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Awards:

1. Norwegian Agency for International Development Grant, (1970-1973)
2. Khartoum University post-graduate scholarship (1968-1970, April)
3. Salamabi Prize, Khartoum University 1968.

Employment record:

1. August 2005 to July 2007; Adjunct Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen Norway)
2. Jan 2006 to date; Research Professor Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan. Coordinator of the Micro-marco Issues in Peace Building in Sudan jointly with Dr. Gunnar Sorbo, director of CMI, Bergen.
3. Consultant for UNDP Khartoum, Assessing the situation in the Blue Nile State, Sudan (March- June 2005) and Consultant to Sida/ SAREC, evaluating the African Association of Political Science (September- November 2005).
4. January 2003- December 2004: Director, Middle East Awards Program (MEAwards), Population Council Regional Office, West Asia and North Africa.
5. December 1992 – to December 2002: Executive Secretary of OSSREA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
6. September 1988 – July 1989 Visiting Professor, Centre for Development Studies, University of Bergen, Norway (5 months), Consultant for the Norwegian Agency for International Development (5 months).
7. August 1984 -July 1988 Professor of Social Anthropology, Dept. of Social Studies, College of Arts, King Saudi University, Saudi Arabia (on secondment), taught the following courses:-
 1. Introduction to Social Sciences
 2. History of Social Thought
 3. Introduction to Social Anthropology
 4. Sociological Problems in Some Arab Countries
 5. Sociological Texts in a European Language
 6. Methods of Social Research
 7. Contemporary Anthropological Studies
8. 1981 (Sept.) – 1984 (July):

Director, the Development Studies and Research Centre (DSRC) University of Khartoum.

9. July 1981- 2001 Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum. (permanent position; all appointments outside this department are on secondment basis).

10.. 1980 (Jan. – Feb.) (July – Dec.):

Visiting Professor, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen,

1. 1980 (March – June):

Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, (joint appointment with the Middle East Studies Centre)

2. 1978 (March – April):

Guest Lecturer, Middle East Studies Association (USA) toured eleven campus including New York University, Northwestern, Denver, Arizona, and Berkeley.

2. 1977 (June) – 1978 (Feb.):

Dean, College of Social and Economic Studies, University of Juba, Southern Sudan.

3. 1976 – 1981 (July): Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum.

4. 1976 (Feb.) – 1977 (may):

Director, the Economic and Social Research Council, the National Council for Research, Sudan.

5. 1973 – 1976: Lecturer, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Khartoum.

16. 1970 – 1973: Teaching Assistant, University of Khartoum, on study course at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway.

SELECTED FIELD RESEARCH AND CONSULTACY EXPERIENCES:

- a) Took part during academic training in two major field works carried out by the members of the Department of Anthropology, University of Khartoum (Dar Hamid Central Kordofan – 6 months). The Uduk of the Blue Nile Province – 4 months.
- b) Carried out field work among Nomadic groups in Central and Southern Sudan as well as settled population in the same areas for periods extending to three years in some cases.
- c) The Berta-Watawait of the Sudan-Ethiopian borders, (3 months).
- d) Team leader for one season summer 1976 of the Socio-Economic study in the Jonglei Project Area in the Southern Region of the Sudan.
- e) Carried a number of researches as a member of teams organized by National and International organizations and participated in feasibility studies and evaluation missions of projects in the Sudan.
- f) Since 1976, engaged in consultancy work on the National and Regional levels mainly in the field of rural development. This included project preparation and project evaluation in addition to a review of rural social sciences programmes in East African Universities.
- g) Team leader of an evaluation of the socio-cultural conditions of relevance to Norwegian development assistance in East and Southern Africa. (July 1989 – Sept. 1990).
- h) Team Leader of an evaluation of the UNDP project “Integration of Resource Management for Desertification Control El Odaya, Sudan, 1997”; and leading the UNDP mission for the assessment of the situation in the Blue Nile State after the CPA , April- June 2005.
- i) Member of the UNECO team working for the establishment of a think tank for the Horn of Africa, July, 2005-
- j) Under took an evaluation of the African Political Science Association (AAPS) on an assignment from Sida/SAREC, Sweden.

Fields Of Specialization And Interest:

Economic and Political Anthropology; Sociology of Development; Integrated Rural Development; Assessment of development projects; African and Middle Eastern Communities with special reference to pastoral communities; Administration of research and higher education programs.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION:

1) Chairperson of the newly established Greater Horn Horizon Forum, an initiative started by the

UNESCO and now owned by intellectuals from the Horn of Africa hosted by the Government of the Republic of Djibouti(2007 to Date)

1) Member of the MEAWARDS Advisory Committee, Population Council, Cairo office. (1996).

