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Profile

Dr. Mohammed Muharram is a Yemeni-born literary scholar, at-risk academic, and practising online educator whose work sits at the intersection of Blue Humanities, Postcolonial Studies, and Arabic Literature. Forced to flee Yemen during the civil war, he has continued to produce internationally recognised scholarship while navigating displacement across India, Jordan, and Germany. He is a long-standing Member of the New University in Exile Consortium (The New School, 2021–present). He has demonstrated both capacity and commitment. He is uniquely placed to bring Arabic and Blue Humanities teaching to audiences in exile, displacement, and beyond.

PROVEN ONLINE PUBLIC TEACHING RECORD

10-Week Online Lecture Series · University in Exile Consortium · March 14 – May 23, 2025

"Building Bridges: Topics in Arabic Literature in Translation" (co-led with Amin Ali)

Other Public Online Lecture:

"Re-thinking with Water: The Blue Humanities and Middle East Studies" — Invited Online Lecture, University of Southern California, Dept. of Middle East Studies (2024) · Recorded on YouTube

Current Research Focus

Blue Humanities · Postcolonial Studies · Arabic Literature and Culture · Memory Studies · Migration and Refugee Studies · Digital Diasporas

Education

2007–2012	Ph.D. in English Literature — English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, India
2004–2006	M.A. in English Literature — Central Institute of English & Foreign Languages (CIEFL), India
1997–2000	B.Ed. in English Language — Thamar University, Yemen

Fellowships & Awards (Selected)

2022–2023	★ \$5,000 · University in Exile Consortium Fellowship (New School) — direct Consortium recognition
2021–2023	€126,000 · Philipp Schwartz-Initiative Fellowship (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation), Bremen
2019–2021	\$48,000 + \$5,000 · Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowship (IIE, New York) — Philadelphia University, Jordan
2009–2011	UGC Senior Research Fellowship, EFLU, India

Online Teaching Competencies & Training

Formal training in online pedagogy, e-learning tools, and digital assessment:

Jun 2020	Cambridge Assessment English — Assessing Writing Online
May 2020	Cambridge University Press — Teaching and Learning Online (Ideas & Overview)
May 2020	Pearson — Blended Learning
May 2020	University of Leeds / FutureLearn — Communication and Interpersonal Skills at Work
Jan 2018	Future University Yemen — Setting Up Activities in Electronic Learning Management Systems (LMS)
2019	Arizona State University (Coursera) — Teach English Now! Theories of Second Language Acquisition
2019	Arizona State University (Coursera) — Teach English Now! Foundational Principles
Jul–Oct 2019	Philadelphia University — Tools for E-Learning
Jan 2018	Fulbright & U.S. Dept. of State — Computer-Assisted Language Learning Programs (CALLP)

Teaching Experience**Online Public Teaching**

- 10-week online lecture series, University in Exile Consortium (2025) — co-led with Amin Ali
- Invited online lecture, University of Southern California, Dept. of Middle East Studies (2024)

MA-Level Teaching (11 courses at four universities)

- University of Bremen (Germany), Yemen Academy for Postgraduate Studies, Thamar University (Yemen), Philadelphia University (Jordan)
- Courses: Literary Theory · Stylistics · Research Methodology · Modern British & American Novel · Discourse Analysis & Sociolinguistics · Sustainability and Gender Equality in Arab American Fiction · Graduate Research Writing · Modern Poetry · Research Project

BA-Level Teaching — University of Bremen

- Narratives of Sea Migration · Narratives of Ocean Cultures

BA-Level Teaching — Philadelphia University, Jordan

- General Translation · Introduction to Literary Theory & Criticism · World Literature · English 99

BA-Level Teaching — Yemen (multiple public and private universities)

- History of English Literature · American Literature · Postcolonial Literature · World Literature · Shakespeare
- Poetry (17th–20th c.) · Novel (18th–20th c.) · Drama · Analysis of Literary Texts · Literary Translation
- TOEFL Skills · Research Methods · Stylistics · Grammar · Academic Vocabulary
- English for Business, Law, Engineering, Medical Equipment, Mechatronics — extensive ESP experience

Supervision & Examination

- Supervised 12 BA graduation projects · 10 MA theses
- Examined 2 MA theses and 1 PhD dissertation (Yemen, Jordan, India)

Administrative & Academic Leadership in Higher Education

- Head of English Department, Open Learning College, Future University – Sana'a, Yemen (2015–2018)
- Head of English Department, Faculty of Education, Thamar University (2012–2016)
- Director, English Language Center for TOEFL & Translation, Thamar University (2012–2016)

Selected Publications (Teaching / Pedagogy Relevant)

