

# MALAK ALSAYYAD

Trilingual Visual Journalist & Documentary Filmmaker | Cairo, Egypt

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## PORTFOLIO

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## EDUCATION

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM - NY, USA**  
M.S. in Journalism, Documentary Specialization | Class of 2023

White House Correspondents' Association Scholar

**WELLESLEY COLLEGE - MA, USA**

B.A. in Cinema & Media Studies, Media Arts & Sciences | 2015 - 2019

Davis United World College Scholar, Albright Institute for Global Affairs Fellow

**THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO (AUC) - EGYPT | SPRING 2018**

**BARD COLLEGE BERLIN (BCB) - GERMANY | FALL 2017**

## LANGUAGES

Arabic | German | English

## SKILLS

Adobe Premiere

Photoshop

InDesign

Illustrator

</> HTML, CSS, PROCESSING

## FILM & WORK EXPERIENCE

**I TOLD YOU SO | Documentary, 30 min US, Egypt, Germany | 2023**

**DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, EDITOR & CINEMATOGRAPHER**

An intimate investigation into living with chronic pain, while fighting medical skeptics, family, and that little voice inside your head telling you that you're crazy!

- Between Women Filmmakers' Caravan - Rough Cut Award 2022
- DOC NYC - DOC NYC U Competition Award 2023
- Zawya Shorts 8 - Best Film Award 2024, Audience Award 2024
- Aswan International Women Film festival - Films with Impact 2024

**FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY - BERLIN, GERMANY**

**FREELANCER & FILM SET ASSISTANT | 2019 - PRESENT | ([SEE PORTFOLIO](#))**

- Designing and executing a variety of visual projects and documentation.
- Notable credits include:
  - Erden, Dir. Celina Schmidt (2022) | SFX
  - Ara by Khebez Dawle (2020) | Editor, SFX
  - Tarik's Spiel (2021), Dir. Süheyla Schwenk | 2nd Camera Assistant

**WOMEN MAKE FILM by elbarlament - BERLIN, GERMANY**

**OUTREACH & SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER | OCT 2020 - JAN 2021**

- Designed and implemented social media & communication strategy
- Generated high engagement at virtual event and garnered press attention
- Co-developed trilingual website (Arabic, English, Kurdish)

**DOX BOX eV - BERLIN, GERMANY**

**ADMIN & EXEC ASSISTANT | SEP 2019 - FEB 2020, SEP 2020 - MAR 2021**

- Managed office administration and bookkeeping
- Edited content for director and programs

**DONGOLA PUBLISHING - LIMITED EDITIONS - BEIRUT, LEBANON**

**VIDEO & GRAPHIC DESIGN / PUBLICITY INTERN | JUN-AUG 2018**

- Created visual content to publicize released artists' books
- Directed and edited [promotional video](#) for new artist book

**"WOMEN FOR COMMON SPACES" | SASHA WALTZ - BERLIN, GERMANY**

**TRANSLATOR | NOV-DEC 2017**

• Translated (Arabic to German) first edition of "[Female Voices in Exile](#)"  
A series of short stories written by Syrian women in Berlin (by Yasmine Merei)

**WIR MACHEN DAS MAGAZIN - BERLIN, GERMANY**

**EDITORIAL TEAM INTERN / TRANSLATOR | SEP-DEC 2017**

- Supported the editorial team in planning and editing texts for publishing
- Translated and published texts - Arabic to English & German to English

**CENTER FOR CROSS CULTURAL LEARNING - RABAT, MOROCCO**

**SOCIAL MEDIA & PUBLICITY INTERN | JUN-AUG 2017**

- Created social media content in Arabic & English
- Redesigned website & created consistent brand around existing logo

**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - AMMAN, JORDAN**

**COMMUNICATIONS INTERN | JUN-AUG 2016**

- Documented stories of alumni of UNDP Arab States' Youth Leadership Program