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He is the founder and director of the Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies in Syria (affiliated to the International Federation for Human Rights - FIDH) and co-founder and executive director of the Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C. He is the managing editor of the Transitional Justice in the Arab World Project.

Before that, Ziadeh was editor-in-chief of *Tyarat* magazine in 2001–2002 and secretary of the Syrian Organization for Transparency. He was a researcher with the UNDP's "Syria 2025" project and was named best political scientist researcher in the Arab world by Jordan's Abdulhameed Shoman Foundation in 2004; in 2009 he was awarded the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Academic Freedom award in Boston; and in 2010 he was awarded the [Democracy Courage Tributes](#) award on behalf of the Human Rights movement in Syria by the World Movement for Democracy at Jakarta- Indonesia.

Ziadeh has been one of the major players in the "Damascus Spring," a period of intense debate about politics, social issues and calls for reform in Syria after the death of President Hafez al-Asad in 2000.

He is on the board of directors for the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID) in Washington, D.C., and a member of the Advisory Group for the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in Stockholm, Sweden. In addition, he is a member of the Advisory Board for the Islamic World Initiative at USIP for "Reform and Security in the Muslim World" program, a member of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), the American Political Science Association (APSA), The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London, the International Political Science Association (IPSA), and the International Studies Association (ISA).

His most recent book is *Power and Policy in Syria: Intelligence Services, Foreign Relations and Democracy in the Modern Middle East* (I.B.Tauris ,2010). He has written ten books: *The Clash of Values Between Islam and the West*, with Kevin James O'Toole (2010), *Political Islam in Syria* (2008), *Decision Making and Foreign Policy in Syria* (2007), *The Challenges of Reform in The Arab World: Islam, Identity, Modernity and Globalization* (2006), *The Intellectual Confronts Power: Dialogues of Syrian Civil Society* (2005), and *The Near Peace: The Syrian–Israeli Negotiations* (2005—the first book written by a Syrian on the subject), *The Ideology of*

Renaissance in Contemporary Arab Discourse (2004), *The Question of Renewal in Contemporary Islamic Discourse* (2004), *Modernism and Post-Modernism in Western Philosophy* (2003), and *Human Rights in the Arab World* (2000).

He has edited five books: *The Democratic Transition between Spain and Syria*, with George Irani (2009), *The Struggle for Reform in Syria* (2006), *Reform in Syria: Between Domestic and International Politics* (2004), *Towards Civil Society in Syria* (2004), and *Islam and Political Thought: Democracy and The West* (2000).

Ziadeh has published studies, research projects and policy papers for many international institutions including United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in Stockholm, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), Freedom House and Global Integrity both in Washington D.C, The Global Leadership Project at the Clinton Global Initiative. He has published articles in magazines in Arabic, English, Spanish and French.

He has lectured at Harvard University, Columbia University, Georgetown University, Stanford University, Rutgers University, Cornell University, George Washington University, New York University, UCLA, UC–Davis, Roger Williams University, Kennesaw State University, Tufts University, Oxford University, St. Andrews University, National Academy of the Sciences, King's College–University of London, Edinburgh University, University of Colorado, Savannah Council on World Affairs, University of Ljubljana-Slovenia, Jagiellonian University in Poland, Lund University –Sweden, Gutenberg University-Mainz-Germany, University of Amsterdam, LUISS University in Italy , Pontifical Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)-Barcelona, National University-Rosario-Argentina, International Christian University in Tokyo, Cairo University, American University of Beirut, Al-Baat University in Amman, University of Jordan, and Damascus University.

He is a frequent political commentator on several U.S., European, and Middle Eastern media outlets such as Al-Jazeera, Al-Arabiya, B.B.C. and Al-Hurra. He also writes a bi-monthly op-ed for the leading Arab daily, *Al-Hayat*.