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**EDUCATION**

1986 Doctorat d'Etat es-Lettres et Sciences Humaines(Anthropology). University of Paris VII  
1978 Doctorat de Psychologie (3ème cycle) in Psychology, University of Paris VII  
1978 Diplôme d'études approfondies (approximately equivalent to M. Phil.) in Anthropology, University of Paris VII  
1977 Diplôme du psychologue clinicien (two year program, required to practice clinical psychology), Institut de psychologie clinique, Paris  
1977 Maitrise (Masters), in Ethnology, University of Paris VII  
1975 Maitrise (Masters), in Psychology, University of Paris VII.

**POSITIONS HELD**

2014-2015: Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.  
2012-2014: Visiting Research Professor, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore.  
2011(January-December): Minister for Women's Affairs, Transitional Government of Tunisia.  
2009-2010: Visiting professor, Middle East Program, Yale University. USA.  
2004-2005: Visiting professor of psychology, AUC, Cairo, Egypt.  
1995-(continuing): Full professor in clinical psychology and anthropology, University of Tunis.  
1979-1995 Assistant/Associate professor in anthropology and clinical psychology, Université of Tunis and l'Hôpital d'enfants - Tunis  
1978-1979 Teaching assistant, Université de Paris VII  
1976-1978 Research assistant, l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris  
1975-1979 Psychologist at Ecole expérimentale de Bonneuil, Val de Marne, France.

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2014-2015: Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC.  
2013-2015: Global Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC.  
2011(November): Awarded *l'Ordre de la République Tunisienne* (the nation's highest award).

- 2001-2002: Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC.  
 1997-2000. Research Fellowship, Tunisian Ministry for Scientific Research, "The Construction of Public Morality in the Arab World and in Africa."  
 1995-1996: Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.  
 1994-1995: Research fellowship to direct study on, "Changing attitudes toward life and death: modern medicine and popular culture in the contemporary Arab world", Awarded by the Population Council, Cairo, Egypt.

### **PARTICIPATION IN NGOS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Founder of the Association Tunisienne de Psychologie de la Santé (2007).  
 Co-founder of the Association de femmes tunisiennes pour la recherche et le développement (AFTURD) and member of its executive committee (1988-1992)  
 Founder of the B'chira Ben Mrad Prize (since 1987, awarded by a committee of independent women to a woman distinguished for her work in defending the rights of women in Tunisia).  
 Member of the Association des femmes africaines pour le développement (AFARD), Dakar.  
 Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

- 2015 (forthcoming). *The Role of Women in the Arab World's Uprisings* (provisional title). Singapore: World Scientific Publishing.
- 2009a *Joudhour al-harakat al-nisa'iyya: riwayaat li-shakhsiyyaat tarikhiyya* [Origins of feminist movements in Tunisia: personal history narratives]. Tunis: Imprimerie Tunis Carthage. (3<sup>rd</sup> edition).
- 2009b *Qamus as-siyar li-lmunadhilaat at-tunisiyyaat, 1881-1956* [Biographical Dictionary of Tunisian Women Militants]. Tunis: Imprimerie Tunis Carthage.
- 2004 *Itinéraire d'un Tunisien, Album Rachid Driss*. Tunis: Imprimerie Tunis Carthage.
- 2003 *Romancières sénégalaises à la recherche de leur temps*. Tunis: Sahar.
- 1993 *Deuil impossible*. Tunis: Sahar. (with Dr. T. Nacef)
- 1991 *L'intelligentsia féminine face à la guerre du Golfe en Tunisie*. Tunis: Institut de Recherches Appliquées.
- 1989 *Çabra Hachma: sexualité et tradition*. Tunis: Dar Ennawras. (Prix Foire du Livre 1989; Prix d'encouragement à la création du Ministère des Affaires Culturelles.)
- 1987 *L'adolescent tunisien, santé et environnement* (avec 4 co-auteurs). Tunis: UPPS (Prix international Nathalie Masse pour les recherches sur les enfants défavorisés dans le tiers monde)
- 1987 *Qabla (sage-femme), médecin des femmes*. Tunis: UPPS.
- 1987 *Joudhour al-harakat al-nisa'iyya* [Origins of feminist movements in Tunisia]. Tunis: Imprimerie Tunis Carthage. (2<sup>ème</sup> édition 1990.)
- 1985 *Génération des années 30: la mémoire vivante des sujets de l'histoire*. Tunis: CERES. (with A. Zghal)
- 1982 *L'histoire d'une parole féminine*. Tunis: El Asria.
- (as editor):**
- 2009 *Rasa'il illa Sigmund Freud* [Letters to Sigmund Freud]. Tunis: Imprimerie Tunis Carthage.
- 1992 *Sages-femmes et la pensée réformiste au XX<sup>ème</sup> siècle en Tunisie*. Tunis: Ministère de la Santé Publique.
- 1990 *Participation des femmes à la vie publique*. Tunis: Hôpital d'Enfants et Centre de recherche et de formation pédagogique.
- 1988 *Médecine, Santé des Femmes*. Tunis: UPPS.
- 1985 *Adolescents, Adolescentes*. Tunis: UPPS.

