

Ziad Alahmad

Personal information:

- ❖ **Birth Year:** 1988
- ❖ **Nationality:** Syrian
- ❖ **Address:** Tokyo/Japan

Education:

- ❖ Ph.D. Candidate: Language and Culture Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies – Japan (2021 – 2024). Research title: “Unveiling the Complexities of Syrian Forced Migrants and Turkish Community’s Integration Using a Factorial Approach.” The dissertation has been submitted and the final defense will take place in the last week of July 2024.
- ❖ Non-degree Research student: Peace and Conflict Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies – Tokyo (2020 – 2021).
- ❖ MA of Urban Studies: Gaziantep University – Turkey (2018 – 2020). Research Title: Syrian Immigrants as Urban Entrepreneurs: Small Business Ownership and the Sense of Place in Gaziantep .”
- ❖ MA of Japanese Studies: Aleppo University – Syria (2013 – 2015). Research Title: “Social and Economic Development in Japan Post War.”
- ❖ BA of Economics: Tishreen University – Syria (2008-2013).

Fellowships and Scholarships:

- ❖ Research Fellowship, FFVT Program, Osnabrück University, Germany, Feb-March 2024.
- ❖ Graduate Scholarship, Japanese Government Scholarship MEXT (Monbukagakusho), Japan, Oct 2020-Sept 2024.
- ❖ Graduate Scholarship, Turkish Government Scholarship (Türkiye Bursları), Turkey, Sep-Dec 2016.

Awards:

- ❖ Best paper presentation, The Migration Conference, Hamburg, 23 – 26 August 2023
- ❖ Outstanding academic performance award, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 2023.

Publications:

- ❖ Quest for Citizenship: Examining the Interplay Between Legal Status and (Im)mobility Aspirations of Syrians in Turkey, *Border Crossing*, 14 (1), 45 – 58, 2024. (Co-authored with Mehmet Çiçekli). (Peer Reviewed).

- ❖ No More “Refugees.” Re-defining the Humans on the Move from a Humanistic Perspective, (2024), in O. Lytovka (Ed.), *Navigating Borders: Perspectives on Migration and Identity*, (7-21), Interdisciplinary Discourses. (Peer Reviewed).
- ❖ Simple Comparison Report of “Opinion Survey for Syrian and Turkish Communities in Turkey”, (2022), Contemporary Middle East Political Studies in Japan (CMEPS-J) Report No. 63.
- ❖ Simple Tally Report of “Opinion Survey for Syrian and Turkish Communities in Turkey”, (2022), Contemporary Middle East Political Studies in Japan (CMEPS-J) Report No. 61.
- ❖ Turkey’s Temporary Protection: Syrians’ Perspective, (2023), *Language, Area and Culture Studies*, 29 (1), 139 – 154. (Peer Reviewed).
- ❖ Investigating the Religion-Based Solidarity Shown by the Turkish Community to the Syrian Forced Immigrants During the COVID-19 Pandemic, (2022), *MSGSU Social Science*, 2 (26), 409-420. (Peer Reviewed).
- ❖ The Significance of the Pull Factors in Immigrants’ Entrepreneurship and Self-employment: The Case of Syrian Immigrants in Gaziantep, (2021), *International Review of Migration and Refugee Studies*, 2 (1), 1 – 18. (Peer Reviewed).

Academic presentations:

- ❖ Positionality and self-reflexivity: Insights from research on Syrian displacement, (2024), Osnabrück University, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS). Osnabrück, Germany.
- ❖ Levelling up the Discussion on Forced Migrants’ Integration: Findings from Quantitative Research on Turkey, (2024), Osnabrück University, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS). Osnabrück, Germany.
- ❖ Forced Migration - Multiculturalism Nexus in Religiously Fragmented Countries: Exploring the Case of Lebanon Through an Opinion Survey, (2023), 13th Annual Symposium of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies, Tokyo.
- ❖ A Tale of Two Regions: Perceptions Towards Syrian Forced Migrants in Lebanon through a Religious Lens, (2023), The Migration Conference, Hamburg.
- ❖ Religion-Based Social Solidarity and Forced Immigrants’ Recovery During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Syrians in Turkey, (2022), 12th Annual Symposium of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies, Seoul.
- ❖ The Efficiency of the Temporary Solution: Syrians’ Opinion Regarding Turkey’s Temporary Protection System, (2022). The 38th Annual Conference of Japan Association for Middle East Studies, Tokyo.

Teaching and Research Experience:

- ❖ Visiting Researcher, Osnabrück University, Germany, from February 2024 to April 2024.
- ❖ Lecturer, Bunkyo Gakuin University, Japan, from April 2022 – Present.
- ❖ Teaching Assistant, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, from April 2022 – Present.

Academic Projects:

- ❖ Co-investigator, MEXT Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A) “Connectivity and Trust Building in Islamic Civilization (Islamic Trust Studies), (B02): Trust Building Through Thought and Strategy”, 2021-2024.
- ❖ Co-investigator (Arabic language items creator), Scientific research fund Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A) “Development and Implementation of the CEFR-J-Based Multilingual Education Platform”, 2022.
- ❖ Collaborator (Field Supervisor), QUDRA-2, “Gaziantep Odakli Sosyal Uyum Arařtirmasi - Gaziantep Monitörü - Cohesion, Gaziantep Monitor”, 2022.

Academic Associations and Research Communities:

- ❖ Japan Association of Middle East Studies, from 2020 – present.
- ❖ Contemporary Middle East Political Studies in Japan, from 2020 – present.

Other Experiences:

- ❖ Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Manager, Children of One World (NGO), Turkey May 2020 – January 2021.
- ❖ Senior Program Officer, AAR Japan (INGO), Turkey from September 2018 – April 2020.
- ❖ Elected Chair of Provincial (Gaziantep) Case Management Group at UNHCR (inter-agency coordination unit), Turkey from January 2019 – November 2019.
- ❖ Program Officer, AAR Japan (INGO), Turkey from April 2016 – September 2018.
- ❖ Social Development Coordinator, Sankari Foundation for Humanitarian Works NGO, Turkey from December 2015 to April 2016.
- ❖ Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant (Effect Documentation Team), Mobaderoon Network NGO, Syria and Lebanon from October 2014 to December 2015.

Languages skills:

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| ❖ Arabic: Mother tongue | ❖ English: Advanced | ❖ Turkish: Advanced |
| ❖ Japanese: Intermediate | ❖ Hebrew: Beginner | ❖ Spanish: Beginner |

Computer skills:

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| ❖ Microsoft applications | ❖ Adobe (Photoshop, Premiere) |
| ❖ Kobocollect | ❖ ArcGis |
| ❖ SPSS Statistics | ❖ Basics of R |
| ❖ Power BI | |

All related documents and a list of references are ready to be presented upon your request.