

## **Personal Information**

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Year of Birth: 1948

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Languages: Arabic: mother tongue, English: excellent; written and spoken, little Amharic.

## **Academic Fields of Interest:**

Cultural Studies ; African and Middle Eastern Studies; Sociology of Religion; Development (education/ pastoralism , conflict resolution ).

## **Education :**

**1980** Ph.D Anthropology , University of Connecticut , USA.

**1976** M.Sc Anthropology , University of Khartoum, Sudan.

**1973** B.Sc ( Honours) Anthropology , University of Khartoum.

## **Academic Career**

**2004-2009** Dean , University Projects for Community Development.

**2008** Visiting Professor, United Arab Emirates University.

**1999-2004:** Deputy Dean, Faculty of Technological and Developmental Studies, University of Khartoum.

**1994-1999:** Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Economics and Social Studies, University of Khartoum.

**1994-1998:** Visiting Professor, University of Addis Ababa,Ethiopia.

**1987-1994:** Assistant Professor Dept. of Anthropology University of Khartoum.

**1982-1987:** Assistant Professor Dept. of Social Studies , King Saud Univ. (Formerly U. of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia ).

**1992:** Visiting scholar, Centre for Development Studies; Islamic and Middle-Eastern Studies Centre ,Univ. of Bergen,Norway..

**1973-1980:** Teaching Assistant , Department of Anthropology, U. of Khartoum

## **Awards and Prizes:**

**1973:** Prize for **best student in the Anthropology Honours class,U.of Khartoum.**

**1972:** Prize for **best post -intermediate student in the Faculty of Economics,U. of Khartoum.**

## **Fieldwork and Research Experiences:**

**2008-2009** One month of fieldwork on **IDPs in Khartoum**; research is still ongoing.

**2006-2009** Field work on **conflict in urban Sudan** (Khartoum) research is ongoing..

**2006-2007** Two months fieldwork in Western and Southern Sudan on **socio-economic impact of oil on the Sudan..**

**2004-2005** : Desk research on **conflict and conflict resolution in the Sudan with regards to Muslim/ Christian relations and religious terrorism in the Sudan**

**2000-2002:** Research on **urban religious situation in Greater Khartoum.** **1999-2000:** Research on **impact of expansion of higher education on women.** **1994-1997:** Several short fieldwork excursions with the MA students in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Addis Ababa Univ. , to different parts of Ethiopia .

**1989-1994:** Fieldwork in the Red Sea Area of Eastern Sudan on the effects of drought on social , cultural and religious organizations among the Hadendawa and other tribes of the region.

**1988:** Two weeks fieldwork on the socio-economic conditions of the war-displaced living in Khartoum shanty towns. Commissioned by the Economic and Social Research Council, National Council for Research (Sudan).

**1987:** Two- weeks fieldwork in a project on “oral health”, to determine the socio-economic and cultural factors affecting oral health in the central region of Saudi Arabia.; part of a long -term study carried by the Faculty of Dentistry, King Saud University.

**1985:** One- month fieldwork in central Saudi Arabia on “Forms of Recreational Activity in Saudi Arabia”. .Areas covered represent nomadic, peasant and urban societies. (Conducted in collaboration with Dr. Ibrahim Khalifa \_ from the Dept. of Social Studies, King Saud University).

**1984:** Fieldwork research for 20 days in Southern Saudi Arabia (Asir region);part of a two-year project on “The Social Phenomenon of Paying High Dowry in Saudi Arabia” \_conducted by the Dept. of Social Studies , King Saud University .

**1979/80:** Seven months fieldwork in central Sudan among the Badrab (a religious Sufi order) ; as part of the Ph.D. research requirement.

**1975:** Seven months fieldwork in Northern Central Sudan near Shandi town as part of research requirement for the M.Sc. degree. To determine the socio-economic impact of an agricultural development scheme (9000 acres in size and affecting 13 villages).

