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ON CAMPUS



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# From Our Chairman

## The Future of Education:

Education is on the rise as a result of a growing worldwide population with a strong desire to learn. But how can today's schools and universities prepare students for a world that yet has to come. By 2030, UNESCO's 4th sustainable development goal calls for each of the 193 member states to invest 4-6% of GDP and/or 15-20% of the total public expenditure on education.

However, the idea of a teacher standing in front of a class of students who listen and respond to instruction is becoming increasingly obsolete. While not a completely novel concept, student learning spaces will eventually supplant the traditional classroom. Students will become collaborators or co-creators of their own learning in this way. It is always important we continue to think about how to evolve our teaching and learning methods so the students get the most out of it. We, at Al-Ahliyya Amman University, have started to drive the change to keep up to date with these inevitable changes.

Future education will need to invest in the use of technology that may be used to benefit pupils as well as teach future generations how to deal with difficulties that come as a result of it.

Chairman of Board of Directors

*Maher Hourani*

Dr. Maher Ahmad Hourani



# From Our President

As we begin the fall semester, I want to welcome our new students, faculty and staff to Al-Ahliyya Amman University, and welcome back all of those who are returning to campus.

For nearly 32 years, Al-Ahliyya Amman University has been earning the respect and loyalty of tens of thousands of students and parents and alumni. It is where you will find exceptional experiences that allow you to grow and develop, explore new interests, and fully realize your potential. Producing career-ready graduates has always been central to our mission. Through a process that includes career exploration and professional preparation, we connect you with career paths and foster the skills and mindset needed for professional advancement. When you walk across the stage as a graduating senior at commencement, you will have more than just a degree from Al-Ahliyya Amman University. You will have career direction and the confidence needed for success in your chosen field.



I encourage you to visit our beautiful campus, meet our students and faculty, and see for yourself the outstanding opportunities, activities, and facilities that Al-Ahliyya Amman University offers.

President

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# Al-Ahliyya Amman University is on the top 10 Jordanian universities and among the top 100 Arab universities according to the QS Arab Region Rankings 2022

Our University maintained its ranking as the 10th University among Jordanian universities in the QS Arab Region Ranking for 2022 and was ranked among the top 100 Arab universities which had more than 1300 universities. Additionally, it maintained its 1st place in the MENA region regarding its number of international students and faculty members holding a PhD degree.

Prof. Sari Hamdan received the ranking certificate during the QS Summit of Arab Universities 2022, which was held in Dubai. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Omar Salama (Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities), Prof. Thafer Assaraira (Chairman of the Higher Education Accreditation & Quality Assurance Commission) and Prof. Anas Al-Soud (Assistant to the President for Foreign Affairs).





# Our Students are finally back on campus

The University welcomed back its students back on campus at the beginning of this month after 2 years of distant learning. With the instruction of Ministry of Higher Education, the University carried out extensive measures for public safety.

