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## Dr. Abdullah Ahmed Althabit

**Education: *Ph.D.* *August, 2013* *UK***  
**School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape – Newcastle University**

- "The Role of Regional Development Policies in Local Economic Development: the case of Arriyadh, Saudi Arabia"

***Postgraduate Certificate* *June, 2005* *UK***  
**School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape – Newcastle University**

- Social and Economic Development in Europe
- Spatial Planning Theory and Practice
- Urban and Regional Development Planning

***Masters* *August, 2003* *USA***  
**School of Urban Studies and Planning – Portland State University**

- Master of Urban and Regional Planning

***Bachelor of Science* *January, 1998* *Saudi Arabia***  
**College of Architecture and Planning – King Saud University**

- Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning

**Experience: *February 2014 - Current* *King Saud University***  
**(Vice-Dean for Academic Affairs)**

- Member of the board, College of Architecture and Planning.
- Member of the board, Department of Architecture.
- Member of the board, Department of Urban Planning.
- Member of the consultative committee, University Deputyship of Academic Affairs.
- The College coordinator to the Fifth Scientific Forum for KSU Students.
- Project coordinator, developing applied training and career center for the College.

***November 2013 – Current* *King Saud University***  
**(Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Planning)**

- Teaching undergraduate courses.
- Academic advisor for a graduate student.
- Chairman of Students Rights Center in the College of Architecture and Planning.
- The college coordinator to the National Exam for engineering specialties.

**March 1998 – Current** **King Saud University**  
**(Teaching Assistant, College of Architecture and Planning)**

- Taught two undergraduate courses and design project.
- Taught one postgraduate course in Urban Planning.
- Coordinator of the recruitment committee in the department of Urban Planning.
- Chairman of Students Rights Center in the College of Architecture and Planning.
- Assistant in teaching several courses of planning projects.
- Involved in several scientific and administrative committees.
- Participated in the preparation committee of the International Symposium of Mosques Architecture.
- Participated in the preparation committee of the International Symposium of Mosques Architecture.
- Granted a scholarship for the Masters degree (Sep 1999 – Aug 2003).
- Granted a scholarship for the Ph.D. (Feb 2005 – Sep 2011).

**Part-time experience:** **March 2014 – Current** **Saudi Association of Real Estate Sciences**  
**(Board Member and Treasurer)**

**Sep 2012 – Feb 2014** **Saudi Association of Real Estate Sciences**  
**(Executive Director)**

- Manage the daily administrative issues of the association.
- Delivering the board directives.
- Arrange for training courses.
- Managing editor of the association's refereed journal.
- Managing the public relations

**Jan 2004 – Aug 2004** **Adderiyah Municipality**  
**(Project director)**

- Team leader.
- Preparing a structural and land use plan for a 12,000,000 Sq meter land in Almalga (Adderiyah).
- Presenting the project to several government agencies.

**Sep 2003 – Dec 2003** **The Supreme Commission for Arriyadh Development**  
**(Land use analyst)**

- Participated in a study to analyze the data coming from Arriyadh land use survey.

**June 2003 – Aug 2003** **Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies**  
**(Internship: Urban analyst)**

- Conducted analysis to the spatial and socioeconomic characteristics of Portland Metro Area using statistical and GIS applications.

**April 1999 – Aug 1999** **Arab experts architectural consultants**  
**(Land use planner)**

- Participated in conducting a land subdivision project in Alnadhim neighborhood (Riyadh) for a private firm.

**Sep 1998 – March 1999** **Arab experts architectural consultants**  
**(Land use planner)**

- Participated in conducting a land subdivision project in Ishbilyah neighborhood (Riyadh) for a private firm.

**Jan 1998 – May 1998**  
**(Urban Planner)**

**International experts engineering office**

- Participated in a multi-cities inventory and coding project with a private firm in national project of mapping for the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs.

**Sep 1997 – Dec 1997**  
**(Assistant Planner)**

**Takwinat Engineering Consultants**

- Participated with a private firm in a land development feasibility study, in Alra'id neighborhood (Riyadh).

**April 1997**

**Hajj research center**

**(Research assistant)**

- Participated in a research about "pedestrians' pattern during Hajj, in Mena".

**Scientific  
Production:**

Althabt, Abdullah A. (2010) "Planning Support Systems for Cities and Regions." Book Review, published in Forum, Newcastle University. Volume 9.

Althabt, Abdullah A. (2009) "Spatial and Sectoral Planning in Saudi Arabia: Joint and Divide points." Conference Paper, Published in the conference proceeding and presented orally: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saudi International Conference. Organized by Saudi Students Clubs and Schools in the UK, 5-6 June 2009. University of Surrey, Guildford, UK.

Althabt, Abdullah A. (2007) "role of technology in urban and regional development." Conference Paper, Arabic institute for cities development: Role of technology in supporting the comprehensive development in the Arabic city, 4-7 July 2007.

Althabt, Abdullah A. (2005) "Connecting people and places to policy through empirical research." Poster Competition (winner), Development Studies Association: the Annual Conference, 7 September 2005.

**Conference  
and  
Symposium:**

Subject: Beyond teaching and research: inclusive understandings of Academic Practice.  
Organizer: Centre for Excellence in Preparing for Academic Practice, University of Oxford.  
Date: 13-15 Dec 2009

Subject: Early Career Symposium: Theorizing Governance.  
Organizer: Housing Studies Association, University of Glasgow.  
Date: 12 June 2009

Subject: Unequal Places: Planning and Territorial Cohesion.  
Organizer: Association of European Schools of Planning: UK-Ireland Planning Research Conference.  
Date: 1-3 April 2009

Subject: Sustainable cities.  
Organizer: Northern Architecture with Newcastle City Council.  
Date: 12 Nov 2007

Subject: Universities and Innovation Systems.  
Organizer: Centre for Knowledge, Innovation, Technology & Enterprise (KITE),  
Newcastle University.  
Date: 9 Nov 2007

**Workshops attended:** Inauguration of the Construction Industry Institution. (11 March 2014) CII. King Fahad University of Petroleum and Mineral.

