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Professor of Arabic Philology and Lexicology · Thirty years in university teaching, lexicographic research and academic leadership, and in building Arabic digital content and running the platforms that publish it.

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Profile

Professor of Arabic philology and lexicology at Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University in Riyadh, where he rose from teaching assistant to full professor, served as Vice Dean of the College of Arabic Language for Graduate Studies and Research, and chaired the Department of Grammar, Morphology and Philology. Author of three books and fourteen research papers in refereed journals, international conference proceedings and edited volumes, on Arabic lexicography, the Orientalists' contribution to it, and Arabic geolinguistics. Winner of the Ibn Battuta Prize for Geographical Literature from the Arab Centre for Geographical Literature in Abu Dhabi.

Alongside his academic work, he has practical experience in computational lexicography and Arabic digital content: consultant to King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST); co-researcher on the national "Arabic Dictionary for Students" built by KACST with the Ministry of Education; and co-builder of the "Arabic Sounds Database" for speech-recognition software. He founded two Arabic online platforms, one of them a winner of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States award, and led their complete rebuilding and relaunch in 2026.

He has taught Arabic internationally in Indonesia and the United States, taken part in scholarly events in nine countries, and supervised or examined twenty-two master's and doctoral theses at seven Saudi universities.

Key Achievements

- **Ibn Battuta Prize for Geographical Literature** (2008–2009), Arab Centre for Geographical Literature, Abu Dhabi; the Centre republished the winning book.

- **Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States Award** for the website “Voice of Arabic” (award cycles 1432–1433 AH), presented in Sharjah on World Arabic Language Day 2013.
- **Chair of the Scientific Committee** of the conference “Arabic in International Organizations”, King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language, Riyadh 2022.
- **Distinguished paper award** for “The Lexicon of Arab Travellers as a Source of Arabic: al-Muqaddasi as a Model”, 6th International Conference on the Arabic Language, Dubai 2017.
- **Co-author of the “Arabic Dictionary for Students”** — a national project of KACST and the Ministry of Education, published and launched with an award ceremony for its research team.
- **Relaunch of the “Voice of Arabic” and “EventSheets” platforms** after rebuilding both in full, 2026.

Professional Experience

Head, Department of Grammar, Morphology and Philology

College of Arabic Language, Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University · May 2015 – May 2017

Led one of the college's largest language departments: curricula, faculty, and graduate studies.

Chair, Scientific Committee — “Arabic in International Organizations”

King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language, Riyadh · December 2022

Chaired the peer review of submissions and set the academic programme of an international conference held by the Academy.

Vice Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, College of Arabic Language

Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University · November 2002 – October 2004

Oversaw the college's master's and doctoral programmes and its research activity.

- Presented a paper on registering thesis topics — current practice and a proposal — at the Deanship of Graduate Studies symposium.

Teaching in the United States

Institute of Islamic and Arabic Sciences in America, Fairfax, Virginia · 1993 – 1995

Two academic years teaching Arabic to non-native speakers at an institute of Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University in the United States.

Teaching in Indonesia

Institute of Islamic and Arabic Sciences (LIPIA), Jakarta · 1987 – 1990

Two academic years teaching Arabic to non-native speakers at an institute of Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University in Indonesia.

Academic Appointments

Rank	Date	Institution
Professor	March 2013	College of Arabic Language, Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University
Associate Professor	January 2007	College of Arabic Language, Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University
Assistant Professor	September 2000	College of Arabic Language, Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University
Lecturer	June 1992	College of Arabic Language, Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University
Teaching Assistant	February 1984	College of Arabic Language, Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University

Education

Degree	Year	Field	Thesis
PhD	2000	Arabic Philology	The Orientalists' Arabic Works in Arabic Lexicography: Study and Evaluation. Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University; published by the University in its doctoral dissertation series, 2012
MA	1992	Arabic Philology	Mukhtasar al-'Ayn by Abu Bakr al-Zubaydi (the letters 'ayn, ha', ha', kha', ghayn, qaf): critical edition and study. Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University

