Curriculum Vitae

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**Nationality** Sudanese

**Place and date of birth** El-Fashir, Sudan 1967

**Sex**  Male

**Marital Status** Married, with two children

**Language proficiency:**

1. *Arabic* (fluent- reading, writing and speaking)
2. *English* (fluent- reading, writing and speaking)
3. *Norwegian* (good- reading, writing, speaking)

**Current position:**

Executive Director,

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Education

2003 **Ph.D**. in Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway. Thesis title: “*Beyond labelling: Somalis and Sudanese in Norway and the challenge of homemaking*.”

1998 **M.Sc**. (Social Anthropology), the Graduate College, University of Khartoum, Sudan. Thesis title: “*Gedarif town: a bonanza of commercial capital accumulation*?”

1994 **B.Sc**. (honours- first class) Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum, Sudan.

**Scholarships, grants, and prizes**

2014 Civil Society Scholars Award

1. University of Khartoum prize for academic excellence

2004 Ford Foundation Research Grant

1999 Norwegian Educational Fund’s Grant for Post-graduate Studies

1995 CEDEJ Scholarship

1994 University of Khartoum Prize for the best Honours student

# Employment History

# Academic positions:

1. Professor of Social Anthropology December 2013-
2. Associate Professor of Social Anthropology, Jan 2008-Nov 2013
3. Assistant Professor of Social Anthropology, December 2003-December 2007
4. Research Fellow, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway, Augst1999-June 2002.
5. Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum, June1994- August1998

**Teaching:**

***Undergraduate:***

1. African Urban Studies (University of Khartoum)
2. The Sociology of Family and Gender Studies (University of Khartoum
3. Introduction to Social Anthropology (University of Khartoum)
4. Introduction to Social Sciences (University of Khartoum)
5. Economic Anthropology (University of Khartoum)
6. Qualitative research methodology

***Postgraduate:***

1. Qualitative Research Methodology (Development Studies and Research Institute, University of Khartoum)
2. Civil Wars and Population Mobility (University of Juba)
3. Conflict and Population Mobility (Ahfad University for Women)

Visiting and Teaching Fellowships

1. Teaching Fellow, Rift Valley Institute, Nairobi and London, 2006.
2. Visiting Fellow, Chr. Michelsen Institue, Bergen, Norway 2006.
3. Visiting Fellow, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway July-Agust 2007
4. Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, Paris 8 University, 1-30 June 2009.
5. Visiting Fellow, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen 2014-2015
6. **Administrative Positions**
7. ***December 2008- May 2010 (50% position):***

**Area Programme Manager**, Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD), North Sudan.

***Responsibilities:***

1. **Strategy and Planning**

* Provide Leadership in the development and implementation of Area Programme strategies in line with the overall strategic plan and the programming manual guidelines including thematic alignment principles.
* Oversee the development and implementation of programme’s annual work plans and budgets.
* Ensure that an adequate structure is in place to support effective achievement of programme goals and operations.
* Ensure that the budget development process occur timely in line with ACORD Financial Management schedule.
* Provide support to thematic leads in their matrix management responsibility of programs and the process of thematic alignment.

1. **Program Design Processes**

* Promote the use of ACORD programme standards to guide program design and approval processes.
* Ensure that an adequate volume of programmes is developed, approved and funded in line with strategic directions and annual work plans ensuring programmes’ viability.
* Strengthen the implementation of key programme approaches- Rights-Based approach and Social Exclusion analysis.
* Promote innovation and pilot new approaches in programme Design.
* Coordinate the identification and development of new programmes.

1. **Program Monitoring and Review and Knowledge Management**

* Monitor efficiency in the implementation of programme strategies through annual work plans.
* Ensure that programmatic methodologies, interventions are implemented according to relevant overall ACORD approaches.
* Ensure the area programme has adequate frameworks, guidelines and skills to deliver on planned Policy and Practice change.
* Ensure programme reports guidelines exist and are consistently updated as per strategic perspective and environment.
* Ensure regular review of program staff infrastructure and consistent alignment of human resources requirements to strategy delivery and cost efficiency.

1. **People Management**

* Provide Leadership support to area programme coordinators.
* Undertake the performance planning process with North Sudan programme coordinators and ensure the development of individual operating plans in line with the ACORD Performance Management System.
* Provide coaching and counselling advice to programme coordinators when necessary.
* Conduct performance appraisal for supervised staff in line with the ACORD Performance Management System.

1. ***December 2009- October 2012***

Director, Graduates Affairs Administration, University of Khartoum

***Responsibilities:***

1. Manage the day-to-day work of the administration
2. Establish and manage databases of the university alumni
3. Help in establishing alumni societies
4. Serve in the different university committees by virtue of position
5. Contribute to fundraising
6. ***January 2013-Jan 2016***

Deputy Director, Peace Research Institute, University of Khartoum.