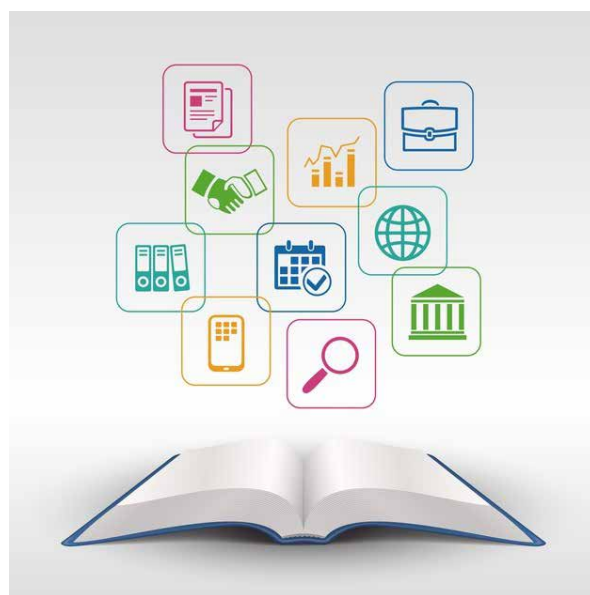
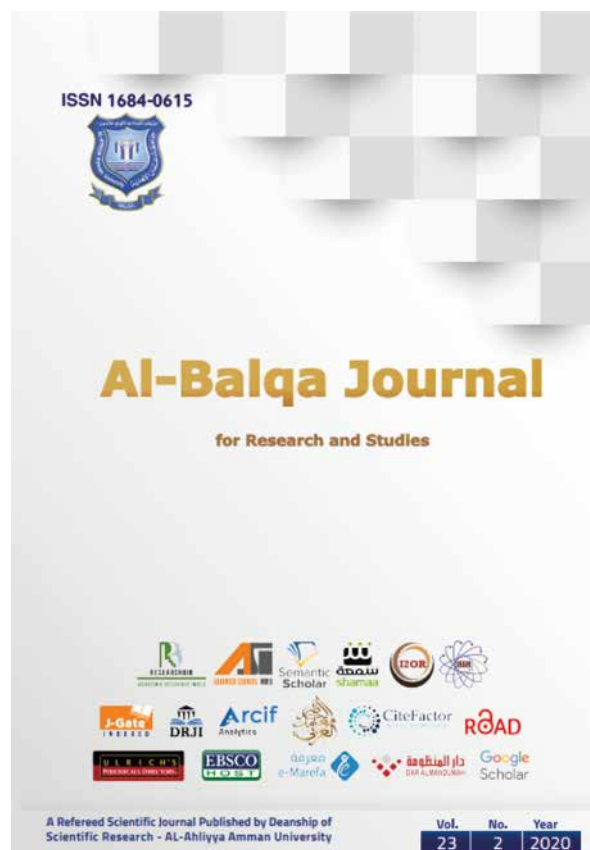
A joyful ambiance was felt during the various activities, celebrations and throughout the event on campus in presence of students, faculty members and 1st year students excited to begin their academic journey.



# The University Journal “Al-Balqa” for Research and Studies scores a new achievement

Al-Balqa Journal for Research and Studies issued by Al-Ahliyya Amman University / Deanship of Scientific Research has successfully met the Impact Factor & Citation criteria for the Arab scientific journals (Arcif).

The Arcif impact factor for the year 2021 was (0.1282). The Journal is classified in the fields of humanities (interdisciplinary) within the highest category (Q1), while the average Arcif impact factor on the Arab level is (0.095). In addition to its classification in social sciences (interdisciplinary) within the mid-high category (Q2), where the average Arcif impact factor on the Arab level is (0.12)





# The Jordanian Press Association honors the University

Under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Sakhir Dudeen (Minister of Media Affairs) and in presence of Charge d'affaires of the Jordanian Press Association, Mr. Yanal Al-Barmawi has honored Al-Ahliyya Amman University. The honoring ceremony took place during the celebration that was organized by the Jordan Press Association to honor the winners of the "Hussein Prize for Journalistic Creativity". The JPA honored the University with gratitude for its constant support to journalists in providing scholarships to their high-school graduate children.

Dr. Mustafa Al-Attiyat, Dean of Student Affairs has received the award presented by the Jordan Press Association on behalf of our president Prof. Sari Hamdan.



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# Jordan Handball Federation honors our University



Jordan Handball Federation honored our University for its contribution in supporting and making the 18th Asian Women Championship a success.

Prof. Tayseer Al-Mansi, Jordan Handball Federation President expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the University for supporting and turning the tournament into victory by awarding Prof. Sari Hamdan.



Hi there its Abdelmajid. I am Cyber Security Student & I am finally back on campus!

Distant-learning was a very new experience that made us more dependent on self studying, with no teacher-student bonding.

Unlike the on campus learning, where its effective communication and we interact much better with our lecturers.

Honestly, I am happy to have my university life back.

Abdelmajid Al-Nsour

# QS honors Prof. Anas Al-Asoud assistant to the president for Foreign Affairs



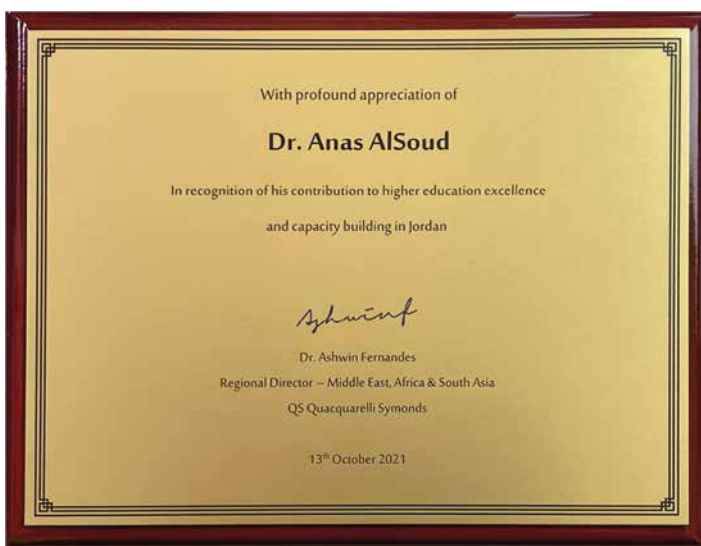
**Dr. Ashwin Fernandes awarding the shield to Prof. Anas Al-Soud**