Awards and Honours

Award or honour	Awarding body	Year
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Ibn Battuta Prize for Geographical Literature, for the book "Ibn Battuta's Linguistic and Geographical Contribution: Terms for Food and Drink"	Arab Centre for Geographical Literature — Abu Dhabi	2008–2009
Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States Award, for the website "Voice of Arabic"	Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States — Sharjah	2013
Distinguished paper award for "The Lexicon of Arab Travellers"	6th International Conference on the Arabic Language — Dubai	2017
Honoured by the University Rector, with shields from the College of Arabic Language and the Saudi Scientific Society for Arabic Language	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University	2009

Consultancy and Research Projects

Co-researcher — "Arabic Dictionary for Students"

King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, with the Ministry of Education

A dictionary for primary-school pupils in Saudi Arabia, issued in a trial edition and launched at a ceremony honouring the research team.

Co-researcher — "Arabic Sounds Database (Jumal)"

KACST, Computer and Electronics Research Institute · 2004

An Arabic corpus of 1,835 words in 367 sentences containing every Arabic sound and every consonant cluster its phonology allows, for speech-recognition and speech-synthesis software. With Mansour Alghamdi and Munir Aldosouki.

Part-time Consultant

King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology · one year, from 2002

Linguistic and lexicographic advice on KACST projects involving Arabic and technology.

Digital Platforms

Founder and Product Owner — Voice of Arabic

voiceofarabic.net · a platform serving the Arabic language · rebuilt and relaunched 2026

A library, articles and language services for researchers and learners of Arabic. Winner of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States Award (cycles 1432 and 1433 AH), presented in Sharjah on World Arabic Language Day 2013.

Founder and Product Owner — EventSheets

eventsheets.com · a platform for publishing and managing academic events · rebuilt and relaunched 2026

Publishing and managing academic events in Arabic and English: registration, committees, sessions, peer review, and verifiable participation certificates.

- Leads the development of both platforms: defining requirements, setting priorities, and reviewing and accepting the work.
- Both platforms were presented at the Riyadh Literary Club's symposium on World Arabic Language Day 2017.

Publications

All publications are in Arabic; titles are given in English translation. Full texts are freely available on the Internet Archive and listed in ORCID.

Books

Title	Publisher	Year
The Orientalists' Arabic Works in Arabic Lexicography: Study and Evaluation	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, doctoral dissertation series	2012
Synonymy and Polysemy as Expressions of the Richness of Arabic: A Theoretical and Applied Study	Institute of Scientific Research and Revival of Islamic Heritage — Umm Al-Qura University	2009
Ibn Battuta's Linguistic and Geographical Contribution: Terms for Food and Drink — winner of the Ibn Battuta Prize	Saudi Geographical Society; republished by the Arab Centre for Geographical Literature	2006; 2011

Articles in Refereed Journals

Title	Journal	Year
Ibn Durayd's Maqsurat and his Jamhara: Between the Use of Language and its Recording	Mustalahiyyat (Fez), no. 7, pp. 15–72	2014

Title	Journal	Year
Geolinguistics: A Modern Term with Arabic Roots	Journal of Arabic and Human Sciences, Qassim University, vol. 6 no. 2, pp. 669–715	2013
Arabic Words Denoting Number	Al-Dir'iyah, vol. 13 nos. 51–52, pp. 379–438	2012
Substitution (Ibdal) Words in Linguistic Usage: An Applied Study	Journal of the Saudi Scientific Society for Arabic Language, no. 8, pp. 301–383	2011
The Orientalists' Works in Arabic Lexicography: The Dictionaries of Fischer and Dozy	Dirasat Mustalahiyya (Fez), nos. 9–10 (special issue on the Historical Dictionary of Arabic), pp. 239–310	2010
The Present and Future of the Arabic Language	Journal of the Saudi Scientific Society for Arabic Language, no. 1, pp. 11–69	2008
Kitab al-Jim by Abu 'Amr al-Shaybani: The Printed Edition and Orientalist Fritz Krenkow's Copy Compared against the Escorial Manuscript	Alam al-Makhtutat wa al-Nawadir, vol. 10 no. 1, pp. 82–143	2005
Matching the Pronunciation and the Arabic Spelling of Proper Names — first presented at the First Symposium on Standardising the Transcription of Arabic Proper Names, Naif Arab Academy for Security Sciences, 2003	Alam al-Kutub, vol. 26 nos. 5–6, pp. 542–564	2005

