

Curriculum Vitae – Tesnim Khriji Chirchi

EDUCATION

- 2003–2010: PhD in Sociology, University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada. Thesis title: "Conjunctures, discourse and structures of globalization: ruptures and continuities; around four partition and analysis models of the post-Cold War world".
- 1997–1999: MSc in Sociology, University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada: Thesis title: "Analysis of the theoretical foundations of a partition of the world: The theory of the World-Systems."
- 1993–1996: BSc in Sociology, University of Montreal
- 1992: Baccalaureate: Diploma of End of High School Studies.

Languages

- Full professional proficiency in English
- Native proficiency in French
- Native proficiency in Arabic

EXPERTISE/RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Research Coordination and Direction
- Policy Analysis and evaluation
- Social theories teaching and research
- Sociology of social change and transition
- Political sociology of the Arab world
- Democratic governance and public policies
- Women and development
- Social Research methodologies
- Epistemology and sociology of knowledge

COMPETENCIES

- Knowledge and understanding of theories in sociology and social sciences; analytical skills and ease at developing an overall understanding of complex social phenomena; and ability to offer multidimensional readings of social phenomena and social practices.
- Research, analytical skills and mastery of sociological research methods; experience in design and implementation of research programs and leading a research team, including supervision and mentoring of researchers.
- Experience in managing a civil society organization (Jasmine Foundation for Research and Communication) including conception, planning and implementation of projects, design and management of scientific events (round tables, conferences), and dialogue with civil society, policy-makers and experts.
- Strong organizational, planning and evaluation capabilities.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Research:

Current research

- **Design and implementation of a research project** on Migration (in collaboration with Dr. Prof. Ramazan Aras: "A multi-level analysis of Three Migrant Groups in Tukiye" (October 2022-September 2023). The project involves 4 research students, 60 interviews, 4 focus groups, 3 workshops and a policy Lab and aims for the production of 5 research reports, one

scientific paper and a book gathering the research reports, research methodology and policy recommendations (BAP Funding, Ibn Haldun University).

- Dr. Tesnim Khriji Chirchi is a member **of a scientific consortium implementing a research Project, CONNEKT** (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/870772>), funded by the Fund for Research provided by the European Union H2020, from 2019 to 2023. As described on the EU website: "To tackle youth radicalisation in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) as well as the Balkan region it is important to detect the drivers of violent extremism in these regions in order to improve prevention strategies. For that reason, the EU-funded CONNEKT project carried out by an interdisciplinary team comprising 14 partners from 12 countries, is targeting eight countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Egypt, Jordan, Kosovo, Morocco, North Macedonia and Tunisia.
- Dr Chirchi is contributing to the works of the consortium as a **research director** overseeing all research activities undertaken by all research partners of the project within one of the research most important milestones (WP5).
- Dr Chirchi **is involved as a researcher in the project in Tunisia** from 2019 to December 2023
- Dr. Chirchi is **member of the Research Ethics Committee** of the Project.

Previous projects:

- GLD: The Program on Governance and Local Development. GLD is partnering with Dr. Khriji Chirchi as the executive director of the Jasmine Foundation (JF) in Tunisia to assess local governance in Tunisia. Dr. Chirchi contributed in the design and implementation of field surveys in 6 municipalities, and examine how observatory groups, that she previously helped set up and train, impact public opinion and interaction with local councils. The observatory groups prepared a number of activities to inform citizens about their local councils and encourage engagement. GLD and JF implemented surveys to assess the impact on public opinion concerning local governance in their areas. Results of the survey informed citizens, governments and the international community about citizens' needs, local governance, and the impact of observatories on citizen-state linkages. The project has been implemented by Dr. Tesnim Chirchi and Intissar Kherigi of the Jasmine Foundation, and Nesrine Ben Brahim, Prisca Jöst, Kristen Kao and Ellen Lust from GLD (University of Gothenburg and Yale University).