The QS World University Rankings honored Prof. Anas Ratib Al-Saud for his efforts during the past three years in excelling to raise the caliber of Jordanian universities & the Jordanian higher education sector.

The honoring ceremony took place during the QS Summit held in Dubai, where the rankings of the Arab universities for the year 2022 were announced.

Along with Prof. Anas Al-Soud, Prof. Thafer Assaraira (Chairman of the Higher Education Accreditation & Quality Assurance) have been honored out of six Arabs in total.

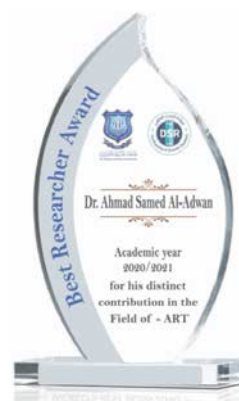
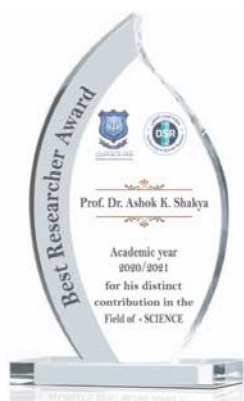
The award of honor was presented by the Regional Director of QS, Dr. Ashwin Fernandes, in the presence of H.E. Prof. Omar Izzat (The Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities) and H.E. Mr. Asem Ababneh (General Jordanian Consul in Dubai) along with the chief staff of the QS World Rankings.





# Honoring Award Ceremony for the best Scientific Researchers

Our President, Prof. Sari Hamdan has honored the two following winners of the “the Best Researcher Contest”. Prof. Ashok Shakya from the Pharmacy Faculty was awarded on the level of the scientific faculties, and Dr. Ahmad Abu-Orabi from the Business Faculty was also awarded on the level of the humanities faculties.



AAU President awarding  
Prof. Ashok Shakya



AAU President awarding  
Dr. Ahmad Abu-Orabi

# BREAST

# CANCER



The 1st of October marks the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM), an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer. Talk about it, do your breast exams, and be sure to get your annual mammograms done! These simple steps have saved countless lives. Help raise awareness!



In recent years, we have seen a gradual reduction in female breast cancer incidence rates among women aged 50 and older. Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1990, in part due to better screening and early detection, increased awareness, and continually improving treatment options. Women with certain risk aspects are more likely than others to develop breast cancer. A risk factor is something that may increase the chance of getting a disease. Some risk factors such as an unhealthy diet with a high sugar intake can be avoided. However, most risk factors such as having a family history of breast cancer cannot be avoided.

While we still do not know how to prevent breast cancer, we do know that early detection can improve a woman's chances of beating this disease. Breast cancer when found early while it is small and before it has spread has a higher chance of successful treatment. Women can also take steps to reduce the risk of the disease, including maintaining a healthy lifestyle and getting plenty of exercise.

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## Early Detection is the best protection

When breast cancer is detected early, and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%. Early detection includes doing monthly breast self-exams, and scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms.

- Yearly mammograms should begin at age 40 and continue for as long as a woman is in good health.
- A clinical breast exam should be part of a periodic health exam – about every three years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women age 40 and older.

The Jordan Breast Cancer Program (JBCP) is a nation-wide program led and supported by the King Hussein Cancer Foundation and Center and the Ministry of Health for the development and provision of comprehensive services for the early detection and screening of breast cancer for all women in Jordan.



*Faith  
Hope  
Love*

# The Nursing Faculty participates in the Nursing Policy Formulation Committee in Jordan

Due to the distinguished accomplishments of the Nursing Faculty at Al-Ahliyya Amman University, in collaboration with national institutions, and its constant support in enhancing the nursing, our faculty was chosen to collaborate in the Nursing Policy Formulation Committee in Jordan that is formed by the Jordanian Nursing Board.

