

# YASER ZAKARIYYA ALHINDI

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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

### Publications

Alhindi, Y. (2025). [Conceptualizing Rushd as an Islamic development model](#). Tazkia Islamic Finance and Business Review.

### Conferences Participation

- 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](#)".
- 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](#)".
- 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  
Atharonaa  
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

### Social Innovation Consultant

- Co-authored the open-source guide entitled by “[Designing Social Impact Initiatives by Atharonaa](#)”.

04/2019 - 12/2019  
Moving Worlds Global  
Fellowship  
Seattle, Washington

### 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.

09/2012 - 05/2017  
Ithra Cultural Center  
Saudi Aramco  
Dhahran, Saudi  
Arabia

### 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.

03/2007 - 12/2011  
Saudi Aramco  
Dhahran, Saudi  
Arabia

### 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.