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EDUCATION

- *The Geneva Graduate Institute*, Switzerland, **Ph.D. in International Relations/Political Science**, current.
Dissertation: *Boundaries of Contention: Gender Mechanisms of Rural Discontent in Postrevolutionary Tunisia*. Supervisors: Dr. Elisabeth Prügl & Dr. Christiana Parreira.
- *Hertie School of Governance*, Germany, **Master of Public Policy**, *cum laude*. 2022.
Thesis: *Organized Labor v. Foreign Debt: Syndical Engagement with Structural Conditionality in Postrevolutionary Tunisia*. Grade (89/100).
- *American University of Paris*, France, **B.A. in Gender, Sexuality, and Society** (*summa cum laude*, Honors) and **Psychology** (*summa cum laude*), 2019.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, **Tunisian Observatory for Food Sovereignty & the Environment** (09/21-01/22)
Supervisor: Dr. Raymond Bush
Conducted a large-scale literature review of over 100 studies in English, French, and Arabic on climate change, food security, and land use in North Africa and translated relevant excerpts to English.
Mapped climate change policies in North Africa and analyzed agrarian modernization efforts in response to climate change concerns, outlining funding sources, benefactors, and possible ramifications on rural livelihoods.
- Research Assistant, **Afrika Tikkun & Harvard Law School Project on Disability** (06/18-10/18)
Supervisor: Dr. Jean Elphick
Contributed to the Sexual Violence against Young Girls in Schools in South Africa Project by researching, capturing, and analyzing data concerning school safety and child protection policies in South Africa.
Co-authored a conference paper exploring the safety priorities of 84 school-safety youth ambassadors from Diepsloot high schools using the ‘Courage Child Protection toolkit’.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- *Ph.D. Affiliate*, current, **Gender Center**, the Geneva Graduate Institute.
- *Research Fellow* (09/23 – 05/24), **Carnegie Corporation of New York**. two-year fellowship contributing to “the Maghrib from the Peripheries: Property, Natural Resources, and Social Actors in North Africa” project housed at the Center for Maghreb Studies in Tunis and its counterpart in Oran.
- *Associate Editor*, **Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy**, Research Bulletin.
- *Member*, current, **American Institute for Maghreb Studies**.
- *Member*, current, **Swiss Association for Gender Studies**.
- *Member*, current, **Swiss Association for Political Science**.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

CURRICULUM VITAE

- D. Djerbi (2023). Organized Labor v. Foreign Debt: Reflections on the UGTT's Stance on IMF Loans in Post-Uprising Tunisia. *Review of African Political Economy*.50(176) <https://doi.org/10.1080/03056244.2023.2251790>.
- **D. Djerbi**, H. Smida-Guesmi, A. Amayad (*Revise & Resubmit*). Agrarian Distress and Resistance: A Social Reproduction Reading of Three Tunisian Rural Peripheries. *Journal of Peasant Studies*.
- D. Djerbi (*Forthcoming* 2024). "Tunisia's *Amilat*: Agrarian Crises and the Feminization of Casual Agricultural Work" In *Gender and Agrarian Transitions*. Eds. Dzodzi Tsikata, Paris Yeros, Archana Prasad.
- D. Djerbi (2022, Apr.). *Syndical and State Engagement with Tunisia's Amilat: A Collection of Reflections*. Agrarian South Research Bulletin, 1(8), 1–5.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- D. Djerbi (2021, Sept.) Tunisia's Women Farmworkers: A Departure from a Victimization Discourse. *African Legal Studies Blog*. Online.
- D. Djerbi (2021, Apr). Women Agricultural Workers in Tunisia are Dying on the Road. *The Governance Post*. Online.
- D. Djerbi (2018, May.). "Feminist as Tourist": The Feminization of Global Poverty and "Girl Power" Capitalism. *Hibou Magazine*. 1(1).

PRESS/BLOGS

- Djerbi, Dhouha. 2023. Women Working the Land: In Conversation with Dhouha Djerbi. Interview by Fadil Aliriza. <https://meshkal.org/women-working-the-land-tunisia/>.

