

Resumé

Dalia Ziada



Areas of expertise:

More than 20 years of field work in the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean on the following topics:

- Regional security and Great Power Competition in the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean.
- Inter-state relations and the geopolitical complexities of the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean.
- U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean as viewed by the region.
- Defense Policy and Civil-Military relations in Arab states, Israel, and Turkey.
- Theory and Application of “Nonviolent Action and Strategies.”
- Governance, Democratization, and social/political Movements in Arab Countries.

Academic:

M.A. in International Relations (major: international security) at **The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University** (The United States).

- Currently pursuing a PhD in the same field.

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Social media:

Twitter (X): [@daliaziada](#)

Linkedin: [@daliaziada](#)

Instagram: [@daliaziada](#)

Skills:

- Languages: Arabic (native), English (proficient), French (good), Turkish (good), Hebrew (beginner).
- Public speaking and media: More than quarter a million of elite followers and millions of views across social media platforms.
- Research, Writing, and Teaching to undergraduate level.
- Think tank management.
- Public diplomacy.

Professional Record

Current Positions:

October 2025 – Present

Washington, DC Coordinator and Research Fellow

Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP)

May 2024 – Present

Lecturer

The Teach-in Program, Hillel International

Previous Positions:

April 2024 – Present

Senior Fellow for Research and Diplomacy

Jerusalem Center for Security and Foreign Affairs (JCFA)

October 2024 – September 2024

Adjunct Research Analyst

Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP)

January 2015 – March 2024

Co-Founder and Chairperson

The Liberal Democracy Institute (LDI)

August 2021 – March 2024

Executive Director

Center for Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean Studies (MEEM)

April 2012 – November 2014

Executive Director

Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies (IKC)

July 2007 – March 2012

Regional Director in the Middle East and North Africa

The American Islamic Congress (AIC)

June 2006 – June 2008

Regional Director in Egypt

Tharwa Foundation

January 2006 – June 2007

Researcher and Translator

The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information (ANHRI)

August 2002 – September 2004

Journalist

Foreign Affairs Department, Al-Ahram Newspaper

Current Side Activities:

- **The Council for Mediterranean Diplomacy – Diplomeds** (since April 2021)
- **Renew Democracy Initiative – RDI** (since August 2024)
- **See The Good - STG** (Since October 2024)
- Authoring a book titled "***The Coalition of Odds***" about the shifting power dynamics in the new Middle East in relation to the modern-day Great Power Competition under a changing world order and a changing regional structure.

Past Affiliations:

- Board Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the National Council for Women (NCW) in Egypt.
- Co-founder of Al-Adl (Justice) Party and Director of the party's Women's Committee.
- A Contributing political analyst at: Al-Majalla magazine (London), Defense Arabia magazine (Beirut), The Levant Newspaper (London).

Publications

Books:

- Author, *"The Coalition of Odds: The End of the Middle East as We Know It,"* forthcoming.
- Author, *"The Curious Case of the Three-Legged Wolf - Egypt: Military, Islamism, and Liberal Democracy,"* Liberal Democracy Institute, 2019.
- Co-author of *"Paradox of Repression and Nonviolent Movements,"* Syracuse University Press, 2018.
- Editor, *"One Hand: Transitional Justice and the Future of Egyptian Politics,"* Ibn Khaldun Center, 2013.
- Editor, *"The Status of Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World – Volume 27,"* Ibn Khaldun Center, 2012.
- Co-Author and Translator of *"Modern Narrative for Muslim Women in the Middle East,"* American Islamic Congress, 2010.
- Author, *"Lam Alef - NO"* (a collection of poetry in Arabic), Maktoub Publishing, 2009.
- Translator, *"Civil Rights and The Montgomery Story,"* Comic Book in Arabic, The American Islamic Congress, 2008.
- Editor and Co-Author, *"Egypt, Where to? The Future of Democratic Reform,"* Tharwa Foundation, 2008.
- Translator, *"Implacable Adversaries: Arab Governments and The Internet,"* Arab Network for Human Rights, 2006.

Papers, Essays, and Articles:

- Since 2006, Dalia has published over 300 articles, as well as dozens of long essays, papers, and policy briefs, in English, Arabic, and Turkish, with a primary focus on the governance, geopolitics, and regional security of the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean. She also supervised and edited the work of junior researchers on similar topics.
- In 2010, the Anna Lindh Foundation awarded Dalia its Euro-Mediterranean Journalist Award for her blog, which she started writing in 2006 to discuss civil rights and democratization in Egypt and other Arab countries.
- For five years (2019-2023), Dalia contributed weekly essays to the English versions of Al-Majalla magazine (Saudi Arabia), the Levant Newspaper (London), Sada Elbalad News (Egypt), and Defense Arabia Journal (Beirut), where she discussed and analyzed the current affairs in the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean. She also wrote a weekly column in Arabic for Egypt's most-read independent printed newspaper, Al-Masry Al-Youm.
- Dalia's opinion editorials appeared in English, Arabic, and Turkish in renowned publications such as The Washington Post, The Jerusalem Post, CNN News, The Washington Examiner, The Herald Tribune, Al-Ahram, Al-Akhbar, and Al-Madar. She also published political analysis articles at US-based think tanks, such as the Washington Institute, the Atlantic Council, and the Wilson Center.

Lecturing and public speaking

- Since May 2024, Dalia has delivered lectures and crash courses on the geopolitics of the Middle East at dozens of American university campuses.
- In the fall of 2012, Dalia taught a seminar on democratization in the Arab world to undergraduate students at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania.
- Dalia has been hosted as a lecturer or keynote speaker on Middle East affairs at notable institutions worldwide, including: The United Nations, the Capitol Hill, the U.S. State Department, the European Parliament, the Italian Parliament, the Egyptian Parliament, Hillel International, the American Jewish Committee, the Wilson Center, Freedom House, the Washington Institute, Harvard University, the National Defense University, the American University, the American University in Cairo, Al-Akhawyn University in Morocco, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and many others.
- Dalia appears regularly in traditional TV and online media outlets, spanning the Middle East to Europe and North America, to analyze and comment on current affairs in the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Awards and Honors

- Received “The Distinguished Alumni Award” by The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (2014).
- Selected by The Diplomatic Courier as one of the “99 Under 33 Foreign Policy Leaders” (2013).
- Named by Newsweek for two years in a row (2011-2012) as one of the world’s “most influential” and “most fearless women,” consecutively.
- Named by CNN as one of the Arab world’s “Eight Agents of Change” (2012).
- Selected by The Daily Beast as one of the “World’s 17 Bravest Bloggers (2011).
- Received Tufts University’s “Presidential Award for Citizenship and Public Service” (2011).
- Received Anna Lindh Foundation’s “Euro-Mediterranean Journalist Award” for her blog (2010).
- In addition, Dalia’s struggle for liberal democratization in Egypt as a civil rights activist during the Arab Spring is profiled in best-selling books, for example:
 - Robin Wright’s *“Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion across the Islamic World”*
 - Lily Eskelsen Garcia’s *“Rabble Rousers: Fearless Fighters for Social Justice”*
