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<b>EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:</b>	<b>Ph.D. City and Regional Planning, 1996</b> Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey <b>M.S. City Planning, 1990</b> Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey <b>B.S. City and Regional Planning, 1988</b> Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey
<b>LANGUAGES:</b>	<b>English:</b> (Speaking, Reading, & Writing) <b>Turkish:</b> (Speaking, Reading, & Writing) <b>Arabic:</b> Native Speaker
<b>YEARS IN THE PROFESSION:</b>	20
<b>PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION</b>	Engineers Association, Jerusalem Center
<b>PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS</b>	<b>Member,</b> International Society of City and Regional Planners (IsoCaRP).

**KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

Dr. Abdelhamid, the director of the Center for Urban and Regional Planning, is a recognized authority in urban and regional planning and institutional arrangements in Palestine. Dr. Abdelhamid is an expert in urbanization and growth of Palestinian cities, planning, and development of Palestinian cities and towns, and urban planning and cultural heritage, city development strategies, strategic planning. He directed the development of Master Plans for numerous Municipalities in the West Bank. He has excellent managerial capabilities. He also served as Project Consultant for a number of distinguished projects such as preparation of physical development master plans of various Palestinian cities, consultant for the Ministry of Planning, city development strategies for selected Palestinian cities as well as the development strategy of Jenin Governorate, participated in various training activities of public awareness in physical planning, preparation techniques and procedures of master plans. In addition, he supervised more than 50 master theses in the different subjects of planning (e.g. land use planning, rural planning, regional planning, rehabilitation of refugee camps, local government development, urban governance, provision and distribution of municipal services, and applications of GIS in urban planning).

<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:</b>	
<b>June 2009-present</b>	<b>Member, Working Team on the Preparation of Physical Planning Manual in Palestine).</b> A project donated by World Bank and coordinated by Municipal Development & Lending Fund (MDLF) and Ministry of Local Government (MOLG).
<b>February 2009-May 2009</b>	<b>Member, Working Team on the Preparation of City Development Strategy (CDS) for Qabalan Town (Nablus Governorate).</b> A project donated and coordinated by GTZ.  Preparing the City Development Strategy (CDS) for Qabalan Town through various stages with the participation of the municipality and the local stakeholders (NGOs, Civil Society and Private Sector). The CDS includes: a vision concerning the future development of the city, number of strategies to achieve this vision, a list of prior projects, and an action plan for implementation.
<b>February 2008-November 2008</b>	<b>Coordinator of Steering Committee &amp; Chairman of Scientific Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on "Urban Planning in Palestine".</b>  A Conference organized by Engineers Association/Jerusalem Center and An-Najah National University/ Center for Urban & Regional Planning, held during 21-23 October, An-Najah National University New Campus, Nablus.
<b>November 2007-July 2008</b>	<b>Member, Working Team on the Preparation of Revitalization and Rehabilitation Plan for the Old Town of Nablus City.</b>  A project coordinated by Welfare Association/Jerusalem and funded by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development/ Kuwait.
<b>November 2007-July 2008</b>	<b>Member, Working Team on the Preparation of Strategic Development Plan) for Jenin District.</b>  A project coordinated by UNDP with the participation of the Ministry of Planning and Ministry of Local Government.
<b>December 2005-January 2007</b>	<b>Member, Working Team on the Preparation of Cities Development Strategies (CDS) for Ramallah, Al-Bireh and Beitunia.</b> A project donated and coordinated by GTZ, Prepared and Implemented by An-Najah University & the Universal Group  Preparing the Cities Development Strategies (CDS) for the three cities through various stages with the participation of the three municipalities and the local stakeholders (NGOs, Civil Society and Private Sector). The CDS includes: a vision concerning the future development of three cities, number of strategies to achieve this vision, a list of prior projects, and an action plan for implementation.
<b>July 2006-January 2007</b>	<b>Member, Working Team on the Preparation of City Development Strategy (CDS) for Salfet City.</b> A project donated and coordinated by GTZ, Prepared and Implemented by An-Najah University.

