

# Hagar Hajjar Chemali

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Oh My World with Hagar Chemali**

New York, NY

*Host and Creator*

5/20 – Present

- Writes, produces, and hosts a weekly world news show on YouTube that covers the top world news stories in a fun and digestible way in 10 minutes or less
- Shares world news stories in a format tailored for a young, American audience, that highlights why geopolitics matter to the regular American citizen, how developments in the United States affect events abroad, and that raises awareness about the activities of dictators and human rights abusers
- Creates other relevant content including interviews, educational videos, explainers on social media, and a monthly podcast co-hosted with *The Diplomates Podcast*

### **Atlantic Council**

Washington, DC

*Nonresident Senior Fellow, GeoEconomics Center*

11/19 – Present

- Provides analysis on issues pertaining to economic sanctions in written and video pieces, for panel discussion events, and to the press

### **Greenwich Media Strategies**

Greenwich, CT

*Founder and Chief Executive Officer*

4/16 – Present

- Advises businesses, financial institutions, and non-profit organizations on strategic communications, media engagement, and messaging in the fields of national security, development, and counter-illicit finance

### **Office of Press and Public Diplomacy, U.S. Mission to the United Nations**

New York, NY

*Director of Communications and Spokesperson*

6/15 – 4/16

- Directed all daily and long-term communications and public diplomacy for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations under Ambassador Samantha Power

### **Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury**

Washington, DC

*Spokesperson for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence*

1/14 – 6/15

- Planned and executed messaging strategies for the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence
- Handled daily press inquiries on the record, on background, and off the record related to illicit finance, sanctions, and enforcement actions
- Communicated TFI messaging through engagement with international/domestic press to explain threat finance and sanctions policies (e.g. Ukraine/Russia, Iran, ISIL, Cuba, narco-trafficking, among other issues)

### **Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of the Treasury**

Washington, DC

*Senior Policy Advisor and Public Outreach*

9/12 – 7/13

- Advised on sanctions policy toward Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific
- Engaged with foreign counterparts to explain Treasury sanctions policies related to Iran and North Korea
- Directed public outreach for the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence to explain sanctions policies

### **The White House - National Security Council, Executive Office of the President**

Washington, DC

*Director for Syria and Lebanon*

2/10 – 8/12

- Directed and coordinated U.S. national security policy toward Syria and Lebanon covering political, economic, and security issues, including during the first 18 months of Syrian unrest
- Oversaw and managed government interagency implementation of policy priorities and communications
- Briefed senior White House officials on emerging developments in Syria and Lebanon and advised on related U.S. national security policy options and efforts

### **Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of the Treasury**

Washington, DC

*Middle East Policy Advisor*

11/07-2/10

- Identified illicit finance threats in the Levant region and Iraq
- Developed anti-money laundering/countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) strategies to combat regional and systemic threats including terrorism finance, money laundering, and WMD proliferation
- Reviewed and analyzed relevant country AML/CFT legislation and policy initiatives, and assisted in developing relevant strategies for implementing related laws and policies

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**Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes**, U.S. Department of the Treasury Washington, DC  
*Special Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary* 04/06-11/07

- Managed and drove International Private Sector Outreach initiative. Brought together compliance officers and regulators from the U.S. and Middle East to discuss illicit finance threats and bank controls
- Trained in assessing countries for compliance with AML/CFT international standards

### EDUCATION

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**Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)** New York, NY  
**Master of International Affairs, Concentration:** International Security Policy May 2004

**Columbia University, Barnard College** New York, NY  
**Bachelor of Arts:** Political Science May 2003  
Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Sorbonne Paris IV, Spring 2002 Paris, France

**Languages:** English (native), French (native), Arabic (spoken), Italian (intermediary)