1. **January 2016-**

Executive Director, Mamoun Beheiry Centre for Social, Economic Studies and Research in Africa.

Coordination of research and collaborative academic work

1. **Coordinator, NORHED** programme 2013-2018
2. **Liaison Officer**, Organization of Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), **Sudan Chapter**, February 2006-December 2011
3. **External Relations Secretary,** Sudanese Writers Union, 2008-2009
4. **Secretary General,** Sudanese Writers Union, January 2010-2011
5. **Chairman**, Khartoum inter-faculty committee (LASS) for collaboration with the University of Bergen, 2005-2006
6. **Chairman of the Sudan Steering Committee** for collaboration between the Universities of Khartoum, Juba, the National Records Office and Sudan Museums and Antiquities, and the University of Bergen, Norway, 2005-2006
7. **Board Member,** Sudan Institute for Research and Policy (SIRP), Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 2007-
8. **President,** Sudan Organization for Research and Development(SORD) 2009-2012.
9. **Assistant Project Coordinator,** Macro-micro issues in peace building in Sudan, Chr. Michelsen Institute (Norway), University of Khartoum, and Ahfad University for Women, 2007-2012

***Responsibilities for assignment no 7:***

1. Assist in coordinating research activities
2. Call for and coordinate project meetings
3. Assist senior researchers and students in their research work
4. Assist in preparing reports
5. **Coordinator,** University of Khartoum and CEDEJ (France) Academic Collaboration Programme, 2007-2009.
6. **Coordinator,** University of Khartoum and Paris 8 University collaboration, 2009-
7. OSSREA’s RESSESA **Focal Point** for Sudan, 2011-

Membership in (national and international) committees and associations

**2006 - 2007 Member,** Executive Committee, Sudan Civic Forum.

**2006, - Member,** Sudanese Sociological Society.

**2006, - Member,** International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM).

**2009- 2012, 2013-Member,** Khartoum University Senate

**2009- ,** Council of Deans, University of Khartoum

**2010- President (Chairman of the board)** Sudan Organization for Research and Development (SORD)

**2015- Member, Board of Trustees,** Arab Council for Social Sciences (ACSS)

Supervision (M.A. students)

1. Sumaia Dafalla Ahmed: “The role of NGOs in development: a case study of El-Salam IDP Camp,” Omdurman. M.Sc dissertation in development studies. Completed, June 2006.
2. Azza Mustafa Babiker: “Political transformation of the Hadendowa traditional leadership in Eastern Sudan.” Completed, August 2009.
3. Rasha Abdelhafeez Sulieman: “Micro-Macro issues in development: NGOs and ethnicity in Kassala State.” Completed, August 2009.
4. Wafa Hassab Elrasoul Hashim, 2008: “Southern Sudanese IDPs in Khartoum: return or integration?” Ongoing, registered June 2008
5. Warrok Malith, 2008: Return and integration of IDPs in Warrab State, southern Sudan. Completed
6. Maha Taj el-Din 2010: Women in the informal sector in Khartoum, Completed.
7. Ali Ahmed Mohamed Adam, 2013: Socioeconomic aspects of Darfur IDPs in El-Sababi area, Khartoum, completed.

**Supervision (PhD students)**

1. Hadia Hassaballa: “NGOs, government and development in Eastern Sudan,” registered April 2008. Completed.
2. Maryam Malik Bedri: “Social integration of Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees in Khartoum. Ongoing, started March 2011.
3. Netsereab Andom: “Irregular Migration of Eritreans in the post-independence period.” Ongoing, started August 2012.
4. Jamila El-Hag: “Remittances and development in Gezira state.” Ongoing, started September 2012.
5. Lamya Badri: “Women and rural justice system in Gedarif state.” Ongoing, started September 2012.

**Examination (undergraduate)**

External examiner for the anthropology programme at Makerere University, Uganda, 2011.

**Examination (post-graduate degrees)**

From 2003 up to the present I examined more than 20 postgraduate dissertations in Sudan and abroad.

# Extra-curricular (community and consultancy) work

2015 Evaluated the Regional Institute for Gender, Diversity, Peace and Rights, Ahfad University for Women. The evaluation was done for the Norwegian Agency for International Development **NORAD.**

2013 Consultant, **UNDP**. Reviewed reports on Social Dialogue and Social Protection.

2013 Consultant, UNDP/JCRP Monitoring and Evaluation of JCRP’s work in the Blue Nile and South Kordofan.

2013 Consultant, **JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)**, Health and educational survey on former IDP camps in Khartoum.