	<p>Preparing the City Development Strategy (CDS) for Salfeet City through various stages with the participation of the municipality and the local stakeholders (NGOø, Civil Society and Private Sector). The CDS includes: a vision concerning the future development of the city, number of strategies to achieve this vision, a list of prior projects, and an action plan for implementation.</p>
<p><b>August 2005- Present</b></p>	<p><b>Member, National Committee for the Development and Revitalization of Tourism Sector in Nablus Governorate, Nablus Governorate, Nablus, Palestine.</b></p> <p>Studying and analyzing the possibilities of developing the tourism sector in Nablus Region in terms of various projects, and linking this sector with the development master plans of the different cities and towns in the region.</p>
<p><b>May 2005- September 2005</b></p>	<p><b>Member, Committee for the study of the Future Vision for the Local Government in the Palestinian Territories, Ministry of Local Government (MOLG), Al-Bireh, Palestine.</b></p> <p>The committee is assigned by the Council of Ministers, coordinated by MOLG (Deputy Minister) and composed of members representing the Ministry of Planning (Deputy Minister), Ministry of Finance, Municipalities (Mayors of Al-Bireh and Beit Jala Municipalities), Universities (An-Najah and Birzeit). This committee is searching the possibilities of developing a future vision for the local government in Palestine through enhancing the decentralization of local authorities, merging of local councils, and encouraging the establishment of metropolitan areas or greater cities in various locations similar to the case of Ramallah, Al-Bireh &amp; Beitunia Metropolitan Area.</p>
<p><b>December 2004- May 2006</b></p>	<p><b>Member, Steering Committee for Ramallah, Al-Bireh and Beitunia Metroplitan Area (RABMA) Planning Project, Ministry of Local Government, Al-Bireh, Palestine.</b></p> <p>The committee is coordinating and following up the preparation and development of the plan for RABMA, which will provide a new vision for the area (the three cities and other six villages around) in terms of socio-economic structure, land uses, transportation network, environmental aspects, infrastructure, and cultural &amp; natural heritage.</p>
<p><b>July 2004- January 2006</b></p>	<p><b>Team Leader of the National Team working on the Preparation of the Regional Urban Sector Profile Study (RUSPS) in Palestine, UNHABITAT Special Program for the Palestinian People, Nairobi, Kenya.</b></p> <p>Coordinating and participating in the preparation of the RUSPS. The general purpose of the (RUSPS) is to contribute to urban poverty reduction policy development at local, national and regional levels in the African and Arab States regions. This was undertaken through an assessment of needs and response mechanisms as a contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). For the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT), this study is being undertaken both at the city (local urban) and national levels by a national working team consisted of 6 experts in the related fields (urban development and planning, local governance, gender participation, and urban environment).</p>

<p><b>November 1998- Present</b></p>	<p><b>Director of Center of Urban and Regional Planning (CURP), An-Najah National University, Nablus, West Bank, Palestine</b></p> <p>Managing the center in conducting development projects, researches and studies in the fields of urban and regional planning, strategic development planning, &amp; urban regeneration and conservation.</p> <p><b>Sample projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of physical development master plans for various Palestinian cities and towns (Tulkarm, Jenin, Qabalan, Aqraba, Beita, Asira Shamaliya, etc.).</li> <li>• Preparation of the Basic GIS Map of Telecommunication Network in Nablus, Tubas and Salfeet Districts.</li> <li>• Euromed Cultural Heritage II Project under the supervision of UNIMED.</li> <li>• Preparation of the City Development Strategies (CDS) for Ramallah, Al-Bireh and Beitunia, and Salfeet Cities under the supervision of GTZ.</li> <li>• Preparation of the Strategic Development Plan of Jenin Governorate, under the supervision of UNDP and the Ministry of Local Government and Ministry of Planning.</li> </ul>
<p><b>September 1996 - Present</b></p>	<p><b>Assistant Professor – Urban and Regional Planning An-Najah National University – Dept. of Architecture, Nablus, Palestine.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in urban planning, landscape architecture, planning theory, urban public policy, land use planning, urban morphology, neighborhood unit planning, tourism planning, sustainable development planning</li> <li>• Supervising and participating as defense committee member in several master these in the areas of physical/spatial planning, regional development and planning, metropolitan areas planning, land use distribution and planning, rehabilitation of refugee camps, local government development, urban governance, provision and distribution of municipal services, and applications of GIS in urban planning.</li> </ul>
<p><b>July 1996- December 1996</b></p>	<p><b>Part-Time Consultant, Institutional Building and Physical Planning Project, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Palestine.</b></p> <p>Participating in the preparation of the Regional Plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip Governorates by undertaking a study on the Population Analysis for National and Regional Planning Purposes.</p>
<p><b>March 1989 - July 1994</b></p>	<p><b>Research Assistant Dept. of City and Regional planning, Middle East Technical Unvers (METU), Ankara, Turkey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in the study and preparation of development master plans for various cities and towns in Turkey (Ankara, Izmir, Bursa, Afyon, Iznik).</li> <li>• Participating and assisting in teaching undergraduate courses in urban planning, application of statistical methods in planning, demographic aspects of planning, development and planning of Middle Eastern Cities, computer applications in planning, planning studio.</li> </ul>