Conference Proceedings and Book Chapters

Title	Conference or volume	Year
The Dictionary and its Educational Uses for Native and Non-native Speakers of Arabic: The Doha Historical Dictionary as a Model	International conference "The Dictionary in Teaching Arabic to Native and Non-native Speakers: Evaluation and Development" — ICESCO and the Doha Historical Dictionary of Arabic, Rabat	2024
The Orientalists' Achievements in Publishing and Studying the Arabic Linguistic Heritage, and their Influence on Later Arab Scholarship	Proceedings of the Third International Conference "Arabic Linguistic and Literary Achievement in Foreign Scholarship" — King Saud University, pp. 521–548	2020

Title	Conference or volume	Year
The Lexicon of Arab Travellers as a Source of Arabic: al-Muqaddasi as a Model — distinguished paper	6th International Conference on the Arabic Language — Dubai	2017
August Fischer's Method in the Historical Dictionary	"Towards a Historical Dictionary of the Arabic Language" — Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, pp. 74–109	2014
Youth and Language: The Problem of Hybrid Language	"The Language of Arab Youth in Modern Social Media" — King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Center for the Arabic Language, pp. 31–46	2014
Towards a Linguistic Atlas of the Arabian Peninsula	Proceedings of the conference "Arabic and Keeping Pace with the Age" — Islamic University of Madinah, pp. 226–269	2012

Full texts

Free to read and download on the Internet Archive — archive.org/details/@abuferas1446 — and listed in ORCID: orcid.org/0009-0006-1958-233X

Thesis Supervision and Examination

Twenty-two theses — supervisor of five and examiner of seventeen (18 doctoral, 4 master's) — at seven Saudi universities: Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, Umm Al-Qura, King Saud, the Islamic University of Madinah, King Faisal, Qassim and Dammam. The full list is in Appendix A.

Scientific Committees

- Chair, Scientific Committee, "Arabic in International Organizations" — King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language, 2022.
- Board member, Centre for Arabic Language and Literature Studies — College of Arabic Language, Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University.
- Board member, Centre for Applied Linguistics — Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University.

- Member, Research Committee, Deanship of Scientific Research — Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, 1995.
- Member, Scientific Committee, "Arabic Content on the Internet: Challenges and Aspirations" — College of Computer and Information Sciences, 2011.
- Member, Scientific Committee, "Information Technology and the Islamic and Arabic Sciences: Relationship and Interaction" — Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, 2007.
- Member, Scientific Committee, "Community Partnership in Scientific Research in Saudi Arabia" forum — Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, 2009.

Selected Conference Participation

Twenty-two contributions in nine countries, among them:

Contribution	Host and venue	Year
The Arabic Language Reveals the Value of Camels to the Arabs	Symposium "Camels in the Language of the Arabs" — King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language and the Camel Club	2024
The Dictionary and its Educational Uses for Native and Non-native Speakers of Arabic — the Doha Historical Dictionary as a Model	ICESCO and the Doha Historical Dictionary of Arabic — Rabat	2024
The Influence of Arabic on Other Languages and its Role in the Dialogue of Civilizations	International Council for the Arabic Language	2024
Artificial Intelligence and the Processing of Arabic: A Study and Evaluation of Some Projects	King Abdullah Institute for Translation and Arabization — Riyadh	2019
Institutions and Research Teams in Dictionary-making — the "Arabic Dictionary for Students" as a Model	Symposium "Lexicography in Saudi Arabia" — Ministry of Education	2017
The Orientalists' Linguistic Indexing of the Qur'an and Hadith	University of Kerala — India	2012
The Relationship between Arabic and the Sciences	International Conference on the Arabic Language, Al-Azhar University of Indonesia — Jakarta	2010
The Historical Dictionary of the German	Institute for Terminological Studies —	2010

Contribution	Host and venue	Year
Orientalist August Fischer: An Evaluation	Fez, Morocco	
Geolinguistics: A Modern Term with Arabic Roots	Second World Conference on Arabic Language and Literature, International Islamic University Malaysia — Kuala Lumpur	2009

The full list is in Appendix B.