2) Member of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, 1988 -).

3) Member of Sudan Studies Association U.S.A. (1987-)

4) Member of the Arab Sociological Association (1987 –).

5) Member of the Advisory Committee for ISNAR on a Rural social Science Programme for Africa (June 1981 – 1984). Chairman from June 1982.

6) Member of the Advisory Committee on the Rahad Research Programme, FORD Foundation and the Rahad Corporation, (1981-83).

7) Member of Executive Committee of the Organization of the Social Science in the Arab countries (1976-1978).

8) Editor of the Sudan Journal Development Research, Published by the Economic and Social Research Council, National Council for Research, Sudan, First issue Feb. 1977.

9) Member of the International Congress of Anthropological Science (one of the Vice-Presidents for 1973 Conference in Chicago).

9) Associate Member of Current Anthropology.

10) Associate member of the Nigerian Anthropological and Sociological Association.

11) One of the Advisory editors of the Journal abstracts in Anthropology, published by Baywood Publishing Company, New York, U.S.A.

12) On the editorial Board of the Journal “Dialectical Anthropology”.

13) Member of the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern Africa and presently Executive Secretary.

- 14) Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal “Nomadic People” published by the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Science: Commission on Nomadic Peoples.
- 15) Member of the Standing Committee for the International Social Science Comparative Research Program on Poverty (CROP).
- 16) Member of the Advisory Board of the Journal “Development and Change” ISS, the Hague, The Netherlands.
- 17) Member of the International Advisory Board of “Ethnos: The Journal of Anthropology”, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 18) Member of the Editorial Board of the “Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review”, OSSREA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Conferences, Workshops And Consultants Groups

Since 1971 attended many International conferences, workshops and discussion groups dealing with issues related to anthropology, rural development, indigenous knowledge, urbanization cultural change and rural education in Africa, Asia, Europe, the United States and South America. Worked as consultant to national and international institution such as UNESCO, ISNAR, UNFPA, UNDP, NORAD, IDRC, UNOPS and AADO. Recently carried an evaluation of centers such as Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI, 2000), Ethiopia and the Research School for Resource Studies for Development (CERES), the Netherlands (Nov. 2001) and worked on the scientific committee of the UNESCO imitated Comparative Research on Poverty (CROP) and the Advisory Committee of the MEAward of the Population Council, Cairo, Egypt. Member of the UNESCO team of the Initiative for the Horn of Africa 2015.

Publications

1. BOOKS

1. Peace in Eastern Sudan: Some Important Aspects for Consideration, With Leif Manger, Unifob Global, Bric publishers, Bergen Norway, 2009.
2. The Sudan: the roots and dimensions of the crisis, Madaric Publishers, Cairo, 2008 (in Arabic).
3. Darfur Crisis: Listening to Sudanese Voices, with Leif Manger, Center for Development Studies, University of Bergen Norway 2006. An Arabic translation by Mohamed Ali Gadain also published in July 2006.
4. Anthropology in Sudan: Reflections of a Sudanese Anthropologist, International Books, the Netherlands, 2002. Translated into Arabic by the African and Arab Center, Cairo, Egypt.
5. Changing Systems of Livelihoods in the Sudan, OSSREA Publication, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2003.
6. African Pastoralism: Conflict, Institutions and Development (ed.) with M.A. Mohamed Salih and Ton Dietz, Pluto Press in association with OSSREA, 2001
7. Africa in Transformation: Political and Economic Transformations and Socio-Economic Development Responses in Africa, (Political and Economic Reforms, Transformations and Gender Issues) Vol. II (ed.) with Kwesi Kwaa Prah, Creda Communications, Cape Town, South Africa, 2000.
8. Africa in Transformation: Political and Economic Transformations and Socio-Economic Development Responses in Africa, (Political and Economic Issues) Vol. I (ed.) with Kwesi Kwaa Prah, Creda Communications, Cape Town, South Africa, 2000.
9. Environment and Sustainable Development in Eastern and Southern Africa (ed.) with Prof. Wilfred Mlay, Macmillan Press Ltd., (1998).
10. Managing Scarcity: Human Adaptation in East African Drylands (ed.) with Hassan A. Abdel Ati, Commercial Printing Press, Addis Ababa, 1996.
11. Sudan: The Future of Development and Peace, with Samia E. El Nagar, The Sudanese Studies Centre, Cairo, Egypt, 1995. (in Arabic).
12. Beyond Conflict: Peace, Development and Recovery in the Horn of Africa (with M. Doornbos, L. Cliffe and J. Markakis). James Currey, London, 1992.
13. Management of Crisis in the Sudan (ed.) with Gunnar Sørbo CDS University of Bergen, 1989.
14. Gadhaya Li-al Nigash fi Itar Ifrigiyat El Sudan wa Urubatihi (Issues for discussion in the Sudanese Afro-Arab context), Khartoum University Press, 1988. (in Arabic). Second edition, Arab Research Center, Cairo, Egypt 1995.