Writing Across Boundaries: Explorations in Representation, Rhetoric and Writing in Qualitative Research. (30-31 March 2009) Convened by Dr Bob Simpson and Dr Robin Humphrey. Durham University.

United Nations Global Research Network on Human Settlements: Challenges for Twenty-First Century Urban Planning. (26 Sep 2008) Speakers: the chapters' authors of the 2009 UN Global Report entitled 'Revisiting Urban Planning'. GURU, Newcastle University.

DIME International Workshop 2008: Reconsidering the Regional Knowledge Economy: Theoretical, Empirical and Policy Insights from Diverse Research Approaches. (4-5 Sep 2008) The Centre for Knowledge, Innovation, Technology and Enterprise. Newcastle University.

Nature of Explanation & Enquiry: Philosophy and the Foundations of Knowledge. (11 Dec 2007) Speaker: Dr Tim Kelsall. HASS, Newcastle University.

Conducting Fieldwork in Developing Countries: Theoretical Debates and Facing the Challenges. (28 Nov 2007) Development Studies Association, Newcastle University.

Publishing workshop. (23 Nov 2007) Global Urban Research Unit, Newcastle University.

Nature of Explanation & Enquiry: Science and Pseudo-Science. (6 Nov 2007) HASS, Newcastle University.

Creativity and Ideas Generation. (11 Sep 2007) HASS, Newcastle University.

Career development: Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. (2 May 2007) Lead by Rachelle Pereira. Careers Adviser, Newcastle University.

Learning from each other: how can research best influence policy? (13 Sep 2006) Institute for Policy and Practice.

Going Back Home: International Fieldwork for International Scholars. (6 June 2006) Lead by Prof Nina Laurie, Developing Areas Research Network. Northumbria University.

How to generate research findings to inform theory, policy and practice. (26-27 May 2005) Development Studies Association & Department of Geography, the University of Liverpool.

**Seminars attended:** A million off Incapacity Benefit: Hidden unemployment and incapacity benefits. (13 June 2007) Speaker is Professor Steve Fothergill (CRESR), University of Sheffield Hallam.

Enhancing Creativity and Action Orientation in Strategic Planning. (22 Mar 2007) Presented by Prof. Louis Albrechts, Katholic University. Leuven, Belgium.

Methods for researching development. (16 Jan 2007) Developing Areas Research Network. Northumbria University.

Beyond the territorial fix: regional politics and discontinuous space. (13 Dec 2006) Presented by Prof Allan Cochrane, Professor of Public Policy. Open University, London.

Intensive Planning. (7 Dec 2006) Presented by Dr Joris van Wezemaal. University of Zurich, Switzerland.

strategies for sustainability, urban renewal and compact communities, case study: Newcastle, Australia (27 Nov 2006) Presented by Professor Steffen Lehmann. University of Newcastle, Australia.

### **Training Courses:**

Subject: Leadership through Personal Goal Setting.  
Organizer: Leadership Management International (LMI-UK).  
Date: 4 June 2009

Subject: Writing across Boundaries: Explorations in Research, Writing and Rhetoric in Qualitative Research.  
Organizer: Researcher Development Initiative, ESRC.  
Date: 30-31 March 2009

Subject: Qualitative Analysis: NVivo8 (software).  
Organizer: HASS Postgraduate Research Training Program.  
Date: 26-27 Feb 2009

Subject: A comparative overview of various software for qualitative data analysis.  
Organizer: The CAQDAS Networking Project, University of Surrey.  
Date: 15 Sep 2008

Subject: Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.  
Organizer: HASS Postgraduate Research Training Program.  
Date: 5-6 Nov 2007

Subject: North East Local GRAD School: Communication Skills and More.  
Organizer: The UK Grad program.  
Date: 30 July - 2 Aug 2007

Subject: Increasing Urban Competitiveness of Arab Cities in the era of Globalization  
Organizer: Urban Training & Studies Institute.  
Date: 16-21 June 2004

Subject: Learning ArcGIS II: Presenting Information (for ArcView 8, ArcEditor 8, and ArcInfo 8)  
Organizer: Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.  
Date: 3-4 Dec 2001

### **Committees Membership & Activities:**

- Member of the Scientific Committee 'The International Conference of Saudi Innovation', Saudi Cultural Attaché in the UK (Manchester), June 2008.
- Member of the organizing committee 'The International Conference of Saudi Innovation', Saudi Cultural Attaché in the UK (Newcastle), May 2007.

- President of the Saudi Students Club in Portland, Oregon (USA), 2001 and 2002.
- Member of the organizing committee 'The International Symposium of Mosques Architecture', College of Architecture and Planning, 1999.
- Secretary of the Scientific Committee, Department of Urban Planning, 1998 and 1999.
- Member of the exhibition committee for the 'University and Society Week', King Saud University, 1998.

- Affiliation:**
- Saudi Urban Sciences Society
  - Saudi Association of Real Estate Sciences
  - International Society of City and Regional Planners
  - Global Urban Research Unit
  - AESOP Young Academics Network
  - Development Studies Association

- Skills:**
- Language: Arabic & English  
Computer: MS Office, SPSS, Nvivo, GIS, AutoCAD