

## **PROFESSOR DR. NADA MOURTADA-SABBAH | BIOSKETCH**

Professor Dr. Nada Mourtada-Sabbah is the Secretary-General of the University Leadership Council (ULC), which brought together the leading institutions of higher learning in the UAE, under the Honorary Chairmanship of His Highness Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, UAE Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development.

Professor Mourtada was named as the founding Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs of the American University of Sharjah (AUS) in 2009. A freshly minted Ph.D. in 1997, she was one of the dozen pioneer faculty members who joined AUS when it first opened its doors that year. Professor Mourtada-Sabbah was subsequently elected President of the AUS Faculty Senate, and served as the founding Chair of the Department of International Studies for three years, successfully overseeing its accreditation. She was then appointed as the Assistant to the Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs from 2007 to 2009 and held this position until the AUS Board of Trustees appointed her to the newly created position of the Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs.

In her capacity as the founding Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs, Dr. Mourtada-Sabbah built up the newly created Office of Development and Alumni Affairs from the ground up, spearheading the University's endeavors to further institutional advancement efforts by overseeing the interrelated tracks of outreach, career advancement, corporate relations, alumni affairs, and resource development. As Chair of the Council of Development and Outreach, comprised of the Provost and the academic Deans, she led the formation of the Advisory Councils of the four Schools and College, comprised of leading figures from industry in the various relevant fields of the vibrant private sector in the UAE and the wider GCC.

A freshly minted Ph.D. holder as she joined the American University of Sharjah at its inception in September 1997, Dr. Mourtada-Sabbah was promoted through the ranks at AUS from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and then to Full Professor of Public Law and International Studies. She is the recipient of the "AUS Excellence in Teaching Award" (rewarding the best faculty-member of the American University of Sharjah as voted by the entire student body) and the "AUS Excellence in Service Award" (rewarding the strongest contribution to enhancing the visibility of the University within the GCC and beyond).

Professor Mourtada received a BA with distinction from the American University in Beirut where she was the recipient of the Penrose Award for the most outstanding qualities of leadership, scholarship, and contributions to the University as a whole. She holds a PhD in Public Law with distinction from the University of Paris II.

Dr. Mourtada has held visiting professorships at leading universities and research institutions in the US and Europe, including the University of California at Berkeley; the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; the Congressional Research Service (Library of Congress) in Washington, DC; the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University in Washington, DC; the University of Paris Law School; and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po).

Her books include *Le Privilege de l'Exécutif aux Etats-Unis* (L.G.D.J); *Is War a Political Question; Globalization and the Gulf* (UK: Routledge, 2007); *The Supreme Court of the United States and the Political Question Doctrine* (Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2007); and *The US President, War Powers, and Military Tribunals in the USA* (forthcoming, University of Paris Press, 2017).

Some of her many articles have appeared in the *Harvard Middle Eastern and Islamic Review*; *White House Studies*; *Maghreb-Mashrek*; *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*; *Revue Pouvoirs*; *Revue Internationale de Droit Comparé*; *Annuaire Francais de Relations Internationales*; and *Revue du Droit Public et de la Science Politique en France et a l'Etranger*.

Professor Mourtada-Sabbah has been invited to lecture at Johns Hopkins University (SAIS); Georgetown University (CCAS); Washington Center for Strategic Studies; the American University of Cairo; American University; Science Po; the United Nations; NATO; Chatham House; the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR); the Dubai School of Government; and the Emirates Institute of Diplomacy.

Dr. Mourtada is a Trustee of St Benedict College, one of the leading Catholic liberal arts universities in the United States (Minnesota). She is also a Board member of the Women for Sustainable Growth Association, in charge of enhancing economic ties between the GCC and Scandinavian countries. She currently serves as the Secretary-General of the University Leadership Council as well as founding member of *BUNYAN* | The Capacity-Building Initiative for the Empowerment of the Emirati Youth, launched by His Highness Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, UAE Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development, under his Honorary Chairmanship. She is a Board member of the Arab Council for Social Sciences (ACSS), and a member of the Board of Trustees of AMIDEAST. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the "Make A Wish Foundation" of the UAE.

Professor Mourtada is the Senior Advisor of the University of Paris II Board of Trustees (Paris, France)