<https://gld.gu.se/en/news/latest-news/march-2018/>

- **Human Security:** Dr. Chirchi partnered with the West Asia and North African Institute and the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, on the project "Effective Human Security Approaches: Towards More Effective Human Security Approaches in the Context of the Emerging Threat of Violent Extremism in Jordan, Lebanon, and Tunisia". Over a period of 12 months, research activities in Tunisia, undertaken by Dr. Chirchi and her research team included: 59 interviews, 12 stakeholder workshops, 12 focus groups, a policy Lab.
- Policy research and evaluation: Project design and Organizing of Seminars on evaluating public policies in Tunisia in 2014-2015, as well as designing and organizing an international conference on "Evaluating public policies in times of transition. Approaches and Methodologies" (2014)
- Designed and managed a project for social scientists in Tunisia on activating social sciences approaches and methodologies for better analyzing transitions and for managing policy reforms. 2014-2016
- Founder and Director of a policy Lab: Tadbir since 2016-now that worked on and produced several research and policy analysis papers as well as trained researchers to be able to use social research methods to diagnose and bring solutions to social problems and policies/

- Director and researcher on the research project: Towards Human Security Approaches in The MENA region. Understanding and resolving Conflict dynamics in Tunisia, Lebanon and Jordan. A comparative Study, a two years research project in partnership with the West ASIA AND North Africa institute (WANA): funded by the Dutch Research Council
- Director and researcher on the project Contexts of radicalization in the Balkans and Mena regions (CONNEKT), funded by the European fund for scientific innovation Horizon 2020 from 2020 until now: a three years project.

Projects Design and Implementation as the director of a leading Think-tank in Tunisia: Jasmine Foundation for Research and Communication (JFRC) – April 2013-present –

Main activities/projects:

- Project on the vulgarization and facilitation of transitional justice in Tunisia.
- “Tunisia Policy Shapers” project aimed at building the capacity of Tunisian civil society organizations in the field of policy analysis, writing and advocacy and promoting dialogue around public policies between civil society, decision- makers and the private sector. In partnership with the National Endowment for Democracy.
- Project “Building Tunisia Together”: policy seminars for young members of parliament.
- “Active Citizens” project in partnership with the British Council.
- “Youth Talks”: discussions with young people with the presence of experts and other stakeholders in civil society.
- Policy Evaluation Systems project with the Tunisian Government to introduce more effective policy evaluation processes within public administration.
- Project on Youth and the Constitution CC-Forum aimed at changing the attitude and developing the interest of a group of 120 young unemployed graduates towards the participation in the public affairs and towards the new constitution in particular. January 2014 - November 2014 in partnership with the United Nations Development Program, UNDP.
- Project to monitor the proceedings of the National Constituent Assembly in 2013 and 2014.
- Project on support for women active in politics and public life (with the University of East London and International Forum for Islamic Dialogue).
- Project on training young Tunisian researchers to produce policy analysis and recommendations (Tadbir).
- Project on social accountability and participatory evaluation of local services (in partnership with the UNDP).
- Organizing events such as: the JFRC Annual Conference on “Public Governance in Democratic Transition: Evaluating Public Policies (April 2014); Study Day on “Women and Political Participation: Challenges and Perspectives” (April 2014); and several Round Tables on “The role of Arab Diaspora in Democratic Transitions Political and Economic Challenges” (October 2014).
- Producing publications, e.g., first English translation of the new Tunisian constitution.
- Directing and animating **Jasmine Foundation Policy Lab** “Tadbir” from 2016 to present.

Teaching

2022-2023:

Sociology Department, Ibn Haldun University.

- “Research Methods and Publication Ethics” (SOC 501).
- “Advanced Research Methods” (SOC 601).
- Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101).
- Masters Seminar (SOC 500)
- Ph.D Seminar (SOC 600).
- Modernity, Postmodernity and Beyond (SOC 625)
- Sociology of education (SOC-209)

- Sociology of Religion (SOC 309)

2021-2022:

Sociology Department, Ibn Haldun University

- September 2021-January 2022, "Historical Sociology"
- September 2021-January 2022, Introduction to Sociology".
- February 2022- June 2022, "Research Methods and Publication Ethics".
- February 2022- June 2022, "Social Statistics",

2017-2021

The Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences, Carthage University, Tunisia.

- "Sociology of corruption" course, the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences, Carthage University

2012 - 2015:

National Institute of Labour and Social Studies of Tunis, Carthage University

- "Anthropology".
- "Urban Sociology"

2011 - 2012:

- "Sociology of Globalization" Course, University of Quebec at Montreal, Montreal, Quebec

1999 - 2000:

- Teaching assistant "Research Methodologies in Sociology" Course, University of Quebec at Montreal

1997 - 1999:

- Teaching assistant "Sociology of Development" Course, Department of Sociology, University of Montreal

1996 - 1997:

- Teaching assistant "Sociology of World System" Course, Department of Sociology, University of Montreal

Coaching

- Certified trainer in "Empowerment" (Affiliated to the IMAGINE program of the Empowerment Institute in the US): Delivering several workshops on women and community empowerment in Tunisia; mentoring several apprentice trainers.
- Trainer with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) on fighting corruption and social accountability, including delivering training workshops on "Engaging youth and civil society in fighting corruption", "Social Accountability", "Advocacy for Social Justice" and other themes, delivered in Africa and the Middle East.

