Yossra Mohamad Mostafa Hussein Hamouda

Education

- **PhD Candidate** – University of Sheffield (Starting October 2026)
- **Master of Arts in Philosophy** – The American University in Cairo (AUC), February 2022
- **Bachelor of Law** – Cairo University, 2018
- **Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honours)** – The American University in Cairo (AUC), 2017
    - Double Major: Philosophy and Communication & Media Arts

Master's Thesis

- *"The Cynics' Understanding of and Contribution to Philosophy"* (December 2021)

Certificates

- **Logic-Based Consultancy Certificate** – Logic-Based Therapy and Consultation Institute (3 December 2025)
- **Living Future Accreditation for Environmental Building** – Living Future Institute (25 November 2024)
- **Teaching at AUC Institute** – The American University in Cairo (Fall 2024)
- **Introduction to Sahidic Coptic** – Waldensian Faculty of Theology (2023)
- **Teaching and Learning Essentials for Teaching Assistants** – The American University in Cairo (Fall 2021)
- **International Drama Diploma (Psychodrama and Theatre Techniques)** – Institute Without Borders (2018)

Major Literary and Research Awards

1. **Rowayat (Literary Journal)** (2014): Fourth runner-up in the student fiction competition for two flash fiction pieces: *"The Camera, the Chorus and the Chair"* and *"The Voice of Clapping"*

2. **The American University in Cairo** (2015): Second Prize in the Madelyn Lamont Literary Award for the short story *"Allah's Box"*

3. **Rowayat (Literary Journal)** (2015): Second runner-up in the sixth student fiction competition for the poem *"The Picture and Others"*

4. **Eastern Michigan University** (2016): "Spirit of the Conference" Award at the 6th Annual Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy for special contribution to the conference

5. **AUC Research Week** (2017): First place in the poster competition for the research *"When Subcultures Turn into Ghettos: The Conceptual Ghetto and Oppression"*

Honours for Scholarly Achievements

- **University of Birmingham** (2024): 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition Finalist

- **Center for Learning and Teaching / Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies** (Fall 2019): Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the Teaching Assistant Panel for New Teaching Assistants Orientation

- **The American University in Cairo**: Teaching Assistantship Award (Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2021)

- **The American University in Cairo** (2017): Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honour)

- **The American University in Cairo - School of Humanities and Social Sciences** (2016): HUSS Award

- **The American University in Cairo - Philosophy Department**: Dean's List (Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, and Fall 2016)

Scholarships and Grants

1. **The American University in Cairo**: Academic Achievement Scholarship (Active since 2014)

2. **The American University in Cairo**: Travel Grant (Spring 2016)

3. **The American University in Cairo**: Travel Grant (Fall 2016)

4. **Andrew Mellon Foundation** (Academic Year 2018/2019): Grant for spreading humanities in the Global South, awarded to the *Bel Arabi Falsafa* initiative

5. **The American University in Cairo** (Spring 2019): University Fellowship for Philosophy (MA)

Participations

- **The Goi Peace Foundation (UNESCO)** (2012): International Essay Contest for Young People

Published Works

Self-Published

- *The Bird* (Short stories), 2010

Documenting and Researches Center of Children's Literature

- **Creative Children's Literature Publication** (2013):
    - *"Female Circumcision"* (Essay)
    - *"Thoughts of an Imprisoned Sparrow"* (Short story)
    - *"The Last Hope"* (Play)
    - *"The Production of the Egyptian Political Empire"* (Essay)

AUC Times Magazine (The American University in Cairo)

- *"Allah's Box"* (Summary of a short story), April 2015

Published Essays

In AUC Times (Student Magazine)

1. *"About the Knowledge of the Other and the Illusion of Open-mindedness"* (November 2014)
2. *"The Circle of Suppression"* (December 2014)
3. *"The Gum Theory: The Illusion of the State of Law"* (June 2015)
4. *"Your Manual to El Wasatiya El Gamila"* (October 2015)
5. *"The Inter-dependency in the Oppressive Systems"* (November 2015)
6. *"Why Do Societies Fear Sex?"* (March 2016)
7. *"About the Protection of Gender Identity to Other Identities"* (April 2016)
8. *"Why Should You Love Yourself No Matter How Far It Was Stigmatized by Society?"* (Spring 2016)
9. *"About the Bias of Questions"* (October 2016)
10. *"The Beauty of the Incomplete Tableau"* (November 2016)
11. *"Why Do We Live?"* (December 2016)

In Bi-Women Quarterly Magazine

12. *"Around the World: Yossra, Egypt"* (Fall 2015) 13. *"Few Years Later I Am Still Meaningfully Alive"* (Winter 2019)

In AUC Caravan

14. *"On Slavery and Divinity: The Human Man, the Subhuman, and the Superhuman"* (عن العبودية والألوهية: الرجل الإنسان، ودون الإنسان، وفوق الإنسان)

On Jadaliyya Website

15. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 1"* (2025)

16. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 2"* (2025)

17. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 3"* (2025)

18. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 4"* (2025)

19. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 5"* (2025)

20. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 6"* (2025)

21. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 7"* (2025)

22. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 8"* (2025)

23. *"In the Quest of a Prisoner to Freedom: Memories of Puberty, Sexual Harassment, Religion, and Sexuality 9"* (2025)

In Philosophy Now Magazine

24. *"Life Sacrifice: On the Murder of Compassion and the Act of Mass Murder"* (April 2026)

Working Papers

- *"The Fifth World Approaches to International Law: Reconstructing International Law in Favor of the Oppressed of the Oppressed"*, European University Institute (EUI) Working Paper, Cadmus Collection (2026)

Published Research Papers

- *"When Subcultures Turn into Ghettos: The Conceptual Ghettos and Oppression"*, *Horizon Sociology and Anthropology Journal*, Research Publishing Corporation (17 July 2017)

- *"The Fight of the Comedians: Comedy as the Arena of Philosophical Thought in Society"*, *Open Journal of Philosophy* (August 2019)

- *"Making Philosophical Education Popular In the Global South: Examining Bel Arabi Falsafa's Model in Egypt"*, *EDULEARN Proceedings*, 2019

- *"The Palestinian Cause in the Writing of Egyptian Christian Religious Leaders"*, *International Journal of Public Theology* (12 December 2025)

Philosophical Books

- *"The Egyptianisation Project: Egyptianizing Status Anxiety and The Consolations of Philosophy for the British philosopher Alain de Botton"* – written as part of the *Bel Arabi Falsafa* project funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation.

Research Conferences and Roundtables Presented In

1. **Eastern Michigan 6th Undergraduate Philosophy Conference** (2016): *"Towards a Non-objective Solution to the Problem of Other Minds"*

2. **Annual Excellence in Undergraduate Research, Entrepreneurship and Creative Achievement Conference (EURECA) - AUC** (2016): *"Towards a Non-objective Solution to the Problem of Other Minds"*

3. **5th World Conference on Psychology and Sociology** (2016): *"When Subcultures Turn into Ghettos: The Conceptual Ghetto and Oppression"*

4. **Annual Excellence in Undergraduate Research, Entrepreneurship and Creative Achievement Conference (EURECA) - AUC** (2017): *"When Subcultures Turn into Ghettos: The Conceptual Ghetto and Oppression"*

5. **EDULEARN19, Palma de Mallorca** (2019): *"Making Philosophical Education Popular in the Global South: Examining Bel Arabi Falsafa's Model in Egypt"*

6. **"Teaching to Islamic, Continental and Unterwegs Philosophies" - Festschrift conference in honor of Professor Steffen Stelzer, Philosophy Department, AUC** (2022): *"To Love the Questions Themselves"*

7. **PhD Roundtable with Professor Antony Anghie and colleagues - Melbourne Law School** (6 August 2025): *"Imperialism and the Story of the Making of the Intertemporal Principle in International Law"*

8. **2025 European Society of International Law (ESIL) Annual Conference**: *"The Fifth World Approaches to International Law; Reconstructing International Law in Favour of the Oppressed of the Oppressed"*

9. **South African Society for Critical Theory 7th Annual Conference - Nelson Mandela University** (20-22 November 2025): *"Psychology as a Patriarchal War on Emotionality: A Critique of Psychology through the Eyes of Marcuse and the Life of the Victimised"*

Keynote Speaker Roles

- **Third Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, The American University in Cairo** (2024): *"Who Is the Philosopher? And What Is Her Mission?"*

Sessions Chaired

- **Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference** (2022): University of Edinburgh

Academic Trainings Attended

- **Intensive Doctoral Week** (2024): Sciences Po

Lectures and Workshops Delivered

1. *"Anime and Dystopia"* Freshman Writing Course - Imaginary Worlds: Utopia and Dystopia (Three semesters: Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

2. *"Why Do We Live?"* Bel Arabi Falsafa workshop in collaboration with the Philosophy Club, AUC (13 July 2017)

3. *"How to Not Get Deceived - The Logical Fallacies in Debate"* Bel Arabi Falsafa workshop in collaboration with the Philosophy Club, AUC (22 July 2017)

4. Logic Workshop – Cairo Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (CILAS) (23-24 September 2017)

5. *"Social Constructivism and Essentialism: What Does It Mean That Everything in You Is Constructed by Society?"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Club (5 October 2017)

6. *"The Different Conceptions of God"* Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Club (18 April 2018)

7. *"Philosophical Thinking: A Day-to-Day Practice"* – TEDxGUC (24 September 2018)

8. *"How to Not Get Deceived - The Logical Fallacies in Debate"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa, Deraya University (14 October 2018)

9. *"How to Not Get Deceived - The Logical Fallacies in Debate"* – Faculty of Specific Education, Cairo University (14 November 2018)

10. *"Philosophy and Justice"* Bel Arabi Falsafa initiative in collaboration with the Philosophy Club, AUC (30 November 2018)

11. *"Ethical Questions in Volunteering"* UN World Volunteering Day event, Future University in Egypt (4 December 2018)