Prof. Montaha Gharaibeh chaired the Committee for her professional expertise & knowledge in the field of legislation, nursing and academic policies in collaboration with Dr. Rabea Alari from the nursing faculty, as a decision maker and member in the committee.

The functions of the committee focus on formulating, reviewing & prioritizing the policies in addition to following up with its implementation in order to promote the nursing as a profession on a local, regional & global level.



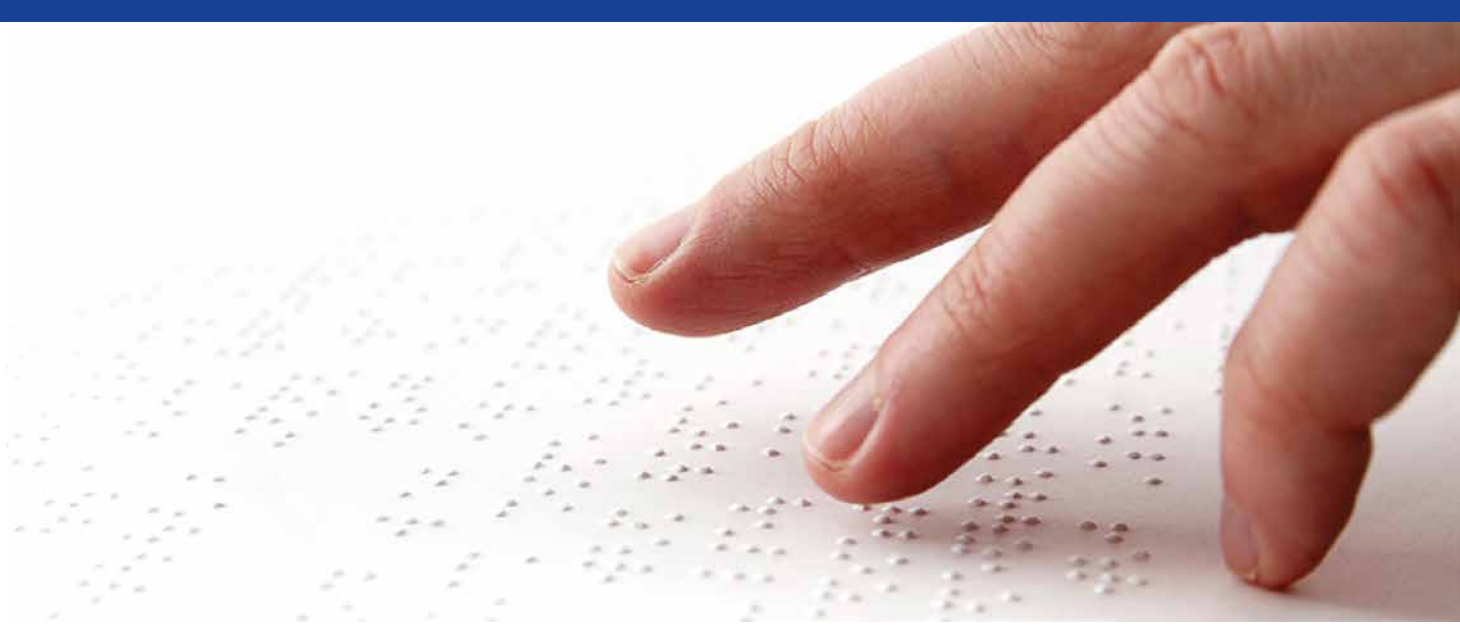
**Prof. Montaha Gharaibeh**  
Dean of Nursing Faculty



**Dr. Rabea Alari**







## The Optometry department distributes Braille and Text to Speech Reader Devices

Continuing the celebration of the White Cane Day; a global initiative sponsored by His Royal Highness, Prince Raed bin Zaid, the optometry department represented by its head Dr. Yazan Gammoh in collaboration with the Korean Development Commission at Al-Shu'la Club for the visually impaired, have contributed in the distribution of Braille and Text to Speech Reader Devices. 20 visually impaired females & males were trained to operate these devices which were designed to facilitate the communication in the limited vision world.



Getting back on campus after the COVID-19 lockdown and all that have been occurring is the best thing that happened to me this year! I got the chance to see my mates again, settled back in my lovely dorm and finally being able to practice and excel in my major; it all made me feel like I have found my feet again.

