

# Hady A. Amr

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Decades of leadership: U.S. diplomat, institution builder, think tank analyst, development economist, negotiator, public speaker.

**Brookings Institution**, *Nonresident Senior Fellow* DC 1/2025 – present

**George Mason University**, *Affiliate Faculty, Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter School for Peace & Conflict Resolution* VA 2/2025 – present  
*Affiliate Faculty, Schar School of Policy and Government*

**U.S. Department of State**, *U.S. Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs* DC 12/2022 – 1/2025

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Middle East Quartet Envoy* DC 1/2021 – 11/2022

Sworn in Jan 20, 2021 to reformulate and reboot U.S. policy on Israeli/Palestinian affairs. Restarted and led U.S.-Palestinian relations. Deployed to end 2021 Israel-Gaza conflict and undertook shuttle negotiations between the parties to mitigate conflict throughout term. Represented U.S. and led high-level official delegations to international forums and with global private sector and international donors. Managed teams in Jerusalem and DC. Extensive public and media engagement.

**Biden-Harris Transition Team**, *State Department Agency Review Team* DC 10/2020-1/2021

Co-lead transition for Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs & Conflict and Stabilization Operations. Also, Office of Foreign Assistance.

**Brookings Institution**, *Visiting Fellow and Project Director / Nonresident Senior Fellow* DC 2/2017-1/2021

Managed U.S./Middle East-based analysts. Intensive research and publication on Middle East political, security and economic issues.

**U.S. Department of State**, *Senior Economic Advisor for Israeli Palestinian Negotiations* DC 9/2013-10/2014

*Deputy to the Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations for Economics and Gaza* DC 10/2014-2/2017

Leader on wide range of policy issues for Special Envoy including youth, education policy, economic policy, refugees and water. Coordinated U.S. assistance response to 2014 Gaza war. Considerable engagement with U.S. Congress. Extensive public speaking.

**U.S. Agency for International Development**, *Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East* DC 10/2010-9/2013

Deputy head of bureau that directed \$1.6 billion U.S. aid across Middle East via hundreds of global and DC-based staff in close coordination with White House. Co-led development of new strategies in the areas of education, democracy, health, youth, and economic growth in response to Arab uprisings. Particular focus on Levant and North Africa. Built key funding partnerships.

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**, *Senior Advisor, DHS Office of Policy (part time while at Brookings)* DC, 2010

**Brookings Institution**, *Director, Brookings Doha Center; Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies* Doha 10/2006-10/2010

Founding director of first Brookings center in Mideast. Established and directed Center from ground up: Raised millions in funding. Directed all research, programming, communications, and management strategies. Recruited and supervised scholars. Managed remote team across multiple continents. Built ministerial/high level advisory council. Published extensively on U.S. foreign policy, human development across Muslim world, public diplomacy. Lead spokesperson with scores of media appearances. Co-convenor of annual U.S.-Islamic World Forum held in Qatar and Malaysia attended by world leaders. Led human-development task force.

**Amr Group**–*Founder & Managing Director* (selected clients) 2001 - 2007. 2017 – 20. Present.

Clients included: Aguirre International for the U.S. Department of State. International Education and Resource Network, Save the Children, Search for Common Ground, UNFPA, UNICEF, World Economic Forum,

**U. S. Department of Defense / Near East-South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA Center)**

*White House Appointee / Defense Fellow at National Defense University.* DC 11/2000 – 1/2001

**Gore / Lieberman 2000**, *National Director for Ethnic American Outreach* Nashville, 9/2000 – 11/2000

**The Futures Group International**, *Senior Economic Analyst, Country Manager* DC, 8/1999-9/2000

**Independent Consultant**, Consulting on youth/civil society in Arab World/Balkans for NGOs and international organizations. 1997-9

**The World Bank**, *Economist/Consultant* DC, North Africa, West Africa. Summer 1993 / 1994 - 97

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**EDUCATION**

**Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs.** Princeton, NJ, 1992-94  
MPA in Economics and International Affairs. Focus: Development Economics, Advanced Economics. *John Parker Compton Fellow*

**Tufts University,** Bachelor of Arts in Economics, *cum laude*. Peace and Justice Studies certificate. Medford, MA, 1984-88  
Tufts University European Center, coursework in advanced French and economics. Talloires, France, Summers 1986, 1987