**1974:** Assistant researcher for five weeks to G. Haaland (now Prof. of Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway) in Darfur, Western Sudan, The object of the study was to document aspects of nomadism and cultural revivalism among the Fur.

**1974:** Own research for one month in Abu Hamad area in northern Sudan, studying the sociological dimensions of children games.

**1973:** Part of a team from the Department of Anthropology to undertake sociological surveys to assist in the settlement of refugees in Southern Sudan.

**1972:** Field Assistant for one month to R. Lobban (now teaches at the University of Rhode Island, USA) in the Greater Khartoum. to on dynamics of ethnicity and social networks in urban setting.

**1970:** Assistant researcher for one month with A. Barnett (author of the Gezira Scheme) in the Gezira Scheme, the largest agricultural scheme in Africa. The social conditions of the scheme's farmers (tenants) were investigated

## **Teaching Experience:**

### ***Undergraduate Courses:-***

**2009 ( since 1982) :University of Khartoum: , Faculty of Economics and Social Studies**  
Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology, Fifth Year ( Honours class ): Sociology of Knowledge; Ethnicity and National Integration; Texts and Problems ( social stratification); Contemporary Sociological Theories. Fourth year : Islamic Communities. Third Year : Systems of Belief. Second year : Sudanese Communities. First year : Introduction to Sociology.

**1999-2008 Faculty of Technological and Developmental Studies**, Introduction to Sociology: and . Information to intermediate diploma students

### **Taught the following courses at the following universities and institutions:**

**2008 United Arab Emirates University:** Introduction to Sociology, Social Change, Social Problems, Sociology of the Family ( ,

**1992-1993 Omdurman Islamic University** :"Islamic Communities" to 4<sup>th</sup> year students; 3<sup>rd</sup> year course on Politics and Systems of Beliefs -Department of Anthropology, U . of Khartoum.

**1990-1992: University of Wadi El-Neil** Course on Introduction to the "Philosophy of Science" to first year students at the (at Khartoum);

**1989: Gezira University**, Participated in a course called “Doctors and Society” organized by and taught at the Faculty of Medicine,.

**1982-87: King Saud University ( Saudi Arabia)** Undergraduate courses (in Arabic) at the Department of Social Studies, , These included: Human Relations (2<sup>nd</sup> year); Sociological Theories (3<sup>rd</sup> year).

*Graduate Courses :-*

**2001-2009: University of Khartoum :Department of Anthropology and Sociology** Social and Cultural Change to Higher Diploma students in Applied Anthropology; Ethnicity, Identity and Globalization Change to Higher Diploma in applied Anthropology students; **Faculty of Technological and Developmental Studies** : Urban Development to Social Work MA students ( 2001- 2008); also to the same groups a course on Sociology of Development; – **Dept. of Political Science** MA program : Ethnicity and International Relations ; **Dept of Information , Faculty of Arts** Cultural Pluralism and Cultural Conflicts in the Sudan – course offered to MA students;

**2001-2004 University of Gezira** Sociology of Knowledge” – MA students of “Ismalization of Knowledge Programme”..

**2003-2004 Higher Police Academy.**; Social Composition of Sudanese Society , MA program

**1999-2000:** “Introduction to African and Middle Eastern Cultures”, Higher Diploma/MA students Institute of African and Asian Studies, U. of K.

**1994- 1998 , Addis Ababa University** : Teaching in the M.A programme at the Department of Anthropology and Sociology.Courses on History of Anthropological Theory; Anthropology of Religion ; and Social Change; in addition to supervising M.A dissertations.

**1993:** Short course on Women and Mass media\_ supported by Ford foundation and organized by Development Studies Research Centre, University of Khartoum.

**1990-94 :** Advanced course on sociology to post-graduate students Institute of Extra -Mural Studies, U. of Khartoum.

**1992-93 :** “Religions in Asia”, a course given to diploma and M.A. students at the African and Asian Studies Institute, U. of Khartoum.

**1987-88:** Course at the Institute of Extra -Mural Studies, U. of Khartoum, to higher diploma students on development and sociological issues.

