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Rida Anis is Assistant Professor in English at Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey. Rida studied English Literature at The University of Aleppo, Syria, an MA in English Literature at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, and PHD in Literature & Criticism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her PHD dissertation focused on *Multicultural American Women Playwrights of Trans-cultural Consciousness: Adrienne Kennedy, Velina Houston, and Diane Glancy*. From 2006-2015, Rida was a lecturer at The University of Aleppo, however she was forced to leave for Turkey as a result of war, lack of safety and needs. In December 2018, she joined Cara's Syrian Programme, where she completed numerous interdisciplinary research projects on improving the social-political life of Syrians both in Syria and in exile with focus on transnational women's literature of feelings, aspirations, connection that seeks to build a brighter future for all people.

Education

PhD in English (Literature and Criticism) (May 2006)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA, USA

Dissertation Title: "Three Multicultural American Women Playwrights of Trans-cultural Consciousness: Adrienne Kennedy, Velina Houston, and Diane Glancy"

MA in English (English Literature) (August 1996)

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, USA

DIPLOMA in Translation (English-Arabic) (August 1992)

The University of Aleppo, Aleppo, Syria

BA in English (Literature and Linguistics) (August 1991)

The University of Aleppo, Aleppo, Syria

Honors and Awards

- * **Four-week Research Incubation Visit** to **St John's College, Oxford University** (July, 2019).
- * **Certificate of Appreciation Award** for teaching Literature & Criticism, *Granted by the Department of English, University of Aleppo* (August 2013)
- * **Exceptional International Student Award**, *Granted by the African American Cultural Center of Indiana University of Pennsylvania* (May 2006)
- * **Outstanding International Student Award** (Top International Student, highest GPA), *Granted by the African American Cultural Center of Indiana University of Pennsylvania* (May 2006)
- * **Fulbright Scholarship** to study MA at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, USA., *Granted*

*by the J. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board & the United States Information Agency
(August 1994-August 1996)*

Academic Experience

- Sep 2017-Current** Assistant Professor, Teaching English Language & Literature in the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Education, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey.
- Jan 2021-Current** Assistant Professor, Teaching English & American Literatures in the MA Program of the ELT (Online), Faculty of English Language & Literature, Sham International University, Izaz, North Syria.
- Aug 2016-Aug 2017** Assistant Professor, Teaching English Language & Literature in the Department of Foreign Languages & English Language Teaching, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey.
- Aug 2014-July 2015** Assistant Professor, Teaching English & American Literatures in the Department of English, University of Qortoba, Aleppo, Syria.
- Aug 2006-July 2015** Assistant Professor, Teaching Literature & Criticism in the Department of English Literature & Linguistics, Univ. of Aleppo, Aleppo, Syria.

Areas of Specialization and Interest

- English Language Teaching Skills
- British and American Literature
- Contemporary Multi-ethnic and/or Diaspora Women Poets & Playwrights of Multi-ethnic Identity
- Women Studies
- (Trans)Cultural Studies and Identity
- Postcolonial, Global & Transnational Studies
- Migration, Displacement & Refugee Studies
- Education of Minorities & Refugee Youth

Membership in Scholarly Institutions

- 1) A **Current** Member of the Teaching Committee in the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Education, **Hasan Kalyoncu University**, Gaziantep, Turkey.
- 2) A **Current** Member of the Teaching Committee in the MA Program of the ELT (Online), Faculty English Language & Literature, Sham International University, Izaz, North Syria.
- 3) A Previously a member of the Teaching Committee (Department of English Language & Literature): **Aleppo University**, Aleppo, Syria.
- 4) A **Current** Member of **Cara's Academics & Researchers at Risk** (An International Academic NGO): London, UK.
- 5) A Member of **Dakam Reviewers' Committee for IJSSIS** (International Journal of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies): Istanbul, Turkey.
- 6) A Member of **Kalmirec Göç Araştırma Merkezi** at **Hasan Kalyoncu University**, Gaziantep, Turkey.

