

Iyad Rahwan

Dr. Iyad Rahwan is an Associate Professor at Masdar Institute of Science & Technology, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. He is also a Research Affiliate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and an Honorary Fellow at the University of Edinburgh. He received his PhD (under the supervision of Prof. Liz Sonenberg) from the University of Melbourne.

Iyad has made key contributions to the theory and practice of multi-agent systems, and specifically to the theory of argumentation and negotiation in multi-agent systems. His main contributions include drawing connections between models of argumentation on one hand, and game-theoretic reasoning, voting, human reasoning, and semantic Web reasoning on the other. His recent work explores using tools from multi-agent systems to understand the role of the Web in social mobilization. His work has appeared in major conferences including AAMAS, IJCAI, AAAI and CogSci, as well as in journals including Science, Artificial Intelligence, JAAMAS, and Cognitive Science. More about his research can be found on his web site www.mit.edu/~irahwan.

Iyad has contributed significantly to the AAMAS community over the years. He has served on the organizing committees of several AAMAS conferences including being the Publicity Chair (2011), Exhibits and Demos Co-Chair (2010), Doctoral Mentoring Co-Chair (2007), has served on both the Senior Program Committee (2010-2011) and Program Committee (since 2004), and is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (since 2010). He is also the founder and co-chair of the International Workshop on Argumentation in Multiagent Systems (ArgMAS) series, which has been held annual alongside AAMAS since 2004. Additionally, he has made contributions to other agent-related conferences including being Program Co-Chair for PRIMA 2012 and Vice Chair of the Program Committee for IEEE/WIC/ACM IAT 2009.

In addition, Iyad has played a key role in establishing and nurturing multi-agent systems research in the Arab world. For example, he was the co-organiser (with S. Abdallah) of the Dubai Agents and Multi-Agent Systems School (DAMAS), 2008, which was the first of its kind in that region. He continues to play a major role in putting the Arab world on the map of AAMAS research.