2025	"An Exiled Yemeni Scholar in Western Academia: Perils and Promises." In Exiled Scholars in Western Academia: Refugees or Intellectuals? Palgrave Macmillan.
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2025	"Making the Invisible Visible: How the Blue Humanities Translate Climate Change to the Public." <i>Public Humanities</i> , Cambridge University Press. [open access]
2024	"Teaching the Blue Humanities: Sources, Strategies, Challenges, and Benefits." In <i>Towards 'Blue' Humanities</i> . Authorspress, New Delhi. [Preface by Steve Mentz]
2026	"Challenging Marginalization in the Western Publishing Industry: The Participation of Postcolonial Arabic Fiction." In <i>Postcolonial Participation</i> . Routledge.
2012	"The Marginalization of Arabic Fiction in the Postcolonial and World English Curriculum." <i>Minnesota Review</i> , vol. 78 (Scopus Q2). Duke University Press / Project Muse.
2021	"Writing Back to the Self: Leila Aboulela's <i>Minaret</i> and Fadia Faqir's <i>My Name Is Salma</i> ." <i>Critique: Studies in Contemporary Fiction</i> , vol. 62, no. 3. Routledge.

Forthcoming: *A Concise Glossary of the Blue Humanities* (Routledge) · *The Bloomsbury Handbook to the Blue Humanities* (Bloomsbury, co-ed. with Steve Mentz, Serpil Oppermann & Sandra Young) · Encyclopedia Essay "Blue Humanities" in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Environmental Science*.

Selected Public Lectures & Invited Talks

May 2026	Abstract accepted — 3rd Global Citizenship Education Hub, Hamburg: "From Knowledge to Responsibility: Teaching Climate Change and Agency through Blue Humanities' Story and Film"
Mar–May 2025	★ Online Public Lecture Series (10 weeks) — University in Exile Consortium: "Building Bridges: Topics in Arabic Literature in Translation"
Mar 2026	EU-DAAD Conference (fully funded) — Career Challenges in Western Academia, Würzburg University, Germany
Oct 2025	"Ain Buthaina: A Blue Humanities Reading of the Memory of Yemeni Children" — Tamer Institute Conference, Amman, Jordan (fully funded)
Jan–Feb 2025	Writing Retreat & Invited Lecture — NYU Abu Dhabi (fully funded): "Yemen–Emirates Maritime Connections in the Blue Humanities"
Jun 2024	Invited Online Lecture — University of Southern California, Dept. of Middle East Studies: "Re-thinking with Water: The Blue Humanities and Middle East Studies" [YouTube]
Jun 2024	Blue Humanities Summer School Lecture — Institute of Advanced Study (HWK), Delmenhorst, Germany (fully funded)
Feb 2024	"Re-Defining Water Ways through the Blue Humanities" — Doha Institute for Graduate Studies & Qatar Museums, Qatar (fully funded)
Nov 2023	"Expanding Horizons: Arabic Studies' Contributions to the Blue Humanities" — Cardiff University, UK (fully funded)

Recent Public Activities & Peer Review

- Abstract accepted — 3rd Global Citizenship Education Hub 2026, Hamburg (26 May 2026)
- Peer reviewer for *Crossroads: A Journal of English Studies* (2026), *Frontiers in Marine Science* (2026), Oxford University Press / *ISLE* (2025), *Social & Cultural Geography* (2024)
- Interview: "Scholars in Context: Mohammed Muharram." *Jadaliyya* – Arab Studies Institute, Washington DC (2024)
- Magazine Article: "Currents of Memory: East African Coastal Lives in a Warming Indian Ocean." *SeaVoice* (UNESCO-supported), no. 8 (2026)

Professional Memberships (Selected)

2021–Date	★ New University in Exile Consortium (The New School) — Member, focus on exile, memory, and survival
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2023–Date	Bremen Blue Humanities Research Group (BBHRG) — Founding Member
2021–Date	Postcolonial Studies Association (PSA) — Member
2021–Date	Association for Anglophone Postcolonial Studies (GAPS) — Member
2020–Date	Academics in Solidarity (AiS), Berlin — Member (academic continuity in displacement)
2025	Modern Language Association (MLA) — Member
2023–Date	Arab Council for Social Sciences — Associate Member
2021–Date	Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) — Member

Humanitarian, Translation & Media Work

- Translator (Arabic–English), various NGOs in Yemen (2015–2019): Raeduun for Sustainable Development, Hayatuna Erada for Development and Peace, Organization of Peace and Social Security
- Media Correspondent, Yemen Observer (English weekly newspaper, 1997–2003)
- Translators' Trainer: UN document translation training workshops, Dhamar and Sana'a

References

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