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Academic Qualifications:

B. Sc. (Honors- First Class) Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum, 2002.

M. Sc., Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum, 2008.

Awards:

- University of Khartoum Prize for the Best Academic Performance in the Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Second Year, 1999.
- University of Khartoum Prize for the Best Academic Performance in the Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, Third Year, 2000.
- University of Khartoum Prize for the Best Academic Performance in the Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, fourth Year, 2001.
- University of Khartoum Prize for the Best Academic Performance in the Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, Fifth Year, 2002.
- Faculty of Economic & Social Studies Prize for the Best Academic Performance in the Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Fifth Year, 2002.
- Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) In-Country Scholarship, 2005-2007.

Training:

- Course in Methods and Materials of Teaching, Staff Development Center, University of Khartoum, April 2004.
- “Qualitative Research Methods”, Organization for Social Sciences Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) & Development Studies and Research Institute (DSRI) – U of K, Khartoum, March 2005.
- “Gender Mainstreaming in Conflict and Post Conflict Situations”, Development Studies and Research Institute (DSRI)- U of K & Peace Studies Center U of K & Fredrich Ebert Stiftung, Khartoum, May 2005.
- “Measurement and Evaluation in Higher Education “, Staff Development Center- U of K, Khartoum, June-July 2005.
- “Sudan Field Course”, Rift Valley Institute, Rumbek, Southern Sudan, June 2008.
- “Qualitative Research Methods”, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, March 2009.

Work Experiences:

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, University of Khartoum, April 2003- May 2009.
- Lecturer, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, University of Khartoum, May 2009 Up to now.

Fellowship:

- Member, Organization for Social Sciences Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Since 2005.
- Member, Sudanese Sociological Society, Since 2006.
- Sudan Focal Point, Rift Valley Institute (UK, USA, Kenya), Since 2006.

Research Experience:

- Field Supervisor, Department Annual Field Trips Since 2003 up to now.
- Research Assistant, KAP Survey Conducted by Care Sudan, Khartoum, November 2002.
- Data Processing Team Member, Base Line Survey Conducted by the Directorate of Rahad Agricultural Scheme, May 2003.
- Research Assistant, “Revolving Drug Fund Evaluation”, Save the Children UK, Khartoum, July 2004.
- Research Assistant, “Darfur Vulnerability Study”, Catholic Relief Service CRS Sudan, West Darfur, February- December 2004.

- Research Assistant, “Measurement of Poverty among Higher Education Students”, National Students Fund, Khartoum, November- December 2004.
- Researcher, Socio- Economic Study for Hawaaweir Tribe in Northern State, Wadi Almogadam, September 2005, September 2006.
- Research Assistant, Field Supervisor, “Urban Poverty and Health”, Population Council NY, Khartoum, July 2006.
- Data Processing Team Member, End-line Survey Conducted by Population Media Center Sudan, August- September 2006.
- Assistant Consultant, Development Information Need Assessment, Concern Sudan, Abyei Locality, February- December 2006.
- Researcher, Mobile Phone in Divided Society, Research Project by African Studies Center, Leiden funded by Sudanese Mobile Telecommunication Company (ZAIN), August-October 2007.
- Data Processing Team Member, Security Sector Reform and Peace Building Project, University of Juba, Center For Peace Development Studies, Juba, April 2008.
- Research Assistant, Sudan Elections History Project, Rift Valley Institute, Khartoum, October 2008- April 2009.
- Research Assistant, Study of Factors Contributing to Conflict Among Pastoralists/ Agro- Pastoral and Sedentary Farmers in Sudan, Egis Bceom, Ministry of Animal Resources, August- October 2009.

Research Projects & Reports:

- “Modernization and Urbanization: Study in Rise and Development of Karima Town (Northern Sudan)” Unpublished M.Sc. Thesis, University of Khartoum, 2008.
- “The Study of the Social Effects of The Mobile Phone in Northern Sudan: The Cases of Khartoum and Karima” Unpublished Report, African Studies Center, Leiden, 2007.
- “Class and Spatial Separation in the Gezira: A Case Study, Alla`ota Village”, A Fulfillment Dissertation, Honor Degree, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, University of Khartoum, 2002.
- “Land Ownership and Land Use in Khartoum North’s Rural Areas”, Shared Report, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, University of Khartoum, 2002.
- “The Social Status of Women Working in the Informal Sector: A Case Study, Greater Khartoum”, A Fulfillment Dissertation, B. Sc. (General), Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, University of Khartoum, 2001.
- “Socio-Economic and Environmental Impact of Giad Industrial City”, Shared Report, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, University of Khartoum, 2001.

- “Evaluation of Blind Students Needs in the Higher Education”, A Paper Presented To The Meeting of the Voluntary Association for Disables, Gedarif State, 2000.

Publications:

- Bilal, Hisham, With: Mirjam De Bruijn, Inge Brinkman and Peter Wani (2008): “The Nile Connection: Effects and Meaning of the Mobile Phone in A (Post) War Economy in Karima, Khartoum and Juba, Sudan”, Leiden: African Studies Center.
- Bilal, Hisham, with Mirjam De Brijn and Inge Brinkman (2009): “The Mobile Phone: ‘Modernity’ and Change in Khartoum, Sudan” in: Mirjam De Bruijn, Francis Nyamnjoh and Inge Brinkman (2009): Mobile Phones: The New Talking Drums of Everyday Africa, Bamenda: Langaa Researcch And Publishing Common Initiative Group in Collaboration With: African Studies Center, Leiden.
- Bilal, Hisham, with Musa Adam Abdul Jalil (2009): Introduction to Sociology, (In Arabic), Khartoum: University of Khartoum.

Teaching:

- Medical Sociology, Nursing Programe Students + Medecine Programe Students, Nile College.
- Qualitative Methods in Social Research, B.Sc. Third Year Students, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum.
- Introduction to Sociology, Social Work Diploma Junior Students + Local Governing Diploma Junior Students, University of Khartoum.
- Medical Anthropology, Nursing Diploma Students, Health Sciences Academy, Khartoum State Ministry of Health, 2007.
- Facilitator, Training of Trainers in the Field of Illiteracy and Social Development, Ministry of Social Affairs, Wad Madani, September 2005, Elgeneina, November-December 2005.

Skills and Knowledge:

Languages:

Arabic: Mother Tongue, *English*: Competent User (5.5 In ILETS Scale).

Computer Applications:

Windows, MS Office, SPSS.

References:

- Dr. Musa Adam Abdul Jalil, Head Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic & Social Studies, University of Khartoum, imusaadam@hotmail.com
- Professor John Ryle, Legrand Ramsey Professor of Anthropology, Bard College(New York), Chair, Rift Valley Institute (London, New York, Nairobi), john.ryle@riftvalley.net
- Professor Mirjam de Bruijn, Senior Researcher, African Studies Center, Leiden, Netherland, bruijnm@ascleiden.nl