2012 Consultant, **ADRA**, SAHEWA Project, Adar Dam sustainability, West Darfur State

2011 National Consultant, **Oxfam America’s** Livelihood Sector Review for South and North Darfur.

2011 **National consultant**, UNDP- assignment: contributing a paper to Sudan human development report: “war, displacement and human development in Sudan.

2008 **Intentional Consultant**, UNDP- assignment: Contributing to the UNDP Human Report 2009. Contract No.2008-LICA.SP.8537.

2007 **Consultant**, Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA)- assignment: training civil society organizations in conflict transformation and social peace building in post-conflict era.

2004 **National Consultant**, UNDP: Pastoralist harmonisation community project (PCHI) in Abyei, SUD 02/004, ATLAS 00014863.- assignment: produce a plan of intervention to harmonize the relationships between the Messeriyya and Dinka Ngok of Abyei.

2004 **National Consultant**: IDPs in the Sudan. MEAwards, the Population Council, Cairo. – assignment: conduct a study on the possible post-war scenarios of the internally displaced persons in Khartoum.

1997 **Team Member**: Urban Poverty with special emphasis on internally displaced persons. OXFAM/UK. –assignment: conduct study on patterns and nature of rural-urban migration to Khartoum.

1998 **Team member**: Sudan Human Development Report, UNDP, UNOPS project No. SUD/95/003. –assignment: contribute a research input on persons with disabilities in Sudan.

Training done for students and civil society organizations

1. Qualitative Research Methodology Training, March 27-30, 2005, Hilton, Khartoum. Organized by MEAwards, the Population Council.
2. Training of trainers for civil society organizations on **Conflict Transformation and Social Peace Building in Post-Conflict Era**. Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA), Red Sea State, August 5-9, 2006.
3. Training of trainers for civil society organizations on **Conflict Transformation and Social Peace Building in Post-Conflict Era**. Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA), Blue Nile State, November 27-December 2, 2006.
4. Training of trainers for civil society organizations on **Conflict Transformation and Social Peace Building in Post-Conflict Era**. Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA), Western Bahr el-Ghazal State, January 28-February 3rd, 2007.
5. Training of PhD students in qualitative research methodology, 10-16 October, 2011, University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
6. Training PhD students in foundation course, University of Khartoum, September 2011.
7. Training PhD students in qualitative methodology, University of Khartoum, 15-19 September 2013.

Assessment of academic work

Assessed articles submitted for publication in the following peer reviewed journals:

1. *Ethnography*
2. *Current Sociology*
3. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*
4. *Journal of Refugee Studies*
5. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies.*
6. *International migration*
7. *Journal of Economic and Social Studies*
8. *Societal Studies*
9. *Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review*
10. *Bulletin of Sudanese Studies*

**Membership in editorial boards:**

Bulletin of Sudanese Studies, 2009-

Discourse, 2010-

**Other assessments:**

Assessed projects submitted to the Canadian Social Sciences Research Council, 2009.

Publications

***1. Books:***

2003 with Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, M. A. M. Salih and Idris S. El-Hassan: *Anthropology in the Sudan: a reflection by Sudanese anthropologist*. Utrecht: International Books.

2004a *Sticky Labels or Rich Ambiguities? Diaspora and challenges of homemaking for Somalis and Sudanese in Norway*. Bergen: BRIC/University of Bergen.

2005b *An annotated bibliography of social research on Darfur*. Bergen: BRIC/University of Bergen

2006c with Leif Manger (eds.) *Diasporas within and without Africa: dynamism, homogeneity, variation*. Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute.

2015a (co-editor, with M. Abdul-Jalil, forthcoming) *Past, present and future: fifty years of anthropology in Sudan*. Bergen: Chr. Michelsens Institute.

2015b (co-editor, with B. Casciarri and F. Ireton, forthcoming), Multidimensional changes in Sudan 1989-2011: *Reshaping livelihoods, political and identity conflicts in Sudan*. New York: Berghahn Books.

2. Journal articles

2002a “A discipline asserting its identity and place: displacement, aid and anthropology in Sudan.” *Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review*, 18(1): 63-96.

2003a “Unni Wikan and multicultural challenges.” *Samtiden*, 2: 40-51.

2006 “Resource-based conflicts in the Sudan.” *Development*, 49(3):101-105.

2005 تحديات اعادة توطين النازحين بدارفور ودور المجتمع المدني*. كتابات سودانية* 31: 39-46

2007a “Some aspects of cultural adaptation among internally displaced persons in Khartoum” (Arabic), *Bulletin of Sudanese Studies*, 13(2): 67-86.