Ghadeer Awada - Speech, Language & Hearing Patholog



## The Allied Medical Sciences faculty organizes a free Medical Day for Children

The Allied Medical Sciences faculty, in collaboration with the Orphan Charity Association, held a free Medical Day for its Children at Al-Sawaed School.

The event was under the supervision of Dr. Maha abu Hijleh, head of the Aesthetics department, in participation with Prof. Mohammad Al-Tanani and Ms. Layla Kanawati from the Hearing & Speech Center, Dr. Yazan Gammoh, from the Optometry department, in addition to the Aesthetics and Hearing & Speech departments, in the presence of faculties' members, specialists, and trainees.

### **The event included:**

- Various optometry examination
- Hearing & Speech test, where severe cases are referred to the University center for treatment
- Medical giveaways sponsored by Sebamed
- School supplies donated by our University





## The Pharmacy and Allied Medical Sciences faculties organize a Scientific Day

Under the patronage of Prof. Sari Hamdan, President of the University, the Pharmacy and Allied Medical Sciences faculties held the second scientific day at the Movenpick Hotel – Amman.

Elite researchers from the public & private sectors, of different faculties of Pharmacy & Allied Medical Sciences participated, in addition to a group of academics, pharmacists, and medical laboratories specialists from multiple institutions.

At the beginning of the scientific day, Prof. Sari Hamdan and Prof. Mohammad Al-Tanani, the Dean of both faculties, gave a welcome speech to the attendees. They emphasized on the value & importance of the Scientific Research in elevating the University ranking among local, regional and international universities, as well as, serving our local community. The Scientific Day included few scientific lectures along with presenting several scientific posters.

During the closing ceremony, the prize for the best poster was awarded to Ms. Rola Shalaby under the title:

Anticancer and antibacterial activities of eco-friendly coated magnetic iron oxide nanoparticles prepared from *Spinacia Oleracea* leaves extract



Prof. Mohammad Al-Tanani honoring Ms. Rola Shalaby



## A researcher from our University is classified among the best researchers worldwide

Dr. Manal Abbas, Associate Professor in the Medical Laboratory Sciences department, has been classified among the top 2% researchers worldwide according to the updated scientific research database for citation index that was prepared by researchers from the University of Stanford & Elsevier publishing company under the title:

***Updated Science-wide Author Databases of Standardized Citation Indicators***

The list included a number of published scientific articles, citations, joint articles and other factors that can be found on Scopus.



Dr. Manal Abbas



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## iInfluence competition launched on campus

In collaboration with the university, IInfluence Corporation established a campaign which hosted many social media influencers, bloggers and participants on campus.

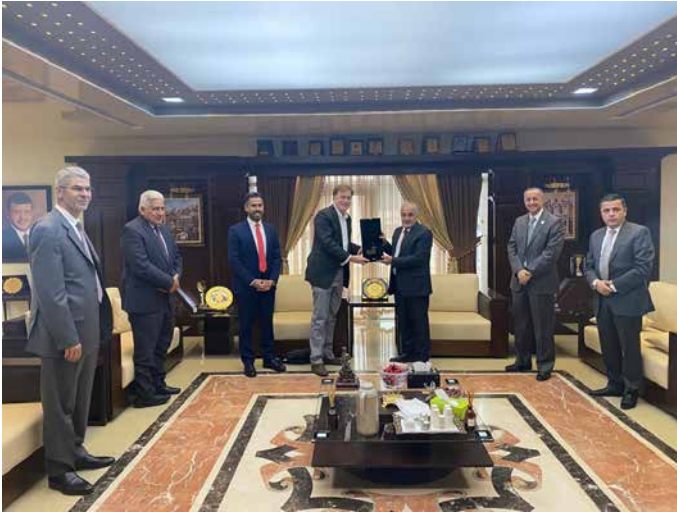
The ceremony was attended by the former lieutenant Dr. Ghazi Al- Tayeb and Prof. Anas Ratib Al-Saud, as well as members of staff, guests and Amman riders' team whom escorted social media participants from Amman to the university.

The climax of the event was the speech of Prof. Anas Al-Soud, which emphasized the aim of the campaign to establish an academy to create awareness of Arabic content with international standards that aligns with the university's vision and image. The important outcome of the ceremony was to construct innovation and development for those in the social media field.