**1982-87 :Social Problems (M.A. students).** A number of M.A. students were also supervised at the preparatory stage of their thesis-writing. King Saud University (formerly U. of Riyadh , Saudi Arabia).

## Publications:

### A .Books:-

1. **2001** Sudanese Perspectives in Science, Knowledge and Culture. Khartoum : Centre for Strategic Studies, 2001 (in Arabic).
2. **1993** *Religion in Society : Nemeiri and the turuq*, (based on my Ph.D. dissertation ), Khartoum University Press,.
3. **1990** *Leisure Activities in Saudi Arabia* (co-authored with I. Khalifa \_in Arabic ) .Research Centre, King Saud University ,Riyadh ,

### B Papers in Books:

1. **2008** "Managing the Process of Conflict Resolution in the Sudan ", in ( ed. Nhema, A. and Paul Zeleza *The Resolution of African Conflicts : the Management of Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict Reconstruction* ; published by ( in collaboration with OSSREA ) by James Currey : Oxford ; and Ohio University Press: Athens.
2. **2008** " A Sociological look at the Urban Violence Events of August, 2005, in Khartoum " in Shams al-Din Daw al-Bait (ed.) *National Reconciliation and Healing of Wounds in the Sudan*, Khartoum: Fredrich – Ebert Foundation; pp. 79-96. (In Arabic)
3. **2007** ".Cultural Diversity and Conflicts in the Sudan " ; al Tayeb Haj Attiya , editor , Issues in *Cultural Pluralism in the Sudan* . , Khartoum: Khartoum University Press. .(In Arabic).
4. **2006** " Cultural Diversity in Sudan's Peace Agreement" in Nazik Kabbalo (ed.) *Culture and Development*, Khartoum: Cultural Action Centre; pp.129-150. (In Arabic).
5. **2005** " Sudanese Morals in the Past and at Present"; in Waiel Khalil (ed.) *Sudanese Morals as Seen by the Other* , Khartoum: al-Tanweer al-Marifi Centre.; pp. 88-120. (In Arabic)
6. **2005**. "Management of Conflict resolution in the Sudan" in Adlan al –Hardallo (ed) *Naivasha Protocols and Future of Peace in Sudan* , Khartoum : Fredrich-Ebert; pp. 132-148. ( Arabic)
7. **2004** " Social Sciences in the Arab World: The Crisis and Future Challenges" in Abdelwahab Ben Hafiath and Moushira El Jaziri (ed) *Social science in the Arab world, Turkey and Iran* , Tunis :Middle East Awards and Centre d' Etudes et de Recherches Economiques et Sociales; pp.305-321. (Arabic)

8. **2000** “Religion in Ethiopia” in al-Tayeb Mustafa Hayati (ed.) *Sudan and Its Neighbouring Countries*, Khartoum: Khartoum University Press; pp.349-372.(In Arabic).

9. **2001** “The Local and Global : Gendering Education in the Sudan” .in Taye Assefa et. al. (eds.). *Globalization, Democracy and Development in Africa*. Addis Ababa: OSSREA. 2001 – pp 347-362.

10 **2000**. “The West and the Other : the Racial Theories in the Sudan ” in Haydar Ibrahim Ali (ed) *Sudan : Culture and Development*, Cairo: Sudanese Studies Centre; pp. 247-258.

10. **1990** ”Religion as Ideology “ \_ in *Religion in the Arab Society* “ Centre for Arab Unity Studies/Arab Sociological Association , Beirut , 1990. (Arabic )

11. **1998** “Drought and Famine in Eastern Sudan”. In: Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed and M. Malay (eds.). *Environment and Sustainable Development in Africa*. London: Macmillan, ; pp104-117.

12..**1998** .” A Sudanese Noblewoman in History and Tradition Sitt Nasra Bint Adlan” (co-authored with Neil McHugh) in Gavin Hambly ( ed.) *Women in the Medieval Dar al-Islam: Power , Patronage , and Piety*, Texas: Texas University Press ,1998 .