12. *"How Can Public Philosophy in the Arab World Contribute to the Propagation and Execution of the Arab Ethics Charter for Science and Technology?"* – Philosophy Day event, UNESCO World Regional Office (9 December 2018)

13. Ethics and Logic Workshop —Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with Mansoura University (4 March 2019)

14. *"The Frankfurt School and the Critique of Modern Society: Development as an Instrument of Oppression"* Bel Arabi Falsafa initiative in collaboration with the Philosophy Club, AUC (20 April 2019)

15. *"The Meaning and the Importance of the Teaching Assistant Role"* – Teaching Assistant Training, AUC (17 September 2019)

16. *"How to Not Get Deceived - The Logical Fallacies in Debate"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with Sohag University (9 December 2019)

17. *"How to Not Get Deceived - The Logical Fallacies in Debate"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with South Valley University (10 December 2019)

18. *"Consciousness and Artificial Intelligence"* Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with South Valley University (11 December 2019)

19. *"Salama Moussa"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Association, AUC (16 September 2022)

20. *"What Is Justice?"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Association, AUC (19 March 2023)

21. *"The Prophet by Gibran Khalil Gibran"* Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Association, AUC (25 August 2023)

22. *"Explaining Orientalism by Edward Said"* Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (24 February 2024)

23. *"Phenomenology and Cairo: Phenomenological Reflections"* AUC Cultural Fest (22 April 2024)

24. *"Recent Developments in Feminist Philosophy"* – Philosophy Department, AUC (18 September 2024)

25. *"The Philosophical Concepts in Ahl El Kahf Play"* Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (25 October 2024)

26. *"Necropolitics and Just War Theory"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (8 February 2025)

27. *"PhD Research Methodologies in Philosophy"* – Collaboration between the Philosophy Department, AUC and the Philosophy Department, Mansoura University (25 February 2025)

28. *"Liberation Theology and Jesuit Father William Sidhom's Thought"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (3 May 2025)

29. *"Ibn Rawandi"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (28 June 2025)

30. *"Political Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (19 July 2025)

31. *"Is Hell A Personal Choice? The Great Divorce for C.S. Lewis"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (4 December 2025)

32. *"Ibrāhīm ibn Sayyār ibn Hāni an-Nazzām"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (12 December 2025)

33. *"Veganism/Six Voices"* – Philosophy Department, AUC (3 and 10 May 2026)

34. *"Veganism/Six Voices"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (15 May 2026)

35. *"He Never Owned Truth; He Was Living Truth"* – Dr. Steffen Stelzer Memorial Event, Philosophy Department, AUC (17 May 2026).

36. *"Suhrawardi"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (30 July 2026)

37. *"The Response To Orientalism Book"*– Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (24 September 2026)

Events Organised

Seminars

- First Bel Arabi Falsafa Audaience Seminar (3 May 2025)

- Second Bel Arabi Falsafa Audience Seminar (16 October 2025)

Debates

- First Bel Arabi Falsafa Debate on Ethical Theory (25 June 2026)

Public Discussions

- *"Imaginations Series: On The Philosophical Dilemmas of Artificial Wombs, Animal Language Translating AI Technology and Human-Animal Chimera Research"* – Bel Arabi Falsafa in collaboration with the Philosophy Department, AUC (8 May 2026)

Work Experience

- **Adjunct Faculty of Philosophy** – The American University in Cairo (AUC), Philosophy Department (Fall 2024 - Fall 2026)

- **Lawyer** – The Arab International Law Firm (2021)

- **Teaching Assistant for Philosophical Thinking** – The American University in Cairo (AUC), Philosophy Department (Fall 2015, Spring 2019, Fall 2021)

Volunteering Activities

- **Non-Medical Volunteer** – United Service to Africa Medical Mission to Ghana (2023)

Social Media and YouTube Channels Founded & Managed

- **Hakima**: One of very few Arabic-language YouTube channels providing accessible philosophical content to a non-specialised audience (Since April 2019)
    - Channel Link: https://www.youtube.com/@01 حكيمة ف

- **Bel Arabi Falsafa Facebook Page**

Initiatives and Workshops Initiated & Organised

- **"Philosophy for the Public" Workshop**: Initiated to spread philosophy among the general public in Egypt, in collaboration with the Philosophy Club, AUC (Spring 2017)

- **Bel Arabi Falsafa (Philosophy in Arabic)**: Initiated in August 2017 in collaboration with the Philosophy Club at AUC. Actively spreads philosophy in Arabic among the public across Egypt. It has delivered public philosophy lectures for over eight years at AUC and at various regional universities across Upper and Lower Egypt (including Deraya University, Qena University, and Sohag University). It also structured a major public lecture in partnership with UNESCO at their regional office in Egypt. Attendance has consistently reached up to 350 participants per event. Secured funding from the Andrew Mellon Foundation for three years and operated for five additional years on a volunteer basis. Produced accessible Arabic translations of classical philosophical compositions and an original public philosophy work authored by Yossra Hamouda.

Other Activities & Personal Interests

- **Global Travel**: Visited 70 countries to date
- **Martial Arts**: Aikido blue belt.
- **Performing Arts**: Belly dancing