Areas of Expertise

Area	Detail
Specialisation	Arabic lexicography, Arabic philology, semantics, geolinguistics, critical editing of the linguistic heritage, the Orientalists' contribution to Arabic studies
Lexicography	Compiling and editing dictionaries in research teams, building language corpora, and research on and evaluation of the computational processing of Arabic
Academic leadership	Running departments and programmes, supervising graduate studies, chairing scientific committees, peer review
Digital platforms	Founding and running Arabic platforms, and leading their development by defining requirements and reviewing outcomes

Appendices

Appendix A · Theses Supervised and Examined

Twenty-two theses: supervisor of five and examiner of seventeen; 18 doctoral and 4 master's, at seven Saudi universities. Titles translated from Arabic.

Thesis and candidate	Degree	Role	University	Year
The Members of the Arabic Language Academy in Cairo: Their Tendencies and Influence on its Resolutions — Mohammed al-Baqami	PhD	Examiner	Umm Al-Qura	2008
The Semantic Field of Woman: A Comparative Study of the Classical and Modern Arabic Dictionary — Jawhara al-Anbar	PhD	Examiner	King Saud	2007
The Arabic Language in Arab Thought from the Nahda to the Age of Globalisation — Khalid al-Yoobi	PhD	Examiner	Umm Al-Qura	2009
Stability and Change in Contemporary Arabic Usage: Features and Causes — Asma Tallab	PhD	Examiner	Umm Al-Qura	2010
Aktionsart in Arabic — Abdulrahman al-Bariqi	PhD	Examiner	King Saud	2011
Variation between Similar Qur'anic Verses: A Study of Structure and Meaning — Saud al-Manee	PhD	Examiner	King Saud	2012
Sentence Structure in Nahj al-Balagha: A Syntactic-Semantic Study — Kifaya al-Ghadeer	PhD	Examiner	King Saud	2015
What Is Described as Well-known in Lisan al-'Arab — Sakhr al-Shuraifi	PhD	Examiner	Islamic University of Madinah	2015
Linguistic Correction in Ibn Hisham al-Lakhmi's al-Madkhal and Sharh al-Fasih — Amal Tilimsani	PhD	Examiner	Umm Al-Qura	2016
Semantic Fields of Nature Words in the Diwan of Umayya ibn Abi al-Salt — Sara al-Kulaib	MA	Examiner	Dammam	2016
Solecism in Ibn al-Athir's al-Nihaya fi Gharib al-Hadith — Mohammed al-Awfi	PhD	Examiner	Islamic University of Madinah	2016

Thesis and candidate	Degree	Role	University	Year
Semantics in Abu Bakr ibn al-Anbari's al-Zahir — Khalid al-Ghannam	MA	Examiner	King Faisal	2016
Contemporary Arabic Dictionaries Compared: al-Munjid, Modern Arabic, and Contemporary Arabic — Abdullah Hazazi	PhD	Examiner	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud	2017
Linguistic Criticism in Ahmad ibn Ma'qil al-Azdi's al-Ma'akhidh on the Commentators of al-Mutanabbi — Turki al-Arabi	PhD	Supervisor	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud	2018
Commentaries on the Lamiyyat al-'Arab and Lamiyyat al-'Ajam: A Lexical and Semantic Study — Shaqra Hantool	PhD	Supervisor	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud	2018
Arab Linguists' Addenda to the Arabic Dictionaries: An Applied Study — Tahani al-Safadi	PhD	Supervisor	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud	2009
Modern Linguists' Addenda to the Arabic Dictionaries: Study and Evaluation — Amira al-Yoobi	PhD	Supervisor	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud	—
Clothing Terms in Taj al-'Arus (hamza to dal): A Semantic Study — Amal al-Abbad	MA	Supervisor	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud	—
Al-'Ubab al-Zakhir wa al-Lubab al-Fakhir — Abdulrahman al-Omari	PhD	Examiner	Islamic University of Madinah	2018
The Status of the Particle in Arabic Grammatical Thought, Classical and Modern — Muath al-Dakheel	PhD	Examiner	King Saud	2018
Ali ibn Hamza al-Basri's Notes on Ibn al-Sikkit's Islah al-Mantiq — Amal al-Omari	MA	Examiner	Qassim	2021
The Arabic Dictionary between Original Coinage and Departure from it, with Special Reference to al-Jawhari's al-Sihah — Wafa al-Juhani	PhD	Examiner	Umm Al-Qura	2022

