

Hady A. Amr

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Three decades experience as a thought leader, senior U.S. diplomat and entrepreneurial manager of non-profits.
Expert areas: Arab human development, U.S. relations with Muslim-majority countries, and U.S. public diplomacy.

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

Directed wide-range of policy issues and led high-level engagement for Special Envoy and Secretary Kerry related to Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, including economic policy, U.S. assistance, water, and refugees. Coordinated U.S. assistance response to 2014 Gaza war. Considerable engagement with U.S. Congress on U.S. foreign policy and assistance. Led 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 managed \$1.6 billion U.S. assistance with specific responsibility following Arab uprisings for Libya, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen; Lebanon, Morocco. Oversaw offices in region and DC. Overall strategy including democracy, youth, security sector, and economic policy. Close coordination with White House to achieve national security and development objectives.

The Brookings Institution, *Director, Brookings Doha Center; Fellow, Brookings Foreign Policy Studies* Qatar / 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 for Foreign Policy, secured millions in funding. Registered first international entity under Qatari NGO law. Directed all research, programming, administration and staff. Recruited and supervised visiting scholars. Built high level advisory council including former foreign ministers. Published extensively on U.S. public diplomacy and Arab human development. Scores of media appearances. Co-convener of annual 200-person U.S.-Islamic World Forum in Qatar 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 at Office of Policy

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

Convened global-thought 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 evaluate Arab countries of YES and ACCESS English language programs for State Department.

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, *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 \$2 million 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
Worked for DAS-D to launch Center, which trains high-level military partners from region, and engenders enduring working relations.

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 staff in Africa. Managed components of \$60 million USAID project in health economics/demographics in Africa and Arabia.

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

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

CIVIC AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- **International Education and Resource Network**, Board of Directors. Chaired search committee to recruit new executive director, 2015. 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-present
 - **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 & 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

- *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/Elizabeth 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 Michael 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. Peter Singer, in Joseph 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: Washington Post, USA Today, International Herald Tribune, Newsweek, UPI, etc. And in Middle East: Al Arab, Al Hayat, the 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 engagements: 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.

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.