Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

**Ph. D. in Social Sciences and Cultural Studies,** University of East London (United Kingdom) – July 2009. Research Interests: Gender & Globalization, Islamic Feminism, Research Methodologies in Mobile Populations, South-to-South Migration, Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants, Labor Processes in the Middle East, Consumerism, Paid Domestic Work, and Post-colonial Feminism.

**M.A. in Anthropology,** American University in Cairo, AUC (Egypt).

**B.Sc. in Biology**, Faculty of Education, Ain Shams University, (Egypt).

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**The American University in Cairo**

**Department of Sociology, Egyptology and Anthropology (SEA)**

**Associate Researcher** *July 2022 – to date*

* **PI for the Research Project:** “Traces of mobility, violence and solidarity: Reconceptualizing cultural heritage through the lens of migration”.

**Assistant Professor**  *Jan 2019 – to date*

* Developed and currently teaching two courses in sociology: 1**) Social problems of the Middle East, 2) Arab Family Structures and Dynamics, 3) Introduction to community development & 4) Practicum in community development.**

**Northeastern University**

**Carnegie-Scholar/Associate Director for Policy and Practice - Visiting Assistant professor**

**Associate Director, The Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies (BCARS)**

*September 2017 – to date*

* Received a one-year grant from the International Institute for Education to author and publish two peer-reviewed articles in 2018-2019.
* Developed and taught a course on **“Politics of Islam and Gender”** – Spring 2018.
* Support BCARS’s director in developing research grants and mobilize fund.
* Develop and publish BCARS’s “Bulletin”, “Refugee Dispatch”, and “Podcast”.
* Represent BCARS’s in meetings, conference and other relevant events.
* Travel to Boston, Cairo & Amman to follow up on BCARS’s collaborative activities with local partners.
* Travel to Boston, Cairo & Amman to follow up on BACRS’s field research with African and Syrian migrants and refugees.

**Clark University**

**Department of International Development, Society and Environment (IDCE)** 15August 2016 – 31 August 2017

**Visiting Assistant Professor**

* Developed, organized and delivered **five** post-graduate courses on **1) gender & health, 2) conflict and displacement, 3) gender analysis, 4) monitoring and evaluation, and 5) participatory action research in development programs.**
* Developed, designed and taught a full online course **on urban refugees and development.**
* Mobilized resources and submitted research and consultancy grants on behalf of IDCE.

**The American University in Cairo (AUC), Cairo, Egypt**

**Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS)/Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology & Egyptology (SAPE)**

**Faculty/Visiting Research Fellow** *April 2016 – June 2016*

* Co-taught a courses two courses in sociology: 1**) Social issues of the Middle East and 2) Social classes and inequalities.**
* Prepared a book chapter on Sudan and South Migration to Europe published in the *book “Escaping the Escape: Towards Solutions for the Migrant Crisis, March 2017*”, a publication project led by Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany.
* Prepared an article on gender and human trafficking in the Middle East for an upcoming publication in the volumes entitled “*Gender in the Contemporary Middle East”*and “*Sexualities in the Contemporary Middle East,” Edited by Helen Rizzo and* Michael Ryan *(*Lynne Rienner Publishers.)
* Presented and contributed to seminar organized by CMRS

**Government of Switzerland, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Cairo, Egypt**

**Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) -Global Program on Migration and Development**

**Consultant/Egypt Expert** - **Member of a Team of Experts** *May 2016 – July 2016*

* As a member of a Team of Experts (with lead responsibility for Egypt), conducted a review of the Government of Switzerland’s IRAM program in North Africa entitled “Improving Governance of Labor Migration and Protection of Migrant Workers’ Rights in Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco” implemented by the International Labor Organization (ILO).
* Researched topical and project management literature, interviewed senior Government of Egypt officials responsible for labor, migration and social solidarity, relevant national and international organization, donors, analyzed and reported on findings and presented recommendations.

**IOM (International Organization for Migration – Cairo, Egypt)**  *June 2014 – April 2016*

**Counter-Trafficking Program Manager and Head of the Capacity Building Unit:**

* Worked as a Project Manager and Developer for various IOM projects related to Counter Trafficking, Immigration and Border Management, Assistance and Protection for victims of trafficking and for both in-camps and urban Syrian Refugees; including the implementation of relevant activities such as capacity building, awareness raising, and direct assistance for vulnerable migrants.
* Liaised with key regional (e.g. League of Arab States) and national Government counterparts in Egypt such as the Ministries of Interior, Justice, and Social Solidarity; specialized bodies such as the Anti-Trafficking Inter-Ministerial Committee; the United Nations agencies such as the UN Higher Commission for Refugees, the UN Office against Drugs and Crime; Civil Society Organizations such as the Center for Egyptian Women Legal Affairs and the Egyptian Association for Economic and Social Rights, and others.
* Successfully secured resources from and managed projects funded by range of donors such as United States Government (Department of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State USAID), the European Union, UKAID (formerly DfID), Swiss and Italian Governments.