16. As-Sudan wa-l-wahda fi-t-tanawwa, Published by Das Arabische Buch, Berline 1987 (in Arabic). (Unity and Diversity in the Sudan). Second edition 1992 Khartoum University Press, 1988. (in Arabic).
17. Perspectives on Development in the Sudan Edited jointly with Paul van der wel, the Hague 1986.
18. On the Dynamic of Social Change in Rural Sudan. The Development and Research Studies Centre monographs, University of Khartoum, (in Arabic) published by DSRC of K, 1982, (207 p.).
19. Urbanization and Exploitation: The Role of Small Urban Centres, with Mustafa Abdel Rahman, DSRC Monograph Series No. 11, 1979 (45 p.).
20. Some Issues on Development Projects in Sudan (ed.). Published by the Economic and Social Research Council, 1977, (in Arabic) (255 p.).
21. Development and Settlement Projects in Sudan (ed.). Published by the Economic and Social Research Council, 1976, (91 p.) (in Arabic).
22. Some Aspects of Nomadism in the Sudan, (ed.) with introduction. Published by the Sudan National Population Committee and the Economic and Social Research Council, (219 p.).
23. Economic Anthropology and Problems of Development in the Sudan, published by Khartoum University Press 1975 (120 p.) (in Arabic).
24. Shaykhys and Followers: Political Struggle in the Rufa'a Al Hoi Nzirate in the Sudan, Khartoum University Press, 1974 (170).

1. CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

1. One Against All: The National Islamic Front (NIF) and Sudanese Sectarian and Secular Parties, in: Mohamed Salih edited, Islamic Political Parties, London, 2009.
2. Multiple Complexity and Prospects for Reconciliation and Unity: the Sudan conundrum, in: Alfred Nhema and P. T. Zeleza (ed), The Roots of African Conflicts: The Causes and Costs, James Currey, Oxford, 2008.
3. Livelihood and Resource Competition, Sudan" in M. A. Mohamed Salih, Ton Dietz and Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed (ed), African Pastoralism Pluto Press, London, 2001.
4. "The Sudanese Intellectuals and Development: The Addiction of Failure", in Benno Galjart and Patricio Silva (ed.) Designers of Development, Leiden, 1995.

5. "The Relevance of Indigenous Systems of Production to Food Policies: A Horn of Africa Perspective", in Mohamed Salih (ed.) *Inducing Food Insecurity*, The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, 1994.
6. "The Human and Ecological Impact of the Civil War in the Sudan", in Terje Tvedt (ed.) *Conflict in the Horn of Africa*, Uppsala, 1993.
7. "Reflections on Some of the African-Norwegian Research Cooperation with the SSE-programme", in *Proceedings From The Regional Research Meeting*, Addis Ababa 22-26 August 1992, 1992.
8. "Beyond National Boundaries: The Integration of Rural Production Systems in Some Countries in the Horn of Africa", in Bernhard Nett, Volker Wulf and Abdramane Diarra (eds.) *Agricultural Transformation and Social Change in Africa*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main, 1992.
9. "Rural production systems in the Sudan: A General Perspective", in Doornbos, M. et al. (ed.) *Beyond Conflict*, James Currey, London 1992 (pp. 133-142).
10. "National Ambivalence and External Hegemony"; in *Agrarian Change in the Central Rainlands in the Sudan: A Socio-economic Analysis*. (ed.) by M.A. Mohammed Salih Sweden 1987.
11. "Planning and the Neglect of Pastoral Nomads in the Sudan", G. Holand (ed.), *Problem of Savannah Development: The Sudan Case*, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway, 1980, (pp. 39-54).
12. With others: "Guidelines for the Development of Nomadism in the Sudan" in: *Employment Equity and Growth*, edited by Ali Mohamed El Hassan, (1977), (pp. 98-115).
13. "Tribalism: A passing of an ideology", in Peach, N. Benzing, B. & Brenouur, M. (eds.) *Dependence and Development, African Analysis* (German translation).
14. "Tribal" Elites: A Base for Social Stratification in the Sudan", *Toward a Marxist Anthropology*, S. Diamond (ed.) Mouton 1979, (pp. 321-335).
15. "The Relevance of Indigenous Systems of Organization of Production to Rural Development: a Case from Sudan", *Essays on the Economic and Society of Sudan*, Vol. I, Ali M. El Hassan (ed.), DSRC, Khartoum, (pp. 37-67).
16. "The Relevance of Contemporary Economic Anthropology", *The Politics of Anthropology*, Gerrit Huzer and Pruce mannhein (eds.). Mouton, 1979, (pp. 197-185).
17. "Some Remarks from the Third World on Anthropology and Colonialism", *Anthropology and the Colonial Encounter*, Talal Asad (ed.), 1973, Ithaca Press, London, (pp. 259-70).
18. "Tribal and Sedentary Elite: A bridge between two communities", *The Desert and Sown*, Nelson C. (ed.), 1973, University of California Press, (pp. 75-96).
19. "The Rufa'a al-Hoi Economy" in: *Essay in Sudan Ethnography*. I. Cunnison and W. James eds.) 1972 (pp. 173-188).