3. **1998** ” What If the Pastoralists Chose Not To Be Pastoralists? In Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed and Hassan Abdel Ati (eds.) *Managing Scarcity :Human Adaptation in East African Drylands.. Proceedings of the regional workshop held on 24-26 August Managing the Process of Conflict Resolution in the Sudan* „,1999 Addis Ababa , Ethiopia; pp. 272-284.

**Papers In Refereed Journals :-**

1. **2007** ” On the Issues of Cultural Diversity in the Sudan”, *Afkar Jadida Journal*, issue NO 17.; pp.21-36. (in Arabic).
2. **2006** Managing the Process of Conflict Resolution in the Sudan, *Journal of Future Studies “JFS”* , NO 2 , VOL 2 (Published by Future studies Center, Khartoum); pp. 1\_16.
3. **2003** Religion, Conflict and Peace in Sudan: *Journal of Middle East& Africa Studies “JMEAS”* , No,3,Vol.2 (Published by Middle East & Africa Center , Khartoum ); pp. 1\_15.
4. **2001** “Anthropological Studies of Pastoral Nomadism in the Sudan An Overview” : *Sudan Notes and Records* , Number Five, new Series; pp75\_96.
- 5 **2000** ‘Scientific Theories of Racism: The Sudan case” , Mahawir Journal ( Omdurman Ahliyya University0, issue N0 4/5 ; pp. 98-112 ( in Arabic).
- 6 **2000** “ The West and the Other :Scientific Racial Theories in the Sudan” in *Mahawir Journal* ( Omdurman Ahlia University) Vol.4/5 ; pp. 98-112 (in Arabic ).
- 7 **1999** ” Ethiopia’s Primitive Anthropology” , *Drasat Ifriqiyya* Issue N0 21 June ; pp.35-46..

8 **1997** "Conflicts and Prospects in Sudan and the Horn of Africa" in *The European Journal of Development and Research* ( Frank- Cass) Vol. 9 No 2; pp.176-184.

9.. **1995** "Gender Religious Experience :Women and Quranic schools in Eastern Sudan" *East Africa Social Science Review* vol. X1 No.1 1995.

10. **1995** Managing Scarcity "Human Adaptation in East African Drylands , Published by Organization (OSSREA) , Ethiopia , P 272\_284.

11. **1994** ."The Beja of Eastern Sudan". *Dirasat Ifriqyya* International University of Africa Khartoum ) N0. 11

12. **1993.** "Le Front Naitional Islamique: Ideologie et Pratique". *Egypte/Monde Arabe* No15\_16, CEDEJ (Egypte/ France).Translation of "Religion as Ideology" into French.

13.. **1993** "Social Function of Religion: Disruptive or Integrative?" *Dirasat Ifriqyya*, (International University of Africa ,Khartoum) N0.9.,

14. **1993** "Science between Knowledge and Society" .*Huruf* ( Letters ) magazine (Khartoum University Press ) .June. (Arabic )

5. **1991** "Religious Institutions at Work :The role of khalwa during the drought in the Red Sea Area. (RESAP ) Technical Papers , U. of Khartoum No.8.,

16. **1988.** "Consciousness and Ideology", *Dialectical Anthropology* (USA ) N0. 11=1,

17.. **1987** "Contemporary Arabic Sociology" (Arabic), *Shaun Arabiyyia*, ALECSO ( Arab League Educational, Cultural , and Scientific Organization ) ,Tunis, (co-authored .with Mahmoud al-Thaouadi)

18. **1987** "Female Circumcision in the Sudan", Proceedings of the Third National Population Committee Conference, National Council for

Research, Khartoum (with others),

19. **1987** "Religious Expression among the Bedouins" (in Arabic). Proceedings, Conference on Nomadism in the Arab World, Algeria, organized by ALECSO ( Arab League Educational, Cultural , and Scientific Organization.