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<b>June 2009-present</b>	<b>Member, Working Team on the Preparation of Physical Planning Manual in Palestine.</b>
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<b>December 2004-May 2006</b>	<b>Member, Steering Committee for Ramallah, Al-Bireh and Beitunia Metropolitan Area (RABMA) Planning Project, Ministry of Local Government, Al-Bireh, Palestine.</b>
<b>July 2004-January 2006</b>	<b>Team Leader of the National Team working on the Preparation of the Regional Urban Sector Profile Study (RUSPS) in Palestine, UNHABITAT Special Program for the Palestinian People, Nairobi, Kenya.</b>
<b>November 1998-Present</b>	<b>Director of Center of Urban and Regional Planning (CURP), An-Najah National University, Nablus, West Bank, Palestine</b>
<b>September 1996 - Present</b>	<b>Assistant Professor – Urban and Regional Planning An-Najah National University – Dept. of Architecture, Nablus, Palestine.</b>
<b>July 1996-December 1996</b>	<b>Part-Time Consultant, Institutional Building and Physical Planning Project, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Palestine.</b>
<b>March 1989 - July 1994</b>	<b>Research Assistant Dept. of City and Regional planning, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey.</b>

<b>PUBLICATION AND RESEARCH</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Physical Planning and Spatial Management in the Palestinian Territories</b>, Siyasat, Summer 2009, No. 9, pp 120-145.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Urban Development and Planning in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Impacts on Urban Form</b>, a Paper presented in the Conference on Nordic and International Urban</li> </ul>	

Morphology: Distinctive and Common Themes, Organized by the International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF), 3-5 September 2006, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden.

- **Applications of GIS in Physical Planning in Palestine: Potentials, Constraints, and Fundamentals**, a Paper presented in the Symposium on Knowledge Cities, Organized by Arab Urban Development Institute, 28-30 November 2005, Madina, Saudi Arabia.

- **Physical Planning in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Existing Challenges and Future Prospects**, a Paper presented in the 2nd Engineering Work in Palestine, Organized by the Engineering Association-Jerusalem Center, 19-22 September 2005, Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestine.

- **Management of Physical Planning in the Occupied Palestinian Territories**, a Paper presented in the 2nd Arab Forum on Management of Large Cities, Organized by the Arab Administrative Development Organization, 22-26 May 2005, Alexandria, Egypt.

- **Sustainable Land Use Planning in Palestine**, a Paper presented in the Workshop of Sustainable Land Use in Palestine, Organized by the Center of Palestinian Research and Studies, Nablus, 25 October 2001.

- **Planning in Palestine: Past, Present and Future**, A Paper presented in the Palestinian Engineer's Week, Held at An-Najah National University, Nablus, 27-30 August 1998.

- **Population Analysis for National and Regional Planning Purposes**, a Study prepared for the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Physical Planning and Institutional Building Project, September 1996.

#### **SUPERVISION OF MASTER THESIS**

- **Agricultural Planning as a Base for Regional Planning in Nablus District**, by Shaker Joudeh, defended May 2000.

- **Possibilities for Future Development and Planning in Jericho District**, by Hani Al-Nojum, Joint Supervision, May 2000.

- **Urban Development Trends of Asira Shamaliya Town in terms of the Regional Relation with the Surrounding Settlements**, by Ziad Jawabrah, d April 2001.

- **Regional Planning Strategies in Salfet District**, by Nasra Uzrail, Joint Supervision, June 2001.

- **Urban Development Trends of the Eastern District of Nablus Region**, by Faraj Hejab, Joint Supervision, July 2001.

