

## **Dr Mai Yamani**

### **Education:**

Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, USA, 1975-1979  
BA, Anthropology: cum laude

Sommerville College, Oxford University, UK, 1980-1982  
MA, Social Anthropology

Sommerville College, Oxford University, UK, 1984-1989  
D. Phil, Social Anthropology

### **Academic and Professional Experience:**

**Visiting scholar at Carnegie Middle East Centre, Beirut, 2008-2009**

**Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institute, Washington DC, 2008**

Research Fellow, Middle East Programme, Royal Institute of International Affairs  
(Chatham House), London, 1997-2007

Research Fellow, Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, School of Oriental and  
African Studies, London University 1992-2000

Research Fellow, Centre for Cross Cultural Research, Oxford University  
1990-1991

Academic Adviser, Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University,  
Washington DC, 1990-2000

Board Member, Middle East Institute, London University, 1992-present

Lecturer in anthropology and sociology, King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah, Saudi  
Arabia, 1981-1984

### **Books and other Publications:**

Cradle of Islam: The Hijaz and the Quest for an Arabian Identity, (I.B. Tauris:  
London, 2004. Published in Arabic - Al Saqi: Beirut, 2005)

Changed Identities: The Challenge of the New Generation in Saudi Arabia, (RIIA:  
London, 2000. Published in Arabic - Dar Al Rayys: Beirut, 2001)

The Rule of Law and Human Rights in the Middle East and the Islamic World (co-  
ed.), (I.B. Tauris: London, 2000)

Feminism and Islam: Legal and Literary Perspectives (Ithaca Press, London 1996)

### **Academic and Policy Publications (selected)**

'From Fragility to Stability: a survival strategy for the Saudi monarchy', Contemporary Arab Affairs, Routledge, 2009

'The Saudi Media Mask', in Kingdom without Borders', Hurst, London, 2008

The Two Faces of Saudi Arabia, Survival: Global Politics and Strategy, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, 2008

Political Reform in Saudi Arabia, Brookings, Washington DC, 2008

'The Latent Arab Democratic Revolution', The Middle East and North Africa, Routledge, London, 2007

'The Limits of Political Reform in Saudi Arabia' in Democratisation and the Middle East, Birgitte Rahbek, ed., (Aarhus University Press: Aarhus, 2005)

'The Challenge of Globalization in Saudi Arabia', On Shifting Ground, ed. Nouria Simone (City University of New York, New York, 2005)

'Iraq in Transition: Vortex or Catalyst?', (Chatham House, London, 2004)

'Challenged by example: Globalization and the new Arab awakening', Globalization and the Middle East, T. Dodge & R. Higgott eds., (RIIA, London, 2002)

'The new generation in the GCC: the Case of Saudi Arabia', in Oil and Regional Developments in the Gulf, R. Hollis (ed.), (RIIA, London, 1998)

### **Newspaper Articles**

Regular contributor to International Herald Tribune, Le Figaro, Die Welt, Corriere della Sera, The Guardian, The Independent, South China Morning Post, The Daily Star (Lebanon), Al Eqtisadiyah (Saudi Arabia), Al Raya (Qatar), Zaman (Turkey), La Vanguardia (Spain), The Daily Times (Pakistan), La Libre Belgique, Asahi Shimbun, Al-Sabah Al Jadeed (Iraq), Chicago Tribune (USA)

### **Radio and Television Broadcasting**

Frequent appearances on: CNN, Al Jazeera, BBC World, BBC Newsnight, Channel 4 News, Bloomberg, CBS, ANB, ABC.

### **Languages**

Arabic, English, French, Spanish (broadcast standard)

Italian, Hebrew, Persian (not for broadcast)