus indexed)
- Alsuwaidi, F., **Sabri, R.,** and Belpoliti, V. (in-press) "Investigating the Values of Modern Architectural Heritage in Dubai, UAE". In: 6th World Multidisciplinary Civil Engineering-Architecture-Urban Planning Symposium WMCAUS 2021, 30 August - 3 September 2021, Prague, Czech Republic (to be Scopus indexed)
- **Sabri, R.** and Altan, H. (2018) "Investigating the Preservation of Vernacular Earthen Buildings of Louroujina (Akincilar) in North Cyprus". In: C.Mileto, F.V.López-Manzanares, L. García-Soriano, V. Cristini (Eds) *Vernacular and Earthen Architecture: Conservation and Sustainability*, Proceedings of

SosTierra 2017 (Valencia, Spain, 14-16 September 2017), pp.329-334. CRC Press (ISBN 9781138035461 - CAT# K31721) (Scopus indexed)

## Research projects

- Principal Investigator: "Investigating the Potentials for Digital Applications in Heritage Management, Sharjah (UAE)", SEED Grant by the University of Sharjah (2019-2020).
- Principal Investigator: "Surveying and Exploring Colonial Architectural Legacies Stage 1: Religious Built Heritage in British West Africa" (2017-2020), self-funded.
- Cultural Heritage Advisor: "Cultural Heritage Inventory Project for North Cyprus". United Nations Development Programme-Partnership for the Future in Cyprus (UNDP-PFF) (2010).
- Team member: Vernacular Built Heritage Research and Documentation "House, Form and Culture within the Context of Cypriot Traditional Settlements" project. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in North Cyprus (2001-2003).
- Team member: Archaeological Documentation, Conservation and Presentation "Arykanda Archaeological Excavation Project (Antalya-Turkey)" (1993-1998).

## University and community service (2018-2021)

### Committee work

- Executive Board Member of Sharjah International Foundation for the History of Arab and Muslim Sciences (SIFHAMS) (Sept.2018-present)
- Secretary to UoS Architectural Engineering Departmental Council (Sept.2020-present)
- Member of UoS College of Engineering Disciplinary Committee (Sept.2020-present)
- Member of UoS Architectural Engineering Department Research Committee (Sept 2020-present)
- Member of the Steering Committee for the Master of Science in Conservation Management of Cultural Heritage, Architectural Engineering Department, University of Sharjah (2019-present)
- Chair of the organizing committee: An International Forum entitled 'Rethinking the Future of Islamic Arts and Heritage', to be co-hosted by SIFHAMS and ICCROM-Sharjah on 17-18 Nov. 2021.
- Organizing committee member for the 3rd SIFHAMS International Scientific Forum 'Tradition of Art and Architecture in Islamic Civilisation', University of Sharjah, April-October 2019.
- Organizer of four-hour workshop entitled 'Architectural Conservation: Principles and Practice', University of Sharjah, Architectural Engineering Department, 14 April 2019.

## Invited public lecture/speech

- Invited virtual lecture on 'Art and Architecture in Abbasid and Umayyad Dynasties' for Design-V SOTI project, organized by course coordinators, 3 February 2021, Department of Architectural Engineering, University of Sharjah.
- Invited lecture on 'Distinguished Aspects of Islamic Architecture and Engineering' at SIFHAMS International Graduate Winter School on Scientific Tradition in Islamic Civilisation, 12-24 January, 2020, University of Sharjah.
- Invited speaker on 'Ottoman Waqf in Architectural Conservation' at the 3rd SIFHAMS International Scientific Forum 'Tradition of Art and Architecture in Islamic Civilisation', 13 October 2019, University of Sharjah.

## Teaching and learning (2018-2021)

### Courses taught/capstone project supervision

- 0404261 History of Architecture –I
- 0404361 History of Architecture –II
- 0404222 Architectural Design –I
- 0404201 Architectural Drawing –II
- Senior Project Design I & II supervision

### Master thesis supervision

- **Main supervisor:** Fatima Alsuwaidi "Heritage Identification and Valuation of UAE's Modern Architecture: The Case of Dubai"; University of Sharjah. Thesis continuing: 2020-.
- **Second supervisor:** Ghina Sabalbal "Disaster Risk Preparedness for Cultural Heritage in Lebanon: A Holistic Approach in building institutional capacities and community resilience in national and local contexts"; University of Sharjah. Thesis continuing: 2021-.