# **BAHAR FAYEGHI**

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# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### University of Edinburgh - School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures PhD candidate in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies & Undergraduate tutor

# United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Humanitarian Affairs Intern

- Reviewed UN, government and media sources and wrote periodic humanitarian and political updates
- Drafted hazard situation reports, including periodical floods updates and a flood assistance matrix
- Translated letters, news and the Law of Disaster Management
- Performed administrative tasks such as filling visa forms, updating petty cash reports and taking meeting notes

# **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

**Protection Intern** 

- Collected and translated local news and correspondence between UNHCR and BAFIA
- Designed Power Point presentations and public relations materials, such as photo reports, to support the office's communications strategy
- Gathered information and drafted briefing notes on legal, social and economic developments affecting UNHCR's protection activities
- Supported administrative tasks such as proofreading, responding to hotline calls and compiling letters

# **Kids4Peace International**

**Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant** 

- Conducted primary research through focus groups and interviews with students and staff
- Performed a landscape analysis of best practices on impact measurement in similar organizations
- Designed a system of incentives for participants to report back on their peace actions
- Provided the Executive Director with data collection tools, such as surveys and customized applications

# Panathlon Clubs of Universities (PCU)

Olympic Movement to Ethics in Sports Personal Assistant/Translator

- Assisted the President of the PCU Games Council in organizing participants and events
- Interpreted and translated speeches from Persian to English and vice versa
- Collaborated with the Embassy of Belgium in Tehran to facilitate visa issuance for students

#### **EDUCATION**

<ul> <li>American University - School of International Service</li> <li>Master of International Service: International Development</li> <li>• GPA: 3.89/4</li> </ul>	Washington, DC, United States August 2018
<ul> <li>University of Warwick - Department of Politics and International Studies</li> <li>Master of International Relations</li> <li>Thesis: Gendered dimensions of the Israeli occupation of Palestine</li> </ul>	Coventry, United Kingdom December 2016
Islamic Azad University - South Tehran Branch Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences • GPA: 3.91/4.00	Tehran, Iran April 2015

• First Class Honors: 47 distinctions

April 2012 – April 2014

Antwerp, Belgium and Tehran, Iran

May-August 2018

Edinburgh, United Kingdom

September 2020 - present

Tehran, Iran

Shiraz, Iran

May - August 2019

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Washington, DC, United States

November 2018 - February 2019

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# LANGUAGES

- Fluent: Azerbaijani, English, Farsi, Turkish
- Intermediate: Spanish
- Elementary: Arabic

# CERTIFICATIONS

- Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language (A2) Cervantes Institute
- Europe at a crossroads? Brexit, populism, and democracy London School of Economics
- Microsoft Office 2016 Essentials LinkedIn Learning
- International English Language Testing System (band 7)

# LEADERSHIP

<ul> <li>Friends of Palestine Society - University of Warwick</li> <li>Member <ul> <li>Introduced Palestinian culture to students</li> <li>Set up a film club to raise awareness about Palestinian issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Coventry, United Kingdom 2015 – 2016
<ul> <li>Iranian Political Sciences Association (IPSA) - Islamic Azad University</li> <li>Board of Directors <ul> <li>Organized debates and workshops with national political leaders</li> <li>Collaborated to facilitate access to Iranian universities for Afghan students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Tehran, Iran 2013 – 2015
<ul> <li>Student Government - Islamic Azad University</li> <li>Class Delegate <ul> <li>Campaigned to improve school facilities</li> <li>Coordinated and raised students' demands to the University Council</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Tehran, Iran 2011 – 2015
Raad Charity Volunteer • Coordinated food delivery to deprived schools across Tehran	Tehran, Iran 2010 – 2014

• Secured financial support from families in my district