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Knowledge Production* Skills **The process of creating new knowledge, which can be scientific, social, or cultural" IGI Global.

- Researching Development and Social Studies
- Designing Social Development Programs
- Translating from/to Arabic and English
- Teamwork and Leadership
- Project Management
- Digital Storytelling and Documentary Production

Academic Education

2021-2025 Tempe, Arizona	Ph.D. Candidate Innovation in Global Development School for the Future of Innovation in Society, Arizona State University. Expected to graduate by 2026.
2018 Los Angeles, California	Master of Science in Social Entrepreneurship USC Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California.
2007 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia	Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Honor Award.

Professional Certifications

2025 Tempe, Arizona	Sustainability Graduate Certificate. Completed the ASU sustainability solutions foundational knowledge and skills in systems thinking, values thinking, futures thinking and collaborative thinking. School of Sustainability, Arizona State University.
2024 Grand Canyon, Arizona	Leave No Trace Instructor. In-depth practical training of the 7 main principles, ethics and skills in leading sustainable outdoors and protecting nature. NOLS, The US National Outdoor Leadership School.

Experiences

12/2025 TIFBR	Publications Alhindi, Y. (2025). Conceptualizing Rushd as an Islamic development model . Tazkia Islamic Finance and Business Review.
11/2025 NACIF Houston, Texas.	Conferences Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented, at the North American Conference on Islamic Finance NACIF 2025, the paper entitled by "Conceptualizing Rushd as an Islamic Development Model: Innovation in Development of Waqfs in Madinah".
5/2025 IFESDC Washington, D.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented, at the International Islamic Economics and Finance Conference for Sustainable Development IFESDC 2025, the paper entitled by "Innovation in Cultural Development of Waqfs in Medina: Re-imagining an Islamic Development Model".
11/2023 4S, Society for Social Studies of Science Honolulu, Hawaii	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Presented at the 4S Society for Social Studies of Science conference. The session entitled by "Weaving Stories from Latin America and the Arab World around Buen Vivir and Husna".

01/2025
Auhud Consultant
Medina, Saudi Arabia

Workshops Facilitation

- Facilitated a public participatory research workshop entitled by "The Futures of Innovation in development of Waqfs in Madinah", that engaged diverse stakeholders of Madinah's Waqfs.

08/2022 - 12/2023
School for the Future
of Innovation in
Society, ASU
Tempe, Arizona

Research Projects

- Participated in the ASU's Institute for Social Science Research Graduate Students Poster Contest through "A New Sustainability Solution Framework for development sector in Saudi Arabia".
- Co-produced crash course on "[What is the true value of money?](#)" how can we re-imagine the futures of money as sociotechnology? Science, Technology and Public Affairs course.
- Participated in the research trip to Amazon forest in Ecuador under the theme of *Indigenous Sustainability Solutions*, to explore further understanding of local knowledge solutions.
- Co-directed a short documentary about a sustainable lifestyle embodiment "*Dr. Idiot*".
- "*The Earth Will Catch us / the Drum Will Lift Us*" art performance grew out of Indigenous Sustainability Solutions course and was inspired by the Data Humanization performance series.
- Created the digital story of "[Grounding the Zero](#)", based on the research project of Post Colonial Science and Technology 2023 class.
- Interned as an Arabic translator for [Thousand Languages](#), a Hayden public library initiative.

08/2021 - 08/2022
WSSS
Sustainability ASU
Tempe, Arizona

Graduate Service Assistance

- Worked with Walton Sustainability Solutions Service on a project produced a paper entitled *Democratic Entrepreneurship: Integrating an Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Approach to Empower Human-Centric Worker Cooperatives*. In addition to designing a knowledge hub to support employee ownership approach.

06/2020 – 06/2021
Atharonaan
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Social Innovation Consultant

- Co-authored the open-source guide entitled by "[Designing Social Impact Initiatives by Atharonaan](#)".

Fellowship

- Consult social impact organizations through skills-based projects for sustainable development goals. We have developed monitoring and evaluation metrics and updated the theory of change framework for ANIMEDH, a non-for-profit in Mumbai, India enabling women via hands-on crafts and upskilling programs.

Youth and Learning Programs Head

- Led Ithra Youth, the Corporate Social Responsibility initiative of Saudi Aramco focused on educational and cultural programs with a \$5 M portfolio and reached more than 50,000 beneficiaries in rural areas.
- Mentored a team of 10 and provided three years of developmental and career growth-focused plans.
- We have established strategic relationships with government bodies and key international partners, including FabLab and Lawrence Hall of Science at UC Berkeley.

Developmental Geologist

- Analyzed and mapped developmental and exploration projects in oil and gas fields.
- Championed the establishment of guidelines and standards for the "Geosteering" remote center.

Awards & Activities

- The Most Impactful Cultural Revitalization Study, for creatively reinterpreting historical Islamic institutions to inform modern cultural and developmental strategies presented at the IFESDC, Washington, DC, 2025.
- Best 99 innovators in Early Education Childhood Open IDEO Prize, for "Playfull Space," 2018.
- World Innovation Summit for Education WISE2013 prize for Ithra Youth initiative, Doha, 2013.
- Completion of several marathons, 2015-2026.

[Ignite Dhahran Events; Dhahran 2012-2015](#):

Co-organized Youth inspirational public events to share unique personal and professional experiences.