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Dr. Sami Hajjar joined the faculty of NESAs in 2004. He was born in Lebanon and educated at the American University of Beirut where he earned a B.A. and M.A. degrees in Public Administration. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1969. He is a naturalized U.S. citizen and fluent in Arabic.

From 1966-1987, Dr. Hajjar served as a member of the Political Science Department at the University of Wyoming where he was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Full Professor. During his tenure at the University of Wyoming, he taught courses on American Government, political theory, public administration and Middle East politics. He left Wyoming to become a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Information Agency. His assignments included Cultural Affairs Officer in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Public Affairs Officer in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and Gulf Desk Office at USIA, Washington, D.C. In 1993, Hajjar resigned his tenured Foreign Service position to serve as advisor to the newly created Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, Abu Dhabi, UAE. In 1994, he accepted an appointment at the U.S. Army War College as professor and director of Middle East Studies. In that capacity, his responsibilities included developing and teaching advanced courses on Middle East topics, and the teaching of the required courses on U.S. national security policy and Regional Strategic Appraisal-Middle East. He retired in January 2002, only to accept a temporary appointment for the rest of that year as research professor of national security policy with the Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute.

Dr. Hajjar has published more than 40 studies on a variety of political science and policy issues in several leading professional journals, as well as several monographs published by the Strategic Studies Institute. He has been the recipient of several academic awards, and USIA and Department of the Army citations.

Since retirement, in addition to his work with NESAs, he has served as a member of the U.S. Army War College's Strategic Analysis Team that was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq during April and May 2003. More recently he has been a consultant to the U.S. Central Command Forward Headquarters in Camp As Sayliyah (Doha, Qatar), working with the Strategic Communications Division of the Joint Directorate of Operations (J-3). Some of his duties involved engaging the Arab print and broadcast media.

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