2007b “The emerging Sudanese diaspora: challenges and potentials for post-war reconstruction,” *Journal of Future Studies*, 1(2): 1-21.

2007d Book review: “Understanding the crisis in Darfur: listening to Sudanese voices,” Abdelghaffar M. Ahmed and Leif Manger (eds.). Bergen: Bric, 2006. *Women*, vol. 23, 35-37.

2008 “Diaspora, state and the crisis of Muslim refugees,” *Journal of Middle East and African Studies*, 9(5): 1-22.

2009 “Aid and traditional leadership in the Red Sea.” *Societal Studies*, 3: 197-216.

2009a “The question of identity in the Sudan: new dimensions for an old problem,” *The Maghreb Review*, 34 (2-3): 181-194.

2009b “The relationship between sedentary and nomadic peoples in the context of state policies and internationalization,” *Nomadic Peoples*, 13(1): 145-162

2011 “Migration of highly skilled Sudanese: gain or drain?’ *Sudan Journal for Economic and Social Studies*, (9)1: 79-94.

2011 “Contested legitimacy: civil society and peace building in Kassala,” *Discourse*, 1(1): 72-89

2013 "Homemaking as a transnational practice by Somalis and Sudanese in Norway,” (accepted) *Sudan Journal for Economic and Social Studies*, 10(1)

3. Book chapters

2015 ‘The Arab spring and Sudan brain drain,’ in Philippe Fargues and Alessandra Venturini (eds.) *Migration from North Africa and the Middle East: skilled migrants, development and globalization*. London: I.B. Tauris.

2013a “Six years after Eastern Sudan Pease Agreement: an assessment,” in Gunnar Sørbø and Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed (eds), *Sudan divided: continuing conflict in a contested state*, pp. 142-160. New York: Palgrave McMillan.

2013b "الوضع الإنساني في دارفور ومستقبل النازحين واللاجئين" ، *دارفور: حصاد الأزمة بعد عقد من الزمان*. تحرير عبد الوهاب الأفندي وسيدي أجمد ولد أحمد سالم. مركز الجزيرة للدراسات والدار العربية للعلوم، 2013، ص 189-212.

2013c " النازحين في الخرطوم" *سكان السودان وتحدي المستقبل*. تحرير حسن أحمد عبد العاطي. الخرطوم، مجلس السكان وبرنامج الأمم المتحدة للسكان، 2013، ص 238-255.

2011 “From the country to the town,” in John Ryle et al (eds.) The Sudan handbook, pp. 63-69. Oxford: Jamaes Currey.

2010 “A Sudanese anthropologist doing fieldwork in Norway: some critical reflections,” in Nefissa Naguib and Bert de Vries (eds): *Movements of people in time and space, pp. 113-131. Bergen*: Bric.

2009a “The role of UN in peace building in Sudan,” in Hassan Abdel Ati and Galal el-Din El-Tayeb (eds.) *Peace in Sudan...so near so far*? Pp. 24-37. Khartoum and Nairobi: EDGE and Heinrich Böll Foundation.

2009b “Locating responsibilities: national and international responses to the crisis in Darfur,” in Salah Hassan and Carina Ray (eds), *Darfur and the crisis of governance: a critical reader, pp. 285-296*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

2009c “The National Congress Party and the Darfurian armed groups,” in David Black and Paul Williams (eds.), *The international politics of mass atrocities: the case of Darfur, pp27-48*. London: Rutledge.

2008 “IDPs in Sudan and post-war scenarios,” in Katarzyan Grabska and Lyla Mehta (eds), Forced displacement: why rights matter? Pp. 139-158. London: Palgrave McMillan.

2006a “Introduction: Diaspora within and without Africa: homogeneity, heterogeneity, variation,” in Leif Manger and Munzoul Assal (eds) *Diaspora within and without Africa: homogeneity, heterogeneity, variation, pp. 7-31*. Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute.

2006b “Somalis and Sudanese in Norway: religion, politics, clan/ethnicity in the diaspora,” in Leif Manger and Munzoul Assal (eds) *Diaspora within and without Africa: homogeneity, heterogeneity, variation, 165-196*. Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute.

2005a “A source of difference or a repository of support: Islam and the lives of Somalis and Sudanese in Norway,” in Adogame, Afe and Cordula Weiβköppel (eds.) *Religion in the context of African migration, pp. 191-216*. Bayreuth: Bayreuth African Studies Series.

2005b “Somalis and Sudanese in Norway and the question of religious authenticity,” in Markussen, Irene and Richard Natvig (eds.), *Islamer i Norge, pp. 63-82*. Uppsala: Swedish Science Press.