- **Development and Planning of Land Use Patterns in Jenin City**, by Kawther Abu Hijear, Joint Supervision, defended September 2001.

- **Urban Development Trends of Local Centers in the Northern Part of the West Bank- Case Study of Azzon Town (Qalqilya Region)**, by Mohammed Rashid Khaled, October 2002.

- **Land Use Patterns in Tulkarem City and the Resulted Environmental Impacts**, by Naser Mufleh, defended May 2003.

- **Strategies of Future Urban Development in Al-Ezariya and Abu Deis Towns**, by Mohammed Al-Khatib, December 2003.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Study and Evaluation of Development Plans and Land Use Patterns in Dura Town (Hebron Governorate)</b>, by Saleh Abu Hassan, Joint Supervision, December 2003.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Study and Evaluation of Land Use Patterns in Jericho City</b>, by Mohammed Njoom, defended December 2003.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Regional Planning Trends in the District Located South-East of Nablus Governorate and the Proposal of Establishing a Joint Service Center</b>, by Riyad Abu Shihab, Joint Supervision, January 2004.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Physical Development Trends of Qabatiya Town in the Light of Spatial Relations with the Surrounded Settlements</b>, by Mustafa Jarrar, Joint Supervision, August 2004.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Existing Situation and Physical Development Trends of Sietat Al-Harhiya (Jenin Governorate): An-analytical Study</b>, by Hasan Yaseen, August 2004.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tools of Enhancing Public Awareness and Participation in Urban Planning in the West Bank</b>, by Manal Qarariyah, Joint Supervision, December 2004.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Directions of Urban Growth in Dura Region in the Light of Regional Relation with the Neighbouring Settlements</b>, by Mohammed Fuad Dodeen, Joint Supervision, December 2004.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trends of Physical Development in Western Suburbs of Nablus City and the Spatial Relationships</b>, by Ali Khalil, Joint Supervision, April 2005.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trends of Regional Planning and Physical Development of the Villages in the South West of Nablus Governorate</b>, by Taha Abdulhadi, August 2005.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning for the Development of Al-Sha`arawieh Region in Northern Part of Tulkarem Governorate</b>, by Mutasem Anani, April 2006.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current Situation and Strategies for the Development of Local Administration in the Palestinian Territories</b>, by Sana' Haseeba, December 2006.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Accessibility Measures to Public Services in the Palestinian Cities: the Case of Nablus City</b>, by Ghorood Awadeh, Joint Supervision, July 2007.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trends in Development Planning of Nablus City in the light of the Proposed Strategy for the City Development</b>, by Ibrahim Hammouz, March 2008.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trends of Sustainable Development for Local Communities in Tubas Region</b>, by Ghalib Al-Salem, Joint Supervision, March 2008.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Participation and its Role in the Development of the Local Community: Case Study of Neighborhood Committees in the City of Nablus</b>, by Manal Kaddoumi, Joint Supervision, October 2008.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Analysis and evaluation of the distribution of health, educational, cultural and recreational services in Nablus Governorate</b>, by Awni Mashaqi, October 2008.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spatial Planning of Health Services in Tulkarem City and its Suburbs using the GIS</b>, by Salim Staiti, Joint supervision, June 2009.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development and Improvement of Visual and Aesthetic Elements in the Central District of Tulkarem City</b>, by Abdel Fattah Al-Qum, Joint supervision, June 2009.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development Strategy of Local Authorities in Jericho and Jordan Rift Valley</b>, by Rashed Abdel Azziz, Joint supervision, August 2009.</li> </ul>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Strategies for Integrated Rural Development in the Palestinian Territories-Case Study of Sha'rawiya Area "Tulkarem Governorate"</b>, by Manal Qashou, Joint supervision, August 2009.</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Urban Public Spaces in the City of Nablus and their Development Physically and Visually</b>, by Firas Dweikat, Joint supervision, September 2009.</li></ul>                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Distribution and Planning of Touristic Services and Facilities in Jericho City</b>, by Jamal Abdel Haq, November 2009.</li></ul>  |

<b>PROFICIENCY IN COMPUTER</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences).</li></ul>            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AutoCAD.</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GIS and related Software (Arc View, AutoCAD Map, Arc GIS).</li></ul> |