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Hagar Hajjar Chemali is a foreign policy expert, news personality, commentator and writer on national security, and political satirist.

Her professional background and foreign policy expertise have been shaped by senior public affairs and policy-making positions she held over the course of 12 years in the U.S. Government, working under both Republican and Democrat administrations.

She was **Spokesperson and Director of Communications for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations** under President Obama and Ambassador Samantha Power, where she directed all communications and public diplomacy. While there, her work focused on using communications to advance global human rights. Prior to this position, she was **Spokesperson for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence at the U.S. Department of the Treasury** where she crafted the communications strategies related to the Iran deal, Russia/Ukraine sanctions, and the counter-ISIS financing strategy, among other pertinent national security issues.



From 2010-2012, Hagar was **Director for Syria and Lebanon at the National Security Council at the White House**, where she advised on and coordinated the implementation of U.S. policy toward Syria and Lebanon, including during the first two years of the Syria crisis. She also worked at the Treasury Department as a **Senior Policy Advisor on Asia and Middle East Policy Advisor** in the Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, where she crafted strategies to disrupt and dismantle global criminal financial networks. Hagar began her career in Washington as a **legislative fellow in the Office of Congressman Christopher Shays** (R-CT).

Hagar is currently the host and creator of **"Oh My World!"** - a weekly world news show on YouTube that covers the top world news stories in a fun and easy way in 10 minutes, curated for a younger audience. She writes and commentates on foreign policy and national security, and she and her work have been featured in *The Washington Post*, *MSNBC*, *CNN*, *BBC*, and *Bloomberg*. She is also an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and a nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's GeoEconomics Center.

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Hagar is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She has a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs where she concentrated on International Security Policy and the Middle East. She also graduated from Columbia University's Barnard College where she majored in Political Science. She speaks English, French, Arabic, and Italian.

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