Publications:

- Chirchi, Tasnim and Ghribi Khaoula, Macro-Level Analysis of Potential Drivers of VE in Tunisia Through Neo-Institutionalism, in Kidzic Damir, Mumer Hirkic and Sead Turcalo, **2023**, "Contextualizing Institutional Approaches to Radicalization in the Balkans and Mena, Journal of Regional security, (Forthcoming).
- Chirchi, Tasnim (Editor), Country Reports on Meso-Level Drivers in MENA and the Balkans. Drivers of Radicalisation and VE in Light of Community Dynamics, **December 2022**.

<https://h2020connekt.eu/publications/country-paper-on-meso-level-drivers/>

- Chirchi, Tasnim and al, Country Paper on Maco-drivers of Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Light of State Dynamics in Mena and the Balkans. Tunisia, CONNEKT Country Papers, The European Institute of the Mediterranean, **September 2021**.

https://h2020connekt.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Tunisia_CONNEKT_Macro_Drivers.pdf

- Chirchi, Tasnim and Jrad, Eya MENA: Regional Perspectives on Radicalization and Violent Extremism, CONNEKT Regional Report, in Perspectives on Radicalization and Violent Extremism in the MENA, the Balkans and the European Union, KONNEKT Regional Papers, The European Institute of the Mediterranean, March 2021.

<https://h2020connekt.eu/publications/radicalisation-and-violent-extremism-in-the-mena/>

- Chirchi, Tasnim and al., Tunisia: Country report on National Approaches to Extremism, CONNEKT Country Reports. National Approaches to Extremism, The European Institute of the Mediterranean, December 2020

<https://h2020connekt.eu/publications/tunisia-country-report-on-national-approaches-to-extremism/>

- Khriji, Tesnim, Pour sortir de la fausse alternative entre « universalisme » et « identitarisme » : Analyse critique de quelques paradoxes de l’imaginaire de la globalisation, Les cahiers du CRIEC, 35, (2011), pp. 163-184

<https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/77619256.pdf>

- Khriji, Tesnim and Missaoui, Mohamed El-Tahir, Islam and Terrorism: Beyond the Wisdom of the Secularist Paradigm, Intellectual Discourse 14 (1) (2006).

<https://journals.iium.edu.my/intdiscourse/index.php/index/search/authors/view?givenName=Tesnim&familyName=Khriji&affiliation=&country=&authorName=Khriji%2C%20Tesnim>

Examples of Contributions to conferences:

As a moderator:

- Researching Radicalisation and Violent Extremism in Times of Covid-19, session II on meso-level Drivers, 19 February 2021

https://csd.bg/fileadmin/user_upload/events_library/files/2020_11/CONNEKT-Program.pdf

- Harnessing technology for the Public Good: Improving government Performance and Accountability Through New Technologies, RightsCon, Tunis, June 2019

https://rightscon2019.sched.com/moderator/dr_tasnim_chirchi.1zInt98l

- Roundtable: “The role of Arab Diaspora in Democratic Transitions: Political and Economic Challenges” in partnership with the European Research Council research programme WFAW (When Authoritarianism Fails in the Arab World), 17 October 2014, Foundouq El-Attarine, Tunis

As a speaker :

- Chirchi, T. « Regards croisés sur la capture de l’Etat », in a Webinar on « De la Corruption à la Capture de l’Etat : Regards croisés », organised by the Paris School for Economics, April 2021.

<https://www.parisschoolofeconomics.eu/fr/actualites/8-avril-webinaire-de-la-corruption-a-la-capture-d-etat-regards-croises/>

- Chirchi, T. L’imagination au pouvoir, La nuit des idées, Tunis, 2018.

<http://www.institutfrancais-tunisie.com/sites/default/files/2021-01/DP-NDI-2018.pdf>

Interviews with Dr Chirchi :

- Chirchi, T, Interview avec le Lab'AFEV, Aout 2017,

<http://www.lab-afev.org/rencontres-actives-citizens/>

- Interview with Tasnim Chirchi and Intissar Kherigi, The Scholars Enabling Inclusive Local Decision Making in Tunisia, Pathfinders, April 2021.

<https://medium.com/sdg16plus/the-scholars-enabling-inclusive-local-decision-making-in-tunisia-3a6c9cb32a35>