

Jamal Sanad Al-Suwaidi



Jamal Sanad Al-Suwaidi is the Director General of the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) and a Professor of Political Science at the UAE University. He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors for both the Scholarship Office of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs and the Higher Committee for the Preparation of the National Strategy for Childhood and Motherhood in the United Arab Emirates; Editor-in-Chief of the refereed scholarly periodical *Strategic Visions*; a Member of the Board of Advisers at the School of Policy and International Affairs, University of Maine, United States of America; a Member of the UAE National Media Council; a former Member of the Administration Board of the Emirates Diplomatic Institute; a Trustee of the Emirati-Swiss Friendship Platform; and a Member of the Advisory Board of Casa Árabe of Spain. He is a former Chairman of the Board for Emirates National Schools, a former Council Member of Zayed University, and is currently a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Defense College in the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Al-Suwaidi was awarded his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, United States of America, in 1990. In December 2013, President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan presented him with the Head of State Merit Award in recognition of his patriotism and achievements, and for representing a role model for upholding the 'values of giving.' In addition, he received the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Sciences, Arts and Literature in Humanities (Political Sciences) in 2008; the Medal of Merit of the First Degree from the President of the French Republic in July 2002; the Legion of Merit (Commander Degree) from the late King Hassan

II of Morocco in 1995; the Young CEO Award by the Middle East Excellence Awards Institute in 2006; and an Honorary Professorship from the International University, Vienna in 2008. In January 2010, Dr. Al-Suwaidi was granted Membership of the International Advisory Board of the E-City of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, and received the Abu Dhabi Award in 2011 from His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. In March 2012, he received the Unique Leadership and Futuristic Vision Award from the Emirates Identity Authority, and in March 2013 he was presented with the key to the Moroccan city of Fez in recognition of his extensive contribution to research and studies in the humanities.

Dr. Al-Suwaidi has written numerous articles and studies, including on Gulf security, concepts of democracy in Arab and Western societies, women and development, and public opinion. His articles have been published in a number of international periodicals and journals, including: *The Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*; *Security Dialogue*; the *Whitehall Papers* by RUSI; and the *Indian Journal of Politics*. He is a co-author of *Democracy, War and Peace in the Middle East* and *Oil and Water: Cooperative Security in the [Arabian] Gulf*, and has also edited and/or contributed to various studies, including: *The Yemeni War of 1994: Causes and Consequences*; *Iran and the Gulf: A Search for Stability*; *The GCC at the Advent of the 21st Century*; and *United Arab Emirates Society: A Future Perspective*. In 2013, he published *From Tribe to Facebook: The Transformational Role of Social Networks*.