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**CIVIC AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

- **Council on Foreign Relations, Life Member.** Washington, DC, 2017-present
  - **International Education and Resource Network, Board of Directors: As chair (2017-23)**instituted term-limits, created advisory council, led executive hiring committee, strengthened financial management. New York, NY, 2009-present
  - **Tufts University, Board of Advisors, Tisch College, 2020 – 2021**
  - **George Mason University, Advisory Board, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, 2020-22**
  - **Kids4Peace Advisory Council.** Washington, DC, 2018-21
  - **Princeton University, Advisory Council, School of Public & International Affairs (2008-16).** Also Dean's Advisory Group for *Scholars in the Nation's Service (2010 – 2020)*. Princeton, NJ 2008-16
  - **World Economic Forum, Global Agenda Council for the Arab World.** Geneva, Switzerland, 2011- 14
  - **Virginia Public Schools Authority, Board Member.** Appointed by Governor Warner and reappointed by Governor Kaine as youngest board member to oversee over \$3.8 billion in school bonds in AAA-rated state. Richmond, VA 2002-10
  - **Sister Cities International, Member, International Task Force on Islamic Partnership.** Washington, DC 2007-08
  - **United States Department of State, Addressed 100 events across eight Arab/European countries on US-Mideast policy, 2002-07.**
  - **U.S. Institute of Peace, Grant Committee Member, US-Muslim World Relations Advisory Committee.** Washington, DC, 2005-06
  - **The Asia Foundation, Freeman Fellow.** Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, 2005
  - **Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, District Supervisor.** Engaged local NGOs to solve problems in divided Muslim-Croat & Serb areas for displaced persons. Supervised dozen Bosnian voter registration staff. Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1997-8.
  - **Princeton University Observer Delegation to South African Elections, Member.** Cape Town, South Africa, Spring 1994
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**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA APPEARANCES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- *Ending Gaza's Perpetual Crisis: A New U.S. Approach.* w/Goldenberg, Huggard, Sachs, Brookings / CNAS 2018
  - *The Opportunity of the Obama Era: Can Civil Society Help Bridge Divides Across a Diverse Muslim World?*, Brookings, 2009
  - *Displacement in the Muslim World*, w/E. Ferris, Brookings, 2009
  - "To Win the 'War on Terror' We Must First Win the 'War of Ideas': Here's How" w/P.W. Singer in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, July 2008.
  - "Engaging the Muslim World: A Communications Strategy to Win the War of Ideas," Brookings Press w/Singer in O'Hanlon, *Opportunity08: Independent Ideas for Our Next President*, 2007 & 2008 update/reprint. Book chapter.
  - *Human Development in the Muslim World*, w/Katherine Marshall, Brookings, 2008
  - *Engaging the Muslim World: How to Win the War of Ideas*, Journal of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, 2008
  - "Restoring America's Good Name: Restoring Strategic Communications with the Islamic World" National Defense University, w/ Singer, in McMillan, *Building a Global Antiterrorist Consensus*. National Defense University press, 2007.
  - *The Need to Communicate: How to Improve US Public Diplomacy with the Islamic World.* Brookings, 2004.
  - *The State of the Arab Child*, UNICEF Regional Office for Middle East & North Africa, major publication, 2003.
  - *Regional Statistical Report-Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2*, UNICEF MENARO, major publication, 2003
  - *Situation of Children, Youth and Women in Jordan*, UNICEF Jordan Country Office, major publication, 2003.
  - Op-eds in: Foreign Policy, International Herald Tribune, Newsweek, The Hill, Washington Post, UPI, USA Today. In Middle East: Al Arab, Al Hayat, Arab News, the Daily Star, Gulf News, Gulf Times, Jordan Times, Kuwait Times, The National, Qatar Tribune.
  - Scores of appearances on Arab TV stations, including BBC, CNN, Washington Post Radio.
  - Extensive speaking: Capitol Hill, CFR, Georgetown, Harvard, NDU, NYU, Princeton, World Economic Forum, White House.
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

*Languages:* Native English. Proficient French. Intermediate spoken Levantine Arabic.

*Work & Travel:* Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, Yemen; Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines; Burkina, Mali, Senegal, South Africa; Europe, Bosnia.