- 1984 *Maternité/Féminité*. Tunis: UPPS.  
 1984 *Enfant, famille, environnement*. Tunis:UPPS.  
 1978 *La femme au Maghreb*. (With Alain de Castries). Special issue of *Soror*. Paris:Université de Nanterre

**Articles(1991-present; 34 articles from 1981-1995 have been eliminated for reasons of space)**

- 2014 (forthcoming) “Tunisian Women’s Literature of Denunciation: Sources, Contexts, and the Tunisian “Arab Spring.” Ed by Fatima Sadiqi. *Women's Rights in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring*. London : Macmillan.
- 2014 (forthcoming) “*The Tunisian Family and Social Reality in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: an interpretation of photographs.*” Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou. (Work in progress papers).
- 2014 (forthcoming) “Le Printemps arabe en Tunisie : constitutionnalisation des Droits des Femmes.” in *Laïcité/Laïcité(s): reconfigurations et nouveaux défis*. Edited by Jean Bauberot, Micheline Milot, and Philippe Portier. Paris: Edition de la Maison des Sciences de l’Homme.
- 2014 (forthcoming) “Historic Women Figures and Women’s Daily Struggles in Tunisia: neglect and societal responsibility.” in *Minorities, Women, and the State in North Africa*. Red Sea Press, New Jersey. (USA).
- 2014 “Political role of women in the Arab Spring” in Bahithat, Book 16, Libanon-CERS, France. 2014.
- 2014 “Tunisian Scientists’ Experiences in Singapore: On The New Silk Road?” Lilia Labidi and Anthony SC Teo in *UNIVER-CITIES: Strategic View of the Future - From Berkeley, Cambridge to Singapore and Rising Asia*. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, Volume II.
- 2014 “*The Arab Spring in Tunisia: Parity, Elections and the Struggle for Women’s Rights*” in (edited by Fahed Al-Sumait and coll.), *The Arab Uprisings: Catalysts, Dynamics, and Trajectories*. USA: Rowman & Littlefield Publisher.
- 2014 “Political, aesthetic, and ethical positions of Tunisian women artists, 2011–2013,” in the book, *Gender in the New Middle East*. A. Khalil(ed.). Routledge.
- 2014 “Political, aesthetic, and ethical positions of Tunisian women artists, 2011 – 2013.” *Journal of North African Studies* 19(2), March 2014, special issue on *Women, Gender, and the Arab Spring*.
- 2014 “MENA Women: Opportunities and Obstacles in 2014.” March 2014. Pp. 27 – 28.  
[http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/mena\\_women\\_opportuniti...](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/mena_women_opportuniti...)
- 2013 “Tunisian Summer 2013: A Season of Political Turmoil.” *Insight Sping* 2014, Pp. 23 – 41. MEI, NUS, Singapore.  
<http://www.mei.nus.edu.sg/publications/mei-insights/tunisian-summer-2013-a-season-of-political>
- 2013 “Lifting of CEDAW Reservations by Tunisia in the context of the Arab Spring” in *Can Human Rights Norms Secure Women’s Rights in the MENA Region?*” Middle East Program & International Global Women Leadership Initiative. Fall 2013: 25 – 31.  
[http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/can\\_international\\_human\\_rights\\_norms\\_secure\\_women\\_rights\\_in\\_mena\\_region\\_1.pdf](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/can_international_human_rights_norms_secure_women_rights_in_mena_region_1.pdf)
- 2013 “Y-a-t-il un futur pour le féminisme au masculin et le féminisme d’Etat en Tunisie?” in *Revue Socialiste, Le temps des femmes*, n°51, 3ème trimestre 2013, p. 147 à 150.  
<http://www.revuesocialiste.fr/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/RS-51BT.pdf>
- 2013 “The political dimensions of women’s actions: new challenges for justice and for the social sciences in the aftermath of the Arab spring in the MENA region.” In *Challenges to Women’s Security in the MENA Region: Women’s Voices From Around the World – celebrating International Women’s Day 2013*. Pp. 25 - 26.  
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- 2013 “Tunisian filmmaker Taïeb Louhichi and his film *Majnoun Layla*.” In *Africultures*(28 January 2013). <http://www.africultures.com/php/index.php?nav=article&no=11270>
- 2012 “Women in a democratic transition: the case of Tunisia.” [South Africa: lectures/presentations at. Published online at http://www.unisa.ac.za/contents/colleges/docs/keynote-address\\_Prof-Labidi\\_8March2012.pdf](http://www.unisa.ac.za/contents/colleges/docs/keynote-address_Prof-Labidi_8March2012.pdf); paper originally presented at Thabo Mbeki Foundation and at the University of South Africa, Johannesburg (March 2012) )
- 2012 Tunisia: Policies and Practices for Promoting Social Justice for Rural Women during a Democratic Transition In *Is the Arab Awakening Marginalizing Women?* [http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/Arab%20Awakening%20Marginalizing%20Women\\_0.pdf](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/Arab%20Awakening%20Marginalizing%20Women_0.pdf) Pp. 23-27.
- 2011 Preface(in Arabic) to *Zubaida Bashir: qamariyya al-khadhraa*’. Soulaf Ben Frikhiya(ed.) Tunis: CREDIF. 2011. pp 7-8.
- 2010 The Personal Status Code and Women’s Celibacy in Tunisia. *Islamic Feminism and Beyond: the new frontier*. Pp. 23-27. <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/islamic-feminism-and-beyond-the-new-frontier-fall-2010>
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- 2006 “Rita ElKhayat on Moroccan psychiatry and sexuality.” in O’Dowd, M., B. Whelan(eds.) *Family, private life and sexuality* (Special issue of *Women’s History Review*. Vol. 15. No. 4(September 2006). pp. 638-649.
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- 2002 “Being elsewhere: women and psychoanalysis in the contemporary Arab world.” In Dimen, M and V. Goldner(eds). *Gender in Psychoanalytic Space*. New York: Routledge. pp. 263-284.
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- 2001 “Traditions et pluralisme: participation des femmes dans le monde arabe -- le cas de la Tunisie.

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- 1998 "Discours féministe et fait islamiste en Tunisie." *Confluences* 27(Fall 1998), pp. 69-79. Paris: Harmattan.
- 1998 "Do I have the right to be here?". In *Echo* (Quarterly newsletter of the Association of African Women for Research and Development), No. 2(April 1998), pp. 13-17.
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