

# Hady A. Amr

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Three decades experience as a thought leader, senior U.S. diplomat and entrepreneurial leader of non-profit organizations.  
Expert areas: the Middle East including relations with the U.S., Arab human development, and U.S. public diplomacy.

**Brookings Institution**, *Nonresident Senior Fellow (2017) / Visiting Fellow (2018-19)* Washington, DC 2017 – present  
Undertaking research and writing on socio-political, security and development issues in the Middle East, including U.S. policy.

**U.S. Department of State**, *Deputy U.S. Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations for Economics* Washington, DC 2014-2017  
*Senior Economic Advisor to U.S. Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations* Washington, DC 2013 - 2014  
Lead advisor on wide-range of policy issues for Special Envoy and Secretary John Kerry related to Israeli-Palestinian issues, including economic policy, partnerships with business community, water, education and refugees. Coordinated U.S. assistance response to 2014 Gaza war. Considerable engagement with U.S. Congress. Led high-level official U.S. delegations to international forums.

**U.S. Agency for International Development**, *Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East* Washington, DC 2010-13  
Deputy head of bureau that directed \$1.6 billion U.S. assistance via 600 staff with responsibility following Arab uprisings for programming in Libya, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen; Lebanon, Morocco. Responsible for overall strategy including democracy, governance, youth, health, education, and economic policy. Managed offices in region and DC. Close coordination with White House.

**Brookings Institution**, *Director, Brookings Doha Center; Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies* Doha / DC 2006-10  
Founding director of first Brookings research center in Middle East. Created and directed Brookings Doha Center from ground up: Together with Brookings VP, secured millions in funding. Directed all programming, communications, and management strategies. Recruited and supervised scholars. Managed team across three continents. Built high level advisory council including former foreign ministers. Published extensively on Arab human development and U.S. public diplomacy. Lead spokesperson in region, including scores of media appearances. Co-convener of annual U.S.-Islamic World Forum attended by leaders including heads of state.

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**, *Senior Advisor, DHS Office of Policy* Washington, DC 2010  
Recruited by Deputy Secretary as advisor on Global Engagement/Countering Violent Extremism in Office of Policy

**Amr Group**—*Founder & Managing Director* (selected clients) 2001-07  
**World Economic Forum**, *Senior Advisor* 2005-06

Convened global thought and business leaders in post-9/11 context; helped raise and coordinate funding to NGOs.

**Aguirre International for U.S. Department of State**, *Evaluation of Education and Exchange programs* Middle East, 2005-06  
Led efforts to rigorously evaluate Arab countries of State Department-funded English language programs.

**International Education Resource Network**, *Consultant* Middle East, 2004-05  
Consulted for U.S. State Department-funded initiative to help develop collaborative youth learning programs in the Arab world.

**U.S. Department of State via Brandicate**, *Strategist / Implementer* Germany, 2003-04  
Conceptualized/managed State Dept.-funded “Arab-Western Summit of Skills” on Arab Human Development and Entrepreneurship.

**World Links Arab Region**, *Founding Executive Director* Washington, DC-Jordan, 2002-04  
Conceptualized and launched subsidiary of World Bank-incubated NGO to use internet to strengthen global understanding, education and employment outcomes for youth. Raised millions from private sector. Managed staff and youth programs across Middle East.

**Save the Children-Jordan**, Developed project to link private and education sectors to improve employment for youth. Jordan 2003  
**UNICEF, Middle East Regional Office & Jordan Country Office**, Authored major publications. Jordan, 2001-02

**U. S. Department of Defense / Near East-South Asia Center for Strategic Studies**  
*Clinton Appointee & Defense Fellow at National Defense University* Washington, DC, Winter 2000-01  
Part of core team to launch NESAC Center, which trains and engages high-level military partners from region.

**Gore / Lieberman 2000**, *National Director for Ethnic American Outreach* Nashville, TN, Autumn 2000  
Directed national effort to organize 20 ethnic groups from Europe/Mideast. Organized events for Vice President.

**The Futures Group International**, *Senior Economic Analyst, Country Manager* Washington, DC, 1999-2000  
Managed components of \$60 million USAID project in health/demographics in Africa and Arabia including international staff.

**Independent Consultant** Washington, DC / Beirut, Lebanon, 1998 -1999  
Consulting on human development and civil society projects in the Arab world for non-governmental organizations.