# Headed the capacity building programs, leading the design and implementation of IOM’s capacity building strategies and programs; performing monitoring and evaluation as well as reporting.

# Designed and implemented capacity building activities and trainings for law enforcement and civil society including delivering trainings in both English and Arabic.

# Supported the Government of Egypt in the drafting of the country’ first Counter Trafficking National Strategy and National Action Plan and in establishing a shelter for victims of trafficking.

# Represented IOM Egypt in Egyptian and regional Arabic media as well as a number of high level meetings and forums.

# IOM (International Organization for Migration) – Amman, Jordan *February 2013 – April 2014*

# Counter Trafficking and Migration Management Program Manager:

# Worked as a Project Manager and Developer for various IOM projects related to Gender, Counter Trafficking, Immigration and Border Management, Assistance and Protection for victims of trafficking and for both in-camps and urban Syrian Refugees; including the implementation of relevant activities such as capacity building, awareness raising, and direct assistance for vulnerable migrants.

# Liaised with senior Government counterparts such as the Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Interior, Justice, and Social Solidarity; specialized bodies such as the Offices of HRH Princess Bassma Bint Al Hussein, HRH Prince Raad Bin Zaid and the Higher Council for People Living with Disabilities; Higher Council for Women, Higher Population Council, United Nations agencies such as the UNHCR, WHO, UNW, UNFPA, UNDP and WFP as well as Civil Society Organizations such as the Jordanian Women Union and Tamken Centre; and donors such as United States Agency for International Development, the US Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration, the European Union, the Government of Japan, Canada, Netherlands, and the United Arab Emirates.

# Represented IOM Jordan in media as well as a number of high level meetings and forums such as the UN Country Team, UN Protection Inter-Agency Working Group and the Post-2015 Development agenda (now SDGs).

# Supervised the implementation of vocational training activities for women in camps and spontaneously-settled urban Syrian refugees living in Jordan.

# Designed and implemented Capacity Building activities for law enforcement and civil society including delivering trainings in both English and Arabic.

**IFRC (The International Federation for Red Cross & Red Crescent) – Geneva, Switzerland**

**International Consultant ‘on a call down basis - resident’** *July 2011 - February 2012*

# Main responsibility was to review the existing use of evidence-based research within the IFRC through analyzing research capacities and infrastructures to support research application in policy and operations.

# Produced a policy paper in order to guide IFRC formulate their future research vision, framework and agenda.

# Conducted research and developed position papers on agreed topics related to IFRC main business areas, particularly gender, protection, humanitarian principles and others.

# NCA (Norwegian Church Aid) – Khartoum, Sudan

**Independent Consultant/Evaluation Researcher** *November 2011 - January 2012*

# Main responsibility was to assess and analyze whether the objectives, methodologies and impact of the SNCTP (Sudan National Committee against Traditional Practices - a local Sudanese NGO) activities against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) - and which were supported by NCA over the past seven years among Sudanese IDPs living in Darfur and the Mayo Camp area in Khartoum - have been achieved.

# Conducted evaluation research and produced policy guidance for future models and programs of implementation.

**IOM (International Organization for Migration) – Geneva, Switzerland**

**Independent Consultant/Researcher** *April to July 2011*

# Main responsibility was to research, analyse, write and publish a paper commissioned by IOM entitled “Gender and migration in Southern and Eastern Mediterranean (SEM) and Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) countries” as part of the Consortium for Applied Research on International Migration (CARIM).

**GIHR (Geneva Institute for Human Rights) - Geneva, Switzerland**

**Independent Consultant/Researcher and Manual Designer** *April to July 2011*

# Main responsibility is to produce a ‘Training Manual on Gender and Women Rights aimed at providing capacity building on gender issues for individuals and organizations in the Middle East and the Arab world, including NGO managers, policy makers, academic institutions, media and other professionals.

**IIE (Institute of International Education) – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**Independent Consultant/Evaluator for IIE’s “Leadership Development for Mobilization Reproductive Health (LDM) in Ethiopia**”. *March 2010 to June 2011*

# As part of a large team of national and international NGO leaders and researchers, assessed and analyzed the impact of the LDM program in Ethiopia on individual transformation, organizational capacity development, and community and systemic changes in the area of reproductive health and family planning.

