

Younous Arbaoui was born in 1978 in Tatal, in the countryside near the city of Tinejad, located in the province of Errachidia, in South-East Morocco. At the age of 6, Younous moved with his family to the city of Tinghir. It was in this town that he completed his primary education at the elementary school of Sidi-Maskour, before attending the Zaid-Ouhmad High School to pursue his secondary education. After obtaining a baccalaureate in mathematical sciences in 1997, Younous completed a year of higher education in mathematics in Marrakech. In 1998, he joined the teachers' training center in Ouarzazate in order to obtain a diploma in teaching. Between 2000 and 2004, he proceeded to complete a degree in law, while also teaching primary school.

After having completed his studies in public law, Younous emigrated to the Netherlands in 2004, to continue his legal studies at the Free University of Amsterdam. He first completed a Bachelor's degree in Dutch law. During the course of his studies, Younous completed an internship with the Dutch Council for Refugees in Amsterdam, and then with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Morocco. Additionally, he worked as a volunteer during his Master's degree at the "Migrant's Legal Boutique" in Amsterdam. During the same period, in order to finance his studies, Younous taught courses in Arabic for Moroccans residing in Amsterdam, and also worked as a student assistant, restaurant waiter, and newspaper distributor. Younous finished his university career with a Master in International and European law in 2010.

Between 2011 and 2015, Younous embarked on research with the Free University of Amsterdam on the subjects of the family in asylum law, linked to the issue of family reunification and gender. He also worked at the University of Central Lancashire in England, where he researched the questions of forced marriage, including in cases involving LGBT individuals. He also worked as a researcher for Amnesty International, specifically on the Dutch policies of forced return of migrants residing in the Netherlands to their country of origin.

Between 2015 and 2017, Younous returned to Morocco as part of an IOM project entitled "Temporary Return for Qualified Moroccans in the Netherlands." He hoped to strengthen the activities and actions linked to the right to asylum and to migration into Morocco, especially at the university level. He was one of the first to introduce the methodology of legal clinics to Morocco. It is in this context that Younous established the Hijra Legal Clinic (CJH) in Tangier, a key city in the field of migration. The Hijra legal clinic offers free legal assistance to refugees and asylum seekers. Between 2017 and 2019, Younous joined the National Platform for the Protection of Migrants (PNPM) as the Manager of Advocacy and Coordination. In this role, Younous worked on the Global Compact for

Migration, and published a book entitled "Analysis of the Objectives of the Global Pact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration."

Since April 2019, Younous Arbaoui has rejoined the Free University of Amsterdam in order to finish his research project on family and the right to asylum. He is currently Assistant professor at the department of Migration & Asylum Law.

His engagement with the question of migration in Morocco continues on a voluntary basis. Notably, he is president and national coordinator of the Clinique Juridique Hijra, as well as a member of the pilot committee of the PNPM. Younous currently lives in Zaandam with his wife and his daughter.

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