CONFERENCES

- D. Djerbi (Sept. 2023) *Feminist Political Geographies of a Revolutionary Aftermath: The Social Reproductive Roots of Agrarian Contention in Post-2010 Tunisia*. The 16th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, European International Studies Association, Potsdam, Germany.
- D. Djerbi (Sept. 2023) Contested Labor(s): Social Reproduction as an Arena of Contestation. Swiss Association for Gender Studies, Gender(ed) Labor Conference, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- **D. Djerbi**, H. Smida-Guesmi, A. Amayad (2023) *Agrarian Distress and Resistance: A Social Reproduction Reading of Three Tunisian Rural Peripheries*. Paper discussed at Popular Movements Today Conference held by the Agrarian South: journal of political economy, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- D. Djerbi (2022, Oct.) *From Feminised Rural Poverty to Feminist Rural Solidarity: Mapping Fallabat Resistance in Tunisia's Agrarian Peripheries*. Paper discussed at the Decoloniality and Politics of the Urban Workshop. Geneva Graduate Institute; the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh; Reversing the Gaze Project, Universities of Basel, Edinburgh, and Zurich.
- D. Djerbi (2022, Jan.) *Gender Dynamics of Agrarian Change: A Case Study of Tunisia's Amilat*. Paper presented at the Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy Summer School Conference, virtual.
- D. Djerbi. (2020, Oct.; 2021, Apr; 2021, Nov) *The Political Economy of Aid in Africa*. Presentations given online to undergraduate students at Ashesi University, Berekuso, Ghana, virtual. Invited by Dr. Jonas Ecke.
- D. Djerbi. (2019, Nov.) *"Good immigrant, Bad immigrant": Identifying and deconstructing assimilation and civilization(al) Discourses*. Presentation given at the International Sudan Conference: Connecting the Struggles, Berlin, Germany.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Field Research Grant (2023)
Two months of field research in Tunisia funded by the *Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain*
- *Mylonas* Scholarship (2022-2023)
Doctoral studies funding
- New Perspectives Scholarship (2019 – 2022)
Full scholarship to attend the Hertie School of Governance

CURRICULUM VITAE

- Propeller of Change Award (2019)
Voted as *Propellor of Change* by the student body for successfully campaigning to increase student workers' hourly wage at the American University of Paris
- *Grootbeart* Scholarship (2015 – 2019)
Merit-based scholarship to attend the American University of Paris
- Global Citizen Scholarship (2015 – 2019)
Merit-based scholarship to attend the American University of Paris
- Provost's List for Academic Excellence (2015– 2019)
Awarded four years in a row for achieving a 3.8 GPA or higher at the American University of Paris
- West Sound Academy Academic Excellence Scholarship (2014– 2015)
Full scholarship to attend West Sound Academy and earn a U.S. high school diploma
- Kennedy Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Scholarship (2013– 2014)
US Department of State fully-funded academic exchange year in the United States.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND SUMMER COURSES

- **Feminist Economics Summer School** (2023): themed around Social Reproduction and Care, hosted in Johannesburg by the Institute for Economic Justice.
- **Advanced Certificate in Research in Political Economy** (Completed May 2023): eight-month online program training postgrads in political economy research.
- **Critical Agrarian Studies Writeshop** (2022): hosted in South Africa by the Journal for Peasant Studies and the Institute for Poverty, Land, and Agrarian Studies.
- **Observatory for Food Sovereignty and the Environment (OSAE) Summer School** (2022): Explores climate change, food security, and crises in Tunisia and Maghreb through immersive field visits to various agricultural sites in the Tunisian South.
- **Data Science Summer School** (2021): Month-long virtual workshops on data science methods by CIVICA.
- **Feminist Political Economy Summer School** (2021): Co-organized by Dr. Alessandra Mezzadri and Dr. Sara Stevano and hosted at the European Central University.
- **Anti-Corruption in the 2030 Agenda** (2020): UN training on anti-corruption within SDG context.
- **Paris 19th Century Archival Research Course** (2016): Semester-long joint historical training by Sorbonne and the American U. of Paris.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Gender Advisor, German Cooperation (GIZ) Delegation to the African Union, Ethiopia (09/20 – 07/21)

- Liaised between the African Union (AU) Commissioner on Infrastructure and Energy's office and the German Cooperation delegation's portfolio on the Programme for Infrastructure in Africa (PIDA) on gender mainstreaming.
- Supported the implementation of gender-responsive policies at all stages of PIDA by coordinating with AU Member States and other PIDA stakeholders in applying gender-mainstreaming guidelines, including in PIDA's Job Creation Toolkit.

Archival Assistant & Copy-editor, Université Paris VIII, France, (04/19-07/22)

- Counseled authors on refining their academic texts on political theory, post-colonial theory, and feminist theory through content critique and proofreading.
- Working primarily at the French National Archives (Pierrefitte-Sur-Seine), digitalized historical documents and maintained them in an organized and easily accessible manner for academic research purposes.

Communications Intern, The Water Integrity Network, Germany, (10/19-06/21)

- Refined dense research reports in English and French to develop policy briefs tackling issues of water and sanitation corruption and water inaccessibility.
- Engineered a virtual library of relevant research on the effects of poor water and sanitation governance on women and girls, focusing on South Asia and West Africa.

LANGUAGES

- **Tunisian Darija:** Native Language
- **Modern Standard Arabic:** Fluent
- **English:** Fluent
 - TOEFL 2021 score: 116/120
- **French:** Advanced
- **Spanish:** Intermediate Listener and Writer, Intermediate Speaker, Advanced Reader
- **German:** Intermediate Listener, Intermediate Speaker, Novice Reader, and Writer
 - A.1.1 Certification from the Goethe Institute, Addis Ababa.
- **Amharic:** Beginner

REFERENCES

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