Papers, Academic Sessions, National/International Conferences

- **Anis, R.**, Woolley, A., Kemal, B. & Al-Dared, F. (2022). The Feminine Sense & Sensibility in Selected Narratives of Two Diasporic Syrian Women Writers (To be published in 2022).
- Bryant, R. **Anis, R.** & Habash, D. (2022). Reshaping Place in Exile: Istanbul and Gaziantep as Syrian-Turkish Cities (To be published in 2022).
- Abdullateef, S., **Anis, R.** Belluigi, D. Z., Parkinson, T. & Shaban, F. (2022). Advancing Critical University Studies for academia/cs at risk: Four priorities to inform scholars/hip. *ACUS Book Writers* (To be published in 2022).
- **Anis, R.** (A Presenter). (December 6th, 2021). “**Partnership towards the Goal of Quality Education for Syrians.** *Voices from the Syrian Academic Community: Unique local insights and contributions to research, policy & practice*’ (6-10 December 2021) Cara (the Council for At-Risk Academics), with the support of The British Academy and The Royal Society.
- **Anis, R.** (A Presenter). (December 2nd, 2021). “**Inequality & Displacement: the Education of Refugee Youth.**” *Voices from the Syrian Academic Community: Unique local insights and contributions to research, policy & practice* (6-10 December 2021). Cara’s Symposium (the Council for At-Risk Academics) with the support of The British Academy and The Royal Society.
- Kemal, B., **Anis, R.** & Grant, M. (Presenters). (December 1 st, 2021). “**Women Writing Syria: Resilience, Solidarity & Movements.**” *Voices from the Syrian Academic Community: Unique local insights and contributions to research, policy & practice* (6-10 December 2021), Cara’s Symposium (the Council for At-Risk Academics) with the support of The British Academy and The Royal Society.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-writing-syria-resilience-solidarity-movements-tickets-209138497877>
- **Anis, R.**, Calia, C., Demir, O., Doyran, F. & Hacifazlıoğlu, O. (2021). The psycho-social needs of displaced Syrian youth in Turkish schools: A qualitative study. *Cypriot Journal of Educational Sciences*. 16(4), 1602-1615. <https://doi.org/10.18844/cjes.v16i4.6025>
- **Anis, R.** (A Moderator). (May 29th, 2021). “Challenges and Strategies for Collaborative Academic Writing any time and during the e- era.” Dr. Tom Parkinson, Kent University, UK. Nidal Alajaj, Phd Candidate, Kent University, UK. *The Fourth International ELT Conference Issues, Challenges and Solutions in the e-era (28-29 May, 2021)*, ELT Department, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey.

- Abdullateef, S., Ajaj, N., **Anis, R.**, Shaban, F., Belluigi, D. Z. & Parkinson, T. (2020). Sharing the burdens of responsibility for a better future in transnational academia: Reflections of displaced Syrian academics on an atypical academic development event. *ETH Learning and Teaching Journal*, Vol 2, No 2, 2020.
- **Anis, R.** (2020). Carrying Syrian Academic Heritage To The Future: Preserving Academic Heritage In The Middle East. *Yok E book*, 286-291.
<https://www.yok.gov.tr/Documents/Yayinlar/Yayinlarimiz/2020/akademik-mirasin-seyir-defteri-goc-ve-egitime-dair.pdf> .. ISBN 978-605-9554-50-3
- Woolley, A. & **Anis, R.** (A Presenter). (Dec. 2020). *Thinking Across Academic Cultures, An on Online Panel*.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85412170648?pwd=TDdkcVhPeWJtK0xWZS8zdHp4di9DQT09>
- **Anis, R.** (A Presenter). (October 2019). “Ethical Action in Global Research: Supporting an Ethical Research Journey.” I attended the Roundtable Workshop at The University of Edinburgh in July 2019 and participated in the research by running a Feedback Session at my academic Institution HKU in Gaziantep in to contribute to producing the University of Edinburgh Global Ethics Toolkit: A Pocket Guide.
- **Anis, R.** (A Presenter). (Oct 2018). “Contemporary American Women Writers as Agents of Change & Transformation: A Post-Colonial Reading” (An Oral Presentation at Dakam International Literary Criticism Conference, Nippon Hotel Conference Room, Istanbul, Turkey).
- **Anis, R.** (A Presenter). (Mar 2018). “A Melting Pot or a Counter-Hegemony? A Post-Colonial Study of Contemporary American Literature” (An Oral Presentation at ICOS Turgut Özal Conference Center Ürgüp, Nevşehir City, Cappadocia, Turkey).