# Professor Dana Redford lectures at Al-Ahliyya Amman University



**Prof. Dana Redford**



Professor Dana Redford, a senior fellow at the University of California, Berkeley, lectured at Al-Ahliyya Amman University about entrepreneurial universities and regional impact. AAU president, Prof. Sari Hamdan, has welcomed Professor Redford to the university's campus, and presented him with the university's shield in honor of him and his work with the University's Global Engagement Center. The Director of GEC, Prof. Anas Alsoud, said that the university has contracted with a group of professors from the best universities in the world to open prospects for direct joint cooperation with faculty members at AAU from various faculties and specializations, which ensures that there are results with direct impact. Where GEC relies on a targeted cooperation strategy, which comes as a practical alternative to the traditional MoU agreements.



## GEC director, Dr. Anas Ratib Alsoud is promoted to the rank of professor

A decision was issued by Al-Ahliyya Amman University's Deans' Council, headed by the University President, Prof. Sari Hamdan, to promote Dr. Anas Ratib Alsoud to the rank of Professor in Informatics (Electronic Business and Commerce). Prof. Alsoud holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of Jordan in 2006 and a Master's in Information Technology Management from University of Salford Manchester in the United Kingdom in 2007 and a PhD in Informatics (e-government) from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom in 2012. He has joined AAU since then, where he took over many administrative positions at the university, where he worked as Head of the Department of Management



Prof. Anas Ratib Alsoud

Information Systems and Head of the Department of electronic business and commerce, Dean of Student Affairs, Director of Accreditation and Quality, Director of the Business Incubator, Director of the Teaching and Learning Center, Director of the Center for Innovation and Excellence, and Assistant to the President for International Accreditation and Rankings. Professor Alsoud is the youngest in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to obtain this academic rank, which is the highest in academia. Prof. Alsoud has worked as senior administrator at the Royal Hashemite Court and as a full-time lecturer in the Department of Computer Science at Tafilal Technical University. Prof. Anas has more than forty published scientific papers, of which twenty-five are indexed in Q1&Q2 Scopus Journals. He has received a number of international awards, including the University of Reading Award as the best student researcher in 2012, the Academic Excellence Award from ASIC (British Accreditation Institution) in 2020, and the QS Shield for University Rankings in 2021.

# Our Alumni.. Our Pride

**H.E. Dr. Youssef Abdullah Al-Qablan  
Al-Shawarbeh**



Al Shawarbeh is considered one of the most successful personalities who worked in the municipality and had clear fingerprints in improving the reality of the services provided by the Municipality with high efficiency and experience. He worked hard to develop and raise Amman and provide all its services with ease and convenience to the auditors and beneficiaries of the Greater Amman Municipality services

## **Qualifications :**

- Bachelor of Law / Al-Ahliyya Amman University / Faculty of Law 1991-1995.
- Higher Diploma, Al-Hikma University / Faculty of Law, 2006.
- Master of Laws / Al-Neelain University 2009.
- PhD in Constitutional Law 2015

## **Practical experiences :**

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Al-Dustour newspaper 2016.
- Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs 2016.
- Deputy Mayor of Amman 2013-2016.
- Member of the Local Organizing Committee for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015-2016.
- Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Integrated Multi Transport 2013-2016.
- Vice Chairman of the Integrated Board of Directors for Smart Cards 2013-2016.
- Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Al-Tawfeek Transport and Investment Company 2013-2016.
- Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Asia Transport Company 2013-2016.
- Chairman of the Bidding Committee at the Amman Municipality 2013-2016.

**He is currently the Mayor of Amman, the capital of Jordan.**

**In addition to many positions to be filled professionally and with distinction for the interest of work, progress and development.**





# GEC Team



**Prof. Anas Al-Soud**  
*Director of Global  
Engagment Center (GEC)*



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*Head of International  
Research Projects*



**Khaled Alzoubi**  
*Assistant Manager  
of Public and International  
Relations Department*



**Manar Hamdan**  
*Head of Public  
Relations Department*



**Dr. Fayrouz  
Abou Sweilem**  
*Head of International  
Programs and Partnerships*



**Heba Al-Shurafa'a**  
*Head of Media Department*



**Reem Abed**  
*Head of International  
Outreach and Reputation*



**Anoop Abraham**  
*Assistant Manager  
of Teaching and Learning  
Center*