2005c “Economy and polity in Gedarif: a symbiotic encounter,” in Miller, Catherine et al (eds.) *Land, ethnicity and political legitimacy in Eastern Sudan, pp. 173-202*. Cairo: CEDEJ/DSRI.

2005d “Behind the masks: protracted marginalization in Darfur,” in Hassan Abdel Ati (ed.) *Sudan: the challenge of peace and redressing* *marginalization in Sudan*, pp. 24-38. Khartoum: EDGE and the National Civic Forum.

1998 "القبيلة والقبلية والصراع في السودان: مأزق المفاهيم والتناولات،" في كتاب رؤي حول النزاعات القبلية في السودان. تحرير ادم الزين محمد والطيب ابراهيم وادي، ص 71-93. دار جامعة الخرطوم للنشر.

1996 “Subsistence economy, environmental awareness and resource management in Um Kaddada Province, Northern Darfur State,” in *Managing scarcity: human adaptation in east African drylands*, 127-139, edited by A/Ghaffar M. Ahmed and Hassan Abdel Ati. Addis Ababa: OSSREA.

**4. Published Research Reports**

2006a Do they have a choice? Factors pulling Somalis to Norway. Published online: (www.landinfo.no/asset/507/1/507\_1.pdf)

2006b *Whose Rights Count? National and International Responses to the Rights of IDPs in the Sudan*. Brighton: Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalization and Poverty, University of Sussex, UK. This report is available at the following site: (<http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/research_reports/IDPS-DRC-AUC-FRMS-ASSAL.pdf>)

2007 Co-author: Eastern Sudan: challenges facing the implementation of peace agreement in Gedaref State. Situation Report, Institute of Security Studies, Pretoria.

2008 Is it the fault of NGOs alone? aid and dependency in eastern Sudan. CMI Working Paper No. 5 (available at [www.cmi.no](http://www.cmi.no))

2011a City limits: urbanization and vulnerability in Sudan, Khartoum case study

<http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/5295.pdf>

2011b Nationality and citizenship questions in Sudan after the southern Sudan referendum vote

[http://www.cmi.no/publications/file/3933-nationality-and-citizenship-questions-in sudan.pdf](http://www.cmi.no/publications/file/3933-nationality-and-citizenship-questions-in%20sudan.pdf)

2011c *Conflict induced migration and post-referendum challenges*. CARIM Analytic and Synthetic Note No. 75. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute.

2011d *Gender and migration in Sudan: socio-political aspects*. CARIM Analytic and Synthetic Note No. 5. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute.

**Grant writing and obtaining funding for projects**

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| **Project title** | **Funding Institution** | **Amount** | **Date** |
| NORHED Borderlands dynamics: anthropological capacity building in eastern African Universities | Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) | $ 3,000,000 (three million US dollars) | 2013 |
| Sudan RESSESA (PhD methodology training) | OSSREA | $ 19,500 (nineteen thousand and five hundred US dollars) | 2011 |
| Sudan RESSESA (PhD methodology training) | OSSREA | $ 17,000 (seventeen thousand US dollars | 2012 |
| Sudan RESSESA(PhD methodology training) | OSSREA | $ 15,700 (fifteen thousands and seven hundred US dollars) | 2013 |
| International Conference on Population Mobility in Sudan, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum. | UNFPA, Beirut Office | $ 4,500 (four thousand five hundred US dollars) | 2009 |

**Completed and on-going research projects**

**1. Annotated bibliography of social research on Darfur (2004-2005)**

**Funding:**

The Ford Foundation

**Duration:**

1 year

**Outcome:**

Completed: A published volume (Bergen: Bric/The University of Bergen 2006- See publications).

**2. Rights based approaches to forced migration (2004-2006)**

**Funding:**

DRC (University of Sussex, UK)

**Duration:**

2 years

**Outcome:**

1. Completed: A report: *Whose rights count: national and international policy responses to the question of IDPs in the Sudan*. Published by the University of Sussex, UK (see published reports).

2. Completed: A book chapter (*IDps in Sudan and post-war scenarios*), published (June 2008) in Lyla Mehta and Katarzyna Grabska (eds.) *Forced displacement: why rights matter*. London: Palgrave McMillan.

**3. Macro-micro issues of peace-building in the Sudan – monitoring international assistance in eastern Sudan (2005-2008)- extended 2010-2012. My focus was Eastern Sudan.**

**Funding:**

Christian Michelson Institute, Bergen

**Duration:**

5 years

**Outcome:**

1. Supervised two MA students - completed

2. Two reports (see above)

3. Book chapter (see above)