Appendix B • Full List of Conferences and Symposia

Twenty-two contributions, 2003–2024, in nine countries.

Contribution	Host and venue	Year
First Symposium on Standardising the Transcription of Arabic Proper Names — paper “Matching the Pronunciation and the Arabic Spelling of Proper Names”	Naif Arab Academy for Security Sciences (now Naif Arab University)	2003
Conference “Developing Faculties of Arts in Arab Universities” — paper “Developing and Using Educational Media”	Minia University — Egypt	2005
Deanship of Graduate Studies symposium — paper “Registering Thesis Topics: Current Practice and a Proposal”	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University — Riyadh	2004
Symposium “Information Technology and the Islamic and Arabic Sciences” — member of the scientific committee	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University — Riyadh	2007
First International Symposium on Computers and the Arabic Language — session chair	King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology	2007
Conference “Arabic and Human Development: Reality and Stakes” — attendee	Centre for Human Studies and Research, Oujda — Morocco	2008
Second World Conference on Arabic Language and Literature — paper “Geolinguistics: A Modern Term with Arabic Roots”	International Islamic University Malaysia — Kuala Lumpur	2009
Symposium “Other Disciplines' Need for Arabic” — paper “The Sciences' Need for Arabic”	Saudi Scientific Society for Arabic Language — Riyadh	2010
International symposium “The Historical Dictionary of Arabic” — paper “The Historical Dictionary of August Fischer: An Evaluation”	Institute for Terminological Studies — Fez, Morocco	2010
Technology Enthusiasts Forum — paper “Arabic in the World of Technology”	Al-Rass	2010
Second Forum on Tadabbur — response to the paper “Grounding the Method of Tadabbur”	Tadabbur Centre for Studies and Consultancy — Riyadh	2010
International conference “Arabic between Extinction and Development” — paper “The Relationship between Arabic and the Sciences”	Al-Azhar University of Indonesia — Jakarta	2010
Symposium “The Language of Hadith, its Philosophy and its Study” — paper “The Orientalists' Linguistic	University of Kerala — India	2012

Contribution	Host and venue	Year
Indexing of the Qur'an and Hadith"		
Symposium "Arabic and Medicine"	Council of Cooperative Health Insurance, with the King Abdullah International Center — Riyadh	2016
Symposium "Lexicography in Saudi Arabia" — paper on the "Arabic Dictionary for Students"	Ministry of Education and the King Abdullah International Center	2017
World Arabic Language Day symposium — presentation of the "Voice of Arabic" and "EventSheets" websites	Riyadh Literary Club	2017
Forum "The Universality of Arabic" — paper "The Relationship between Arabic and Other Sciences"	Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University	2017
Panel "E-learning and E-teaching Skills" — paper "Websites Serving Arabic as a Model"	Ministry of Education and the King Abdullah International Center	2017
World Arabic Language Day symposium — paper "Artificial Intelligence and the Processing of Arabic"	King Abdullah Institute for Translation and Arabization — Riyadh	2019
Symposium "The Role of Arabic in the Dialogue of Civilizations" — paper "The Influence of Arabic on Other Languages"	International Council for the Arabic Language — online	2024
International conference "The Dictionary in Teaching Arabic to Native and Non-native Speakers" — paper "The Doha Historical Dictionary as a Model: Exercises and Tests"	ICESCO and the Doha Historical Dictionary of Arabic — Rabat	2024
Symposium "Camels in the Language of the Arabs" — paper "The Arabic Language Reveals the Value of Camels to the Arabs"	King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language and the Camel Club — online	2024