20. **1987** "Barth and Functionalism", (Arabic) *Majallat al-Dirasat al-Insaniyyia*, University of Kuwait,

21. **1985** "On the Concepts of Production", *The Egyptian Year Book of Sociology* vol. 7 ,Cairo University, Cairo,

22. **1985..** " Creativity" (in Arabic )-*Al-Araby* magazine (Kuwait ),issue N0. 317

23. "Remarks on Scientific Research in the Arab World" (in Arabic) *Shaun Arabiyyia*, Tunis, ALECSO, No. 36,

4. **1984** "The State of Women's Studies in the Sudan" *Review of African Political Economy* (London) No. 27/28, 1984 (with others).

25. **1974** Bibliography of Anthropological Works on the Sudan" in The State of the Social Sciences in the Middle East, The Assoc. for the Promotion of the Social Sciences in the Middle East, Alexandria, July .. (Co-author, with Abdel Gaffar M. Ahmed)

#### **Papers In Non-Refereed Journals:**

Many; the following are examples only:

**2003** "Some Remarks on Social Change in the Sudan", *al Difa 'a al-Arabi al Afriqi Magazine* issue N0. 64.

**2000** "Sociological Aspects of Copy Right in the Sudan", *Madarat Magazine* vol.2; pp. 18-21.

## **Membership of Committees and Boards :**

### **University of Khartoum:**

#### **University Level**

Member of the Deans` Committee ( 2004- 2009)

Member of University Senate.( 1999- 2009)

Member of the Faculty of Technological and Developmental Studies board.( 1999-2009)

Member of Graduate School Council(1999-2004).

Member of Enhancement of Social Services committee ( sub-committee of Higher Council for Planning- University of Khartoum)

Member of Graduate School Circle for Social Science.(2001-2004)

University Examination and Prizes Statuary Committee (1999-2004).

Member of University Academic Advisory Committee.(1999-2004)

Member of University Library Committee.(1990-1994)

Member of the high – powered University of Khartoum Peace Initiative Committee to assist with reconstruction in the post – conflict stage ( 2006-2007)

1997-98 :Co- editor , Sociology and Anthropology Bulletin ,Department of Anthropology ,Addis Ababa University. 1993-94 : Editor , RESAP (Red Sea Area Programme) Technical Papers.

Member of Univ. of Khartoum/ Univ.of Bergen Agreement Higher Steering Committee 1993\_ 94.

:Red Sea Area Programme co-coordinator .A collaborative research programme between the University of Khartoum and University of Bergen, Norway 1993-94.

Faculty representative , University of Khartoum High Arabacization Committee.1992-94:

University of Khartoum Library Committee- Faculty representative. 1990-94

:1989-92 In charge of RESAP documentation centre

#### **Faculty Level ( Examples).**

**Faculty of Technological and Developmental Studies:** While I was Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Developmental and Technological Faculty ( 1998-2004) I undertook the following responsibilities : Member of the Faculty Council. Chairperson of the Faculty General Supervisory Committee.; Chairperson of the Graduation Committee. Repertoire of the Faculty Council; .chair of the Graduate Students Committee.; In Charge of the Faculty Library.

#### **Faculty of Economics and Social Studies**

1992-94: Chairman of the Arabacization Committee,

1987-1993: Member of the Faculty of Economics' Research Board.

1980-82 : Member of the Faculty Board.

#### **Departmental (Examples):**

Dept. of Anthropology, U. of K. : Chairperson of the Committee to Initiate and Devise Curricula of Higher Diplomas in Sociology at the Dept.( 2003)

In charge of the Dept's library.( 1988- 1994 \_

Head of the Dept.'s Arabacization Committee.( 1988 -1994 )

## **Other Contributions and Activities :**

Appeared on a number of local, regional and international media programs ; for example:

**2009** Appeared on al Jazeera International for half an hour talking on culture of food; Feb. 21.

**2006** Main discussant of Ali Mazrui seminal lecture on the Isam's Seven Pillars of Wisdom; al-Jazeera live January 19.

