

Dr. John S. Habib's Curriculum Vitae - Summary

Professor John Habib was born in Detroit, Michigan and educated in the public and parochial schools there. He received the B.A degree from the University of Detroit in Scholastic Philosophy and History, and the M.A in Near Eastern Studies, and the Ph.D in History from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Pending his appointment to the US Foreign Service, he earned the State of Michigan Provisional Secondary Teaching Certificate and taught at secondary public and parochial schools in Detroit.

His diplomatic career included permanent and temporary assignments to the consular, economic-commercial, and political sections of more than twenty-five American Embassies in Africa, Asia, and Europe, during which he developed expertise and a keen interest in American national security matters and in Islamic affairs. His first appointment was to the American Embassy, Cairo, Egypt as a junior political officer, followed by an assignment to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the Special Assistant to the Chief of the Military Mission and as *ad hoc* representative of the Ambassador. After serving a tour of duty in Washington, D. C., he was appointed First Secretary and Consul for Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates, resident in Kuwait. He helped establish the American Embassy in Doha, the capital of Qatar, and was transferred there from Kuwait as First Secretary and as its first resident Consul. His posting to Rabat, Morocco, as Deputy Counselor of Embassy for Economic and Commercial Affairs, was followed by an assignment to the Economic and Commercial section of the Embassy in Paris, France where in 1982 he retired early and entered the private business sector as a management-security consultant.

As an independent consultant from 1982-1989, he made private physical security studies for governments and individuals including the International Airport at Casablanca, Morocco, and the residential palace and the official residence of the President of Paraguay. And for a time he was a senior security consultant for a major American security company. He founded one company in the United States and another in Switzerland, and was director and administrator for others in Geneva, Switzerland, in Monte Carlo, Monaco and in Paris, France.

In 1989 he joined the faculty of the University of Maryland University College, European Division, Heidelberg, Germany as an instructor in History and Government and retired with the rank of Collegiate Professor in 2004. He taught courses on American Government, American History, American Diplomatic History, International Relations, Middle East History, Middle East Politics, Terrorism, and Philosophy. He also gave two-day weekend courses on Terrorism and Middle Eastern themes. In 1995, he was visiting professor at the University of Washington, Seattle and at Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco in 2000-2001.

His published works include two books, *Saudi Arabia and the American National Interest: An Interpretive Study of a Special Relationship*, Universal Press, 2003, and *Ibn Sa'ud's Warrior of Islam*, Leiden, Holland, 1978, several articles, and a book review. He has addressed and read papers at conferences including the Frank Church Symposium on International Affairs in February 2002 and February 2003, and in

Morocco and Saudi Arabia. He has also spoken to the International Affairs Council in Landstuhl, Germany, to senior Saudi Arabian diplomats at the Foreign Ministry in Riyadh, and visiting American graduate students at the European Parliament in Brussels, among others. In February 2004, Al Jazirah Satellite television interviewed him and discussed his book *Saudi Arabia and the American National Interest*. In October 2004 Moroccan television and radio interviewed him on the Kerry-Bush American presidential elections. In October 2000 the Public Affairs Office of the American Embassy in Rabat awarded him a grant to speak to Moroccan university law students on the Gore-Bush election campaign, and to host a seminar of senior Moroccan journalists who were covering that election.

As a graduate student he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study Arabic and Islamic philosophy in Cairo, Egypt, a Fulbright-Hays fellowship to study in Syria, and three National Defense Foreign Language Fellowships to study Arabic and Turkish at the University of Michigan. In 2004 he was awarded the Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer Award to teach American Studies at Mohamed V University in Morocco.

He speaks Arabic, French, in addition to English, his mother tongue, and has a working knowledge of Spanish, German, and Italian.

In the mid eighties and nineties, Professor Habib was Chairman, Republicans Abroad for Monte Carlo, Monaco, and International Treasurer, Republicans Abroad. He is no longer active in partisan politics.

In addition to research, writing, and teaching, Professor Habib is establishing Centers for American Studies, in Islamic and Arab countries, where American government history, and related American subjects can be studied comprehensively and objectively. He established the first center at Mohamed V University in Rabat on 01 October 2004. It will serve as the pilot program for Centers elsewhere.

Professor Habib is unmarried and has a daughter and a grandson. He resides in California and maintains secondary residences in Brussels and Paris.