

# ALI MAY

## Presenter + Creative Force

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## EXPERIENCE

### Presenter

#### Independent

2010 - ongoing International

Imagine Michael Palin & Louis Theroux had a Middle Eastern love child. That'd be me.

- Former news & current affairs broadcaster, making the transition to factual/entertainment presenting.
- Interested in programming that is intelligent and irreverent.
- Moderator, host, interviewer for MIPCOM & MIPTV. Interviews include: Morgan Spurlock (Super Size Me), Kiefer Sutherland (Actor), Majorie Kaplan (Discovery), Dennis Quaid (Actor), Natalie Humphrys (BBC), Lisa Perrin (EndemolShine), Joe Lewis (Amazon Studios), Michelle Phan (YouTuber), Harlan Coben (Novelist), Jill Wilfert (Lego), Guillaume de Posch (RTL) & many more.
- Video examples: [www.ali-may.com](http://www.ali-may.com)

### Creative Director

#### Mayhart Media

2014 - ongoing London, UK

Creative production agency, focused on compelling storytelling and brand and campaigns consultancy, with a special focus on social issues, positive change and human social evolution.

- Created a campaign for US State Department, used entertainment in human rights education: [facebook.com/mosavitar](https://facebook.com/mosavitar)
- Advised Durex on brand concept, helped crystallise brand identity. Working on creating innovative projects.
- Designed, implemented & launched a free virtual learning platform for creative skills for the young people in the Middle East: [www.majazi.academy](http://www.majazi.academy).
- Made a film for a UN-affiliated organisations that got shortlisted for a Digital PR Award in the USA: [youtu.be/\\_AkzsNnhpWE](https://youtu.be/_AkzsNnhpWE)
- Other clients include Havas Media, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UK Trade & Investment, Portland PR, Reed Midem.

## PROFILE

Versatile factual/entertainment TV presenter, with a penchant for affectionately dismantling taboos and broadening horizons of viewers. Wants to make the world a kinder, sillier, smarter & more equal place. British-Iranian atheist who writes about sex, liberty, and choice. Unhealthily attached to velvet, intelligence and creative ideas.

## EDUCATION

### MA Creative & Professional Writing

#### Brunel University

2006 - 2007 London, UK

### BA English Language & Literature

#### Shahid Beheshti University

1999 - 2003 Tehran, Iran

## ACHIEVEMENTS



Decibel-Penguin writing award.



Riled PM David Cameron during TV interview.



First book published 2015.



Published in "Desire: 100 of Literature's Sexiest Stories" 2016., alongside D. H. Lawrence and Anaïs Nin among others.

## EXPERIENCE

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### UK Correspondent

**euronews**

📅 2010 - 2014 📍 London, UK

Europe's most-watched international news channel.

- Established news operations in the UK. Reported UK/global news.
  - Interviewed Britain's top politicians, including Prime Minister David Cameron, Deputy PM Nick Clegg, Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond and many more.
  - Interviewed international personalities, such as French star of Amélie Audrey Tautou, Athletics legend Carl Lewis, and ex-Italian PM Romano Prodi.
  - Showreel: <https://youtu.be/KXILniG8BpU>
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### Iran Reporter

**Bloomberg News**

📅 2009 - 2010 📍 London, UK

World's leading financial news wire.

- Covered Iranian/Middle Eastern politics, economy & culture.
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## MEMBERSHIPS

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 **Royal Society of Arts, Fellow**

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 **Royal Television Society, Member**

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 **Institute of Directors, Member**

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## LANGUAGES

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**English** Proficient

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**Persian** Native

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**Azerbaijani** Native

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**Arabic** Beginner

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**French** Beginner

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