**2005** Interview on the BBC on globalization

**2005** Interview on Algerian National TV on Sufism, Nov.!5.

Many appearances on Sudanese media ( daily papers, magazines, TV channels, and radio programs)

**1982** Consultant anthropologist for a documentary on Islam in the Sudan (Produced by the BBC as one of a ten-film series, entitled "The Arabs" .

Editorial Committee of the Heritage Series (Institute of African and Asian Studies),U. of K. – 2001-to no

## **Membership and Affiliation of Scientific and Professional Organizations:**

### **Currently:**

Vice President of the Sudanese Writers Union, Sudan

Member of the Executive Committee of Organization for Social Science Research in Member of the Executive Committee of Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA). (22 African countries).

Culture committee of the UNESCO National Committee , Sudan. ( formerly chair) ; now a member of the committee.

Chair of Sudanese Sociological Society .

Member of the Executive Committee of Sudan Folklore Society

### **Formerly :**

Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southetrn Africa ( OSSREA ) Sudan Chapter Liaison Officer ( 2004-2006) .

### **Editorial and Advisory Boards of Journals and Research Institutes::**

Sudanese Studies Journal ( Dirasat Sudaniyyia), Institute of African and Asian Studies, U. of Khartoum

Middle East and Africa Journal ( Middle East and African Studies Institute, Khartoum)

New Ideas ( Afkar Jadida) Journal ( Intellectual Works Corporation, Khartoum)

Contemporary Islam ( al-Islam al-Mua'sir) Journal ( Contemporary Islam Center)

Future Studies ( Dirasat al Mustagbal) Journal ( Center for Future Studies, Khartoum)

Member of Sudan Reference Group – a scientific committee to monitor and evaluate some of the projects sponsored by Max Blanck Institute ( Germany ) in the Sudan.

Member of the scientific committees of : Institute of African and Asian Studies, U. of Khartoum;

Member of Middle East and African Studies Centre scientific board,

Member of the scientific board of Islam and the Contemporary World Center, Khartoum;

Member of the scientific committee of the Institute of Intellectual Enlightenment ( al- Tanweer al Ma'rifi).

Referee and assessor of articles submitted for publication to Sudan Notes and Records Journal and Juba University Journal ; in addition to. Adab Journal (U. of K.) ; OSSREA's Journal and Research Reports; Sudanese Studies Journal (in Arabic) – Institute of African and Asian Studies., and the above mentioned research institutes.

Jury member of OSSREA ( Organization for social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa) research competitions.

### **Formerly:**

Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southetrn Africa ( OSSREA ) Sudan Chapter Liaison Officer .

Union for African Population Studies.

Member of the editorial board of Abhath Al-Iman journal; published by the international Centre for Faith Research , Khartoum.( 1993-94:)

.Member of Sudanese Studies; and Journal; Afkar Jadida editorial boards .Member of RESAP editorial board ,University of Khartoum (1992-1994).

Member of the Association for the Promotion of the Social Sciences in the Middle East, American University, Cairo.(1976-1979)

Member of the International Sociological Association, U.S.A(1984-1988).

Member of the Arab Sociological Association, Tunis,Tunisia.

Associate of the Traditional Medicine Research Institute, (TMRI), National Council for Research, Khartoum.(1982-1988)

Member of Development as Ideology Programme ( U. of Stockholm- Sweden )..

Chairperson of the Committee for Academic Seminars – Dept. of Social Studies, King Saud University.

## **Social Activities:**

Member of the Sudanese American Universities Alumina.

Member of the Sudanese/American Friendship Society Executive Committee (1993-1995).

Member of the Sudanese/ Norwegian Friendship Transitional Committee.(1993)

Member of Youth Committee Executive Board (Sudan Family Planning Association) 1992 – 1994.

Actively involved in public lecture programs and public debates within and outside the Univ .of Khartoum.

## **General:**

Good computer skills

Interested in poetry, photography and fine arts (painting).