20. "Pastoral Research Competition in Eastern Africa: Experiences in South-South-North Partnership and Networking A Southern Perspective" in: Research North-South Cooperation, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2002, (pp.125-136).
21. "Poverty, Environment and Sustainable Development in the Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes Region" in: African Perspective, Heinrich Böll Foundation, African Forum, on Strategic Thinking Towards the Earth Summit and Beyond, Nairobi, Kenya, 2002.

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2. Transforming Pastoralism: A Case Study of the Rufa'a al Hoi Ethnic Group in the Blue Nile State, Sudan. Sudan Working Papers No 1, CMI Bergen, Norway. (2008)
3. Sudanese Trade in Black Ivory: Opening Old Wounds, Occasional Paper No. 31, The Centre for Advance Studies of African Society (CASAS), Cape Town, South Africa. (2007)
4. "Agricultural Policy, Resource Access and Human Nutrition", with Kristy Cook and Michael Roth with assistance from Kurt Brown and Marsha Cannon, Horn of Africa Regional Symposium, BASIS Brief, July 2000.
5. "Pastoral Land Tenure and Agricultural Expansion: Sudan and the Horn of Africa", With Salah Shazali, International Institute for Environment and Development, Dryland Programme, Issue Paper No. 85, June 1999.
6. "The Relevance of Indigenous Systems of Production to Food Policies: A Horn of Africa Perspective", East Africa Social Science Research Review, Vol. X, No. 2 June 1994.
7. With Tage El Sir A. Mohammed, Camel Pastoralism as a Food System in the Sudan: Limitations and Changes, Nomadic People, No. 29, 1991.

8. "The State of Anthropology in the Sudan", Ethnos, Ethnograffisks Museet, Stockholm, 1982: 1-2, pp. 16-80.
9. With Jay Spaulding, "The Sennar King-List of the Sid al Gum" Ahmed, Sudan Notes and Records, Vol. 56, 1975, (pp. 234-42)
10. "Small Urban Centres: Vanguard of Exploitation, A case from Sudan", Africa, Vol. 49, No. 3, 1979, (pp. 258-271) With Mustafa Abdel Rahman.
11. "Anthropology and Development Planning in the Sudan" The Case of Jonglei", Bulletin N. 50. The Economic and Social Research Council, 1977. Also appeared in Sudan Journal of Development Studies, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1977, (pp. 26-60)
12. "A Report on Research: The Berta and Watawit People of the Sudan Ethiopia borders", Sudan Journal of Economic and Social Studies, Vol. 1, no. 2 (pp. 62-64)
13. "Tribal" Elite: A base for Social Stratification in the Sudan, Sudan Journal of Economic and Social Studies, Vol. 1, No. 2 (pp. 21-29)
14. "The Relevance of Indigenous Systems of Production to Rural Development: A case from Sudan", National Council for Research Bulletin No. 4, 21 Sept. 1974, (15 p.)
15. Sir Edward Evans Pritchard and the Sudan, "Sudan Notes and Records, Vol. 55, 1974, (pp. 167-71)
16. "A Seal from the Nineteenth Century Sinnar", with Jay Spaulding, Sudan Notes and Records, Vol. 55, 1974, (pp. 175-6)
17. "The Theoretical and Applied Relevance of Contemporary Economic Anthropology to Problems of Development", Sudan Journal of Economic and Social Studies, Vol. 1, 1974, (pp. 33-38, and also in the Nigerian Journal of Sociology Studies, Vol. 2, 1976, (pp. 55-64)
18. "Land Documents from Dar Fur" No. 2, with S. O'Fahey, Occasional Paper No. 3, Dept. of History, "University of Bergen, Norway, (63 p.)
19. "Land Documents from Dar Fur" No. 1, with S. O'Fahey, Occasional paper No. 1, Dept. of History, "University of Bergen, Norway, (63 p.)
20. "Nomadic Competition in the Funji Area", Sudan Notes and Records, Vol. 54, 1973, (pp. 43-56).
21. "The Role of Sedentary Population, in the Rufa'a al-Hoi Politic", Sudan Notes and Records, Vol. 52, 1971, (pp. 33-45).