**The World Bank**  
**North Africa Natural Resources Division**, *Economist*, Team designed/negotiated \$35M project in Tunisia. Washington, DC, 1996-97

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**West Africa Director's Office, Economist**, Evaluated infrastructure, agriculture, microenterprise projects. Washington, DC, 1994-96

**Mali Resident Mission, Consultant**, Analyzed public health and education programs.

Bamako, Mali, Summer 1993

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**EDUCATION**

**Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.** Princeton, NJ, 1992-94  
MPA in Economics and International Affairs. Focus: International Affairs, Advanced Economics. *John Parker Compton Fellow*

**Tufts University**, Bachelor of Arts in Economics, *cum laude* Medford, MA, 1984-88  
Tufts University European Center, coursework in advanced French and economics. Talloires, France, Summers 1986, 1987

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**CIVIC AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

- **Kids4Peace**, *Advisory Council*. Washington, DC, 2018-present
  - **Council on Foreign Relations**, *Life Member*. Washington, DC, 2017-present
  - **International Education and Resource Network**, *Board of Directors*. New York, NY 2009-present
  - **Princeton University**, *Advisory Council, Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs (2008-16)*. Also *Advisory Council for Scholars in the Nation's Service (2010 – present)*. Princeton, NJ 2008-2016
  - **World Economic Forum**, *Global Agenda Council for the Arab World*. Geneva, Switzerland, 2011- 14
  - **Virginia Public Schools Authority**, *Board Member*. Appointed by Governor Warner and reappointed by Governor Kaine as youngest board member to oversee and approve over \$3.8 billion in school bonds in AAA-rated state. Richmond, VA 2002-10
  - **Barack Obama for President**, *Lead surrogate to American Muslims; Foreign advisory group on Middle East* 2007-08
  - **Sister Cities International**, *Member, International Task Force on Islamic Partnership*. Washington, DC 2007-08
  - **United States Department of State**, *Speaker in Public Diplomacy*. Toured eight Arab countries and Europe to discuss US-Mideast policy with journalists, parliamentarians and on TV. About one hundred events. 2002-07
  - **US Institute of Peace**, *Grant Committee Member, US-Muslim World Relations Advisory Committee*. Washington, DC, 2005-06
  - **The Asia Foundation**, *Freeman Fellow*. Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, 2005
  - **John Kerry for President**, *Coordinator, Policy Task Force on Relations with the Muslim World*. Advisor, *Ethnic Outreach* 2004
  - **Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program**, *Candidate Review Board*. Washington, DC 2003-04
  - **Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe**, *District Supervisor*. Engaged local NGOs to solve problems in divided Muslim-Croat & Serb areas for displaced persons. Supervised 12 Bosnian voter registration staff. Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1997
  - **Princeton University Observer Delegation to South African Elections**, *Member*. Cape Town, South Africa, Spring 1994
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**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA APPEARANCES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- *Ending Gaza's Perpetual Crisis: A New U.S. Approach*. Brookings/CNAS, 2018
  - *The Opportunity of the Obama Era: Can Civil Society Help Bridge Divides Across a Diverse Muslim World?*, Brookings, 2009
  - *Displacement in the Muslim World*, w/E. Ferris, Brookings, 2009
  - "To Win the 'War on Terror' We Must First Win the 'War of Ideas': Here's How" w/P.W. Singer in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, July 2008.
  - "Engaging the Muslim World: A Communications Strategy to Win the War of Ideas," Brookings Press with P.W. Singer in M. O'Hanlon, *Opportunity08: Independent Ideas for Our Next President*, 2007 & 2008 update/reprint. Book chapter.
  - *Human Development in the Muslim World*, w/Katherine Marshall, Brookings, 2008
  - *Engaging the Muslim World: How to Win the War of Ideas*, Journal of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, 2008
  - "Restoring America's Good Name: Restoring Strategic Communications with the Islamic World" National Defense University, w/ Dr. P. Singer, in J. McMillan, *Building a Global Antiterrorist Consensus*. National Defense University press, 2007.
  - *The Need to Communicate: How to Improve US Public Diplomacy with the Islamic World*. Brookings, 2004.
  - *The State of the Arab Child*, UNICEF Regional Office for Middle East & North Africa, major publication, 2003.
  - *Regional Statistical Report-Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2*, UNICEF MENARO, major publication, 2003
  - *Situation of Children, Youth and Women in Jordan*, UNICEF Jordan Country Office, major publication, 2003.
  - Op-eds in: Foreign Policy, International Herald Tribune, Newsweek, The Hill, Washington Post, UPI, USA Today. In Middle East: Al Arab, Al Hayat, Arab News, the Daily Star, Gulf News, Gulf Times, Jordan Times, Kuwait Times, The National, Qatar Tribune.
  - Scores of appearances on Al Jazeera English and Arabic, BBC TV and Radio, CNN, Washington Post Radio.
  - Extensive speaking: Capitol Hill, CFR, Georgetown, Harvard, NDU, NYU, Princeton, World Economic Forum, White House.
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

*Languages*: Native English. Proficient French. Basic spoken colloquial Levantine Arabic.

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*Countries of Work:* Bahrain, Egypt, Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, Yemen; Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines; Burkina Faso, Gambia, Mali, Senegal, South Africa; Europe, Bosnia.