

Layth Hanbali

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Languages Arabic, English (bilingual) French (elementary)

Qualifications

Current **PhD in History** *Université Libre de Bruxelles*
Insurgent Infrastructure: Palestinian Social Movements in Health

2021 **MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing** *London School of Economics and Political Science | London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine*

Classification: Merit

Modules: Health Policy, Process and Power | Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases
Financing Healthcare | Evidence Review and Synthesis for Decision-Making
Basic Epidemiology | Design and Analysis of Epidemiological Studies
Statistical Methods in Healthcare Economic Evaluation | Health Economics

Dissertation: Distorting health systems? Pay-for-Performance mechanisms in Rwanda

2016 **Member** *Royal Colleges of Physicians (UK)* (MRCP)

2016 **MBBS Medicine** *University College London*

2013 **BSc in Medical Science with Global Health** *University College London*

Classification: Upper second-class, 2.1

Modules: Global Health Policy | Health, Poverty and Development
Conflict, Health and Humanitarianism | Global Maternal and Child Health

Dissertation: The role of civil society in the development of the Palestinian health system
Award: John Yudkin Prize for contributions to global health advocacy

Work experience

01/2024 – present **Project coordinator** *The Institute for Palestine Studies*
Documenting the Targeting and Destruction of the Health Sector in the Gaza Strip

05/2022 – 08/2024 **Assistant researcher** *Birzeit University*

I conducted participatory research to establish community health projects in local refugee camps in Palestine and research the history of social movements in health in Palestine. I participate in planning and delivering the annual Palestine Social Medicine Course.

10/2021 – present **Freelance consultant, researcher and writer**

I am a freelance consultant specialising in community health and health policy. Recent work:

- Independent monitoring for the WHO pandemic agreement (Spark Street Advisors)
- Report on health and the political context in Palestine (People's Health Movement)

05/2021 – 11/2021 **Research Assistant**

London School of Economics and Political Science

I conducted a literature review on establishing and governing research funding organisations to inform establishment of an African research funding body. *Supervisor: Dr Clare Wenham*

I reviewed procurement policies, patient experience measures, and supply chains, to inform procurement of medical aids in Austria. *Supervisor: Professor Elias Mossialos*

2016 – present **Independent Lecturer (medicine and global health)**

I delivered undergraduate and postgraduate lectures and seminars, and marked assessments at: *University College London, Imperial College London, King's College London, St George's University of London and Newcastle University*, on a topics including: decolonising global health, trade and population health, global health aid, conflict and health, policymaking, globalisation.

11/2020 – 07/2021 **Health Protection Practitioner** *Public Health England*

I compiled twice-weekly Situation Reports on COVID-19 Variants of Concern for PHE London leadership, collected data, and inputted into broader strategy for researching outbreaks.

08/2018 – 08/2020 Core Medical Trainee (Internal medicine resident doctor)
Imperial Health Care NHS Trust

In addition to the normal responsibilities, I delivered presentations on racism in healthcare and the impact of climate change on respiratory diseases.

Award: Imperial College Commendation for contribution to teaching

08/2017 – 07/2018 Foundation Year 2 Doctor *Tunbridge Wells Hospital*

Awards: commendations for contributions to teaching and exceptional leadership

08/2016 – 08/2017 Foundation Year 1 Doctor *Kingston Hospital*

04/2016 – 06/2016 Intern *World Health Organization (Geneva Headquarters)*
Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing

I built a framework for analysing decentralisation of health systems. I initiated cross-departmental work to propose system-level metrics for evaluating District Health Systems.

Academic Writing

Hanbali, L., Asi, Y. "Assessing the Universality of Universal Health Coverage: Israel and the Occupation of Palestine." *Palestine/Israel Review* 2 (2024) <https://doi.org/10.5325/pir.1.2.0004>

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<https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjgh-2023-014942>

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<https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjgh-2023-013348>

Smith, J., Jit, E., **Hanbali, L.,** Hafez, S., Neilson, A., & Khoury, R. "Violence in Palestine demands immediate resolution of its settler colonial root causes." *BMJ Global Health* 8, no. 10 (2023): e014269–e014269. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjgh-2023-014269>

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[https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(23\)00126-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)00126-5)

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvacx.2022.100225>

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<https://collections.unu.edu/view/UNU:8997>

Jones, CM., Eigbike, M., **Hanbali, L.,** Kay, S., Kebede, M., Wenham, C. *Institutional design and management of a continental research fund in Africa: Insights from an international review of research funding bodies.* (2021). <https://aphrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Institutional-design-and-management-of-a-continental-research-fund-in-Africa-1.pdf>

Non-Academic Writing (selected)

[Destruction of the Health Sector in the Gaza Strip.](#) *Institute for Palestine Studies.* (2024).

[Locked in Despair:](#) Palestinian Hostages in Israeli Prisons. *Tribune.* (2023).

[The daily, grinding violence in the West Bank is worse than ever before.](#) Why does it go unseen?. *The Guardian.* (2023).

[Reimagining Liberation through the Popular Committees.](#) *Al-Shabaka.* (2022).

[Israeli violence is central to Palestine's mental health crisis.](#) *Huck Magazine.* (2022).