IV. PAPERS IN ARABIC

1. Creativity of Jamal M. Ahmed, Hurof, KUP, (forthcoming).

2. "Intellectual debates in the Arab World", Majalet Dirasat Arabia, Dec. C. 1986.
3. "The Sudan and the Dynamics of Diversity" El Mustagbal El Arabi, Jan. 1986.
4. "The Second National Conference on Sudan Economy: The Socio-Economic Impact" A Review Article, El-Mustagbal Al Arabi, Dec. 1984.
5. The Impact of Oil on Traditional Communities, National Committee on Oil Impact, Sudan 1982.
6. "The Economic and Social Impact of Jonglei Project", Ministry of Sudan Affairs, Cairo 1978.
7. "Sir Edward Evans-Pritchard and the Sudan, Khartoum, Magazine – April 1974.
8. "Al Nafier Fi Janob al Funj" (Collective work in Southern Funj), Bulletin of Sudanese Studies, 1974.
9. "Tumsh Um bada" (Dar Hamid Poet, Slamabi Prizes, Competition Winner (arranged by Sudan Research Unit). Khartoum Magazine – October, 1968.

Conference Papers

1. Visiting Kurmuk: the SPLA controlled area of the Blue Nile State. Paper presented to the first workshop of the Micro-macro Pease Building Project, Ahfad University, July 2006.
2. The Horn of Africa: Creating a Think Tank, a paper presented to the UNESCO meeting on the creating a think tank for the integration of the Horn of Africa, Paris, November 7-9, 2005.
3. What can we do better in dealing with inequality in our partnership? Reflections on Norwegian partnership with two countries in the Horn of Africa. Presented to the seminar on research cooperation, 75th anniversary of CMI, 15 March, 2005, Bergen Norway.
4. Multiple Complexity and Prospects for Reconciliation and Unity: The Sudan Conundrum. Presented to the OSSREA meeting on Conflict Management, November, 2004, Addis Ababa Ethiopia. Published in the UNESCO report on the Initiative for the Horn of Africa, July 2006.
5. The Bologna Process: A View from the South. Presented to the 16th Annual Conference of the EAIE, Torino, Italy, 15-18 September 2004.
6. Multiple Complexity, Reconciliation and Unity: The Case of Sudan. Paper presented to OSSREA International Conference on African Conflicts, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 29 November- 1 December 2004.
7. Can Indigenous Knowledge be of Relevance in the Twenty-First Century? Cases from Africa. Presented to the 40th anniversary of NAI, 1-3 September 2002, Uppsala, Sweden.

8. "Pastoral Research Competition in Eastern Africa: Experiences in South-south-North Partnership" presented to the conference North South Research Cooperation organized by the Royal Netherlands Academy Amsterdam, Dec. 3, 2001.
9. "The Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA)", News from the Nordic Africa Institute1/2000, NORDISKA AFRIKAINSTITUTET, Uppsala: Sweden, pp. 18-19.
10. 10) "Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA): Activities on The HIV/AIDS Challenge", Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, presented to the Seminar on the HIV/AIDS Challenge in Africa and the response of the Social Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden 29 November 2000.
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12. "South-South Networking in Research Co-ordination with Institutions in the North", North-South Co-operation in Higher Education and Research, Proceedings from The Nordic Association of University Administrators (NUAS) – Association of Nordic University Rectors' Conferences NUS Conference, University of Bergen. Bergen: Norway, April 1999, pp.48-53.