# Provided capacity building for the evaluation participants and trained them in principles of evaluation research, cooperative inquiry and participatory evaluation.

# Conducted interviews, facilitation, on-going communication with the international team, synthesis and analysis, report writing and dissemination.

# Produced a midterm and final report on the evaluation outcome of the LDM program in Ethiopia.

**IGAD (Inter-Governmental Authority on Development), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**IGAD Capacity Building Program against Terrorism (ICPAT)**

**Independent Consultant/Researcher** *June 2009 to February 2010*

# Researched and authored a “Report on Security and development in the IGAD Region” and presented it to key stakeholders working with IGAD.

# Researched and authored a report a “Report on the origins and the level of insurgencies: Forces that resort to violence and the development of radicalization in the IGAD Region: the case of Sudan”.

**Trochaire/CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) Joint Office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**Independent Consultant** *March to September 2008*

# Principal Researcher and author of strategic analysis used by the NGO in organizational development, entitled: “Ethiopians without Borders: A Situational Analysis on the Ethiopian Outmigration Patterns and Key Issues”. Field work during the study included Sudan, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, UK and USA.

# Trainer for trainers for local NGOs on the theory and practice of research methodologies with a special focus on Appreciative Inquiry Research Method. Training aimed to increase capacities of four key civil society networks in Ethiopia: PANE (Poverty Action Network in Ethiopia), NEWA (Network Ethiopian Women Association), ECS (Ethiopians Catholic Secretary) and EIFDDA (Ethiopian Inter-Faith Dialogue & Development Association).

**University of Roehampton – London, U.K.**

**Visiting Lecturer** *Feb to June 2007*

# Organized and set up a course module on Forced Migration & Refugee Studies.

# Delivered lectures, facilitated group discussions (online & in-class), conducted assessment tools and evaluated masters-level and undergraduate students enrolled in the course.

**University of East London – London, U.K.**

**Lecturer** *Sept 2005 to Dec 2006*

# Co-taught and assisted in evaluation of masters-level l students at the University of East London, including core courses on Forced Migration & Refugees Studies, Research Methodologies & Engendering Migration.

# Assisted in curriculum development and facilitation of group discussions.

**American University in Cairo, Office of African Studies, Group for Alternative Policies for Sudan (GAPS), Cairo, Egypt**

**Project Coordinator for Migration and Diaspora**  *June 1999 to Sept 2004*

# Coordinated the GAPS Project funded by the Ford Foundation.

# Research work (including data collection, compilation and processing, data entry, data updating and classification).

**American University in Cairo, Office of African Studies, Cairo, Egypt**

**Researcher, Teaching Assistant & Assistant to the Director** *Sept 2003 to Sept 2004*

* Supervised daily administrative and financial affairs at OAS & sponsored projects.
* Coordinated and provided substantive and administrative inputs for public lectures & seminars
* Supported research networks and outreach efforts among OAS sponsors & collaborators
* Developed website and provided research and administrative assistance to Fellows
* Assisting in teaching and evaluation of AUC masters and doctoral students on Forced Migration and Refugees Studies.
* Assisted in curriculum development and facilitation of group discussions, seminars and events.

American University in Cairo (Office of African Studies) & Boston University, Boston, USA

Research Assistant *Dec 1997 to March 1999*

 Designed, prepared and conducted interviews with members of the Sudanese Community.

# Researched Sudanese press and publications and prepared reports.

# Assisted in preparation of community training workshops.

**NGO Center for Women Activities - Ma'an Group, Cairo, Egypt**

**Co-founder & Trainer:** *June 1997 to date*

# Member of the Board of Directors.

# Conducting focal group discussion and seminars.

# Gender and reproductive health awareness training for Sudanese, Somali, Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees in Cairo.

**Tanmiyah Independent Consultants, Cairo, Egypt.**

**Project Assistant/Office Manager** *Nov 1995 to Jun 1997*

# Prepared project reports in Arabic and English for the firm whose core business was in agricultural development and regional economic investment.

# Responsible for communicating with project team members and clients

# Supervised translation of documents

# Organized meetings of company principals

**CONSULTING & VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS**

**Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Cairo, Egypt**

**Freelance Journalist*:*** *February 2006*

# Please see publications below

**Al-Sharq Alawsat (global Arabic daily newspaper issued in London):**

**Freelance Journalist*:*** *April 2005*

# Please see publications below

**General Sudanese Social Club in Ain Shams, Cairo, Egypt.**

**Cofounder & Chair of the Women Committee:** *May 2000 – July 2004*

# Developed programs for promotion of women social status, political and socio-cultural awareness among this unique historical migrant community context in Cairo

# Initiated activities for participation of women in neighborhood outreach support activities, including adult education, social welfare, health promotion and economic opportunity development; partnerships and networks with other social activities.

**TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

# Certificate in Written Translation, CACE, AUC, Cairo, 2000

# Diploma in Computer Sciences, Compu-House Institute, Cairo, 1997.

# Capacity Building, Strategic Planning, Negotiations, Fund Raising & Advocacy, SPAK, Cairo, 2000.

# Bell Switzerland School: French Language Student: Level 3, Geneva, 2011

# Member, American Anthropological Association.

# Member, Sudanese Studies Society for the U.K.

# Member, Sudanese Studies Association for the USA.

# Member, Sudanese Diaspora Research Group, USA.

 **Awards & Fellowships**

# PhD Scholarship, UEL, 2004 – 2009 Academic Excellence Award, UEL, 2005

# Forced Migration & Refugee Studies Fellowship, AUC, 2005 Postgraduate African Fellowship, AUC, 2001 - 2003.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

***Under publication:***

Ahmed, Amira. “Consumable Sexualities”: Forced Migration, Marriage, and Human Trafficking in the Middle East.

Ahmed, Amira and Alassal, Munzoul. “Khartoum’s Cairo Connection: Dimensions of the Sudanese diaspora in Egypt”, A study on Sudan Diaspora in Egypt. Rift Valley Institute. Expected December 2022.

***Selected publications:***

Ahmed, Amira and Sheikheldin Gussai. 2021. “Challenges and Opportunities of Knowledge Wealth in Science Systems in Africa: The Role of Highly Skilled African Migrants”; In Building science systems in Africa: challenges and opportunities for science councils. SGCI Theme 3 – Book concept note – V5-28Aug19.

Ahmed, Amira. 2021. “Don’t Call Me “awrah”, for I am the “thawrah”: Why Sudan’s December 2018 Revolution was Named Women’s Revolution Feminist Dissent”. [No. 5 (2020): Secular States, Fundamentalist Politics](https://journals.warwick.ac.uk/index.php/feministdissent/issue/view/37)

Ahmed, Amira. 2019. “Freedom, Peace and Justice Chanted in Sudan: Europe’s Sudan Migration Partnership in the Context of the December 2018 Revolution”, Pp 115-119; In IOM Publican “High Level Expert Meeting: Setting Up a Road Map for Mixed Migration in West and North Africa. 16th to 18th June 2019, Aswan-Egypt”.

Ahmed, Amira. 2019. “Sudan and South Sudan Migration to Europe”, in “Escaping the Escape: Towards

Solutions for the Migrant Crisis”, to be published by Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany, first quarter 2017. https://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/fileadmin/files/BSt/Publikationen/imported/leseprobe/LP\_978-3-86793-780-1\_1.pdf

Ahmed, Amira. 2010. “I need work!: The Multiple Roles of the Church, Ranking and Religious Piety Among Domestic Workers in Egypt”. The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology. Vol. 11, Nos. 3\_4, September-December 2010, pp. 361-377.

“The State of Gender and Women Studies in the Sudan”, paper presented in the workshop “Middle East Gender and Women's Studies: A Critical Dialogue”, Cairo, Egypt, March 11-12, 2005. Published in:http://www12.georgetown.edu/sfs/ccas/ccas/www/files/OccPaper\_AbulMagd\_2006.pdf

“Irregular Migration in the South: Case Study of Ethiopian ‘Transit’ Migrants in Egypt and Sudan”. Paper presented at the Conference: Irregular Migration in the Mediterranean Basin. Egypt: Partners in Development (PID), Cairo- Marriott Hotel, 9-10 May 2009.

“Maids without Borders: Oshin is now in Egypt”. Paper presented at the conference: “Waged Domestic Work and the Making of the Modern World”. UK: The University of Warwick, 9th – 11th May 2008.

“Hierarchal Positions: Domestic Workers in Cairo”. Paper presented at the conference: “An Unsettled Future? Forced Migration and Refugee Studies in the 21st Century”. Refugee Studies Centre (25th Anniversary), University of Oxford. 7-8 December, 2007.

“Women on the Move**:** Domestic Workers & Globalized Gendered Migration**”,** Lecture organized by The Center for African Studies, Middle East Studies Center & Women In Development at the Ohio State University – December 2005.

“Doing Feminist Research in an Urban Setting: Some Methodological and Ethical Considerations”. Paper presented in a workshop “Research Methodologies: Refugees in the Urban Settings”, Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, (AUC), Cairo, Egypt, April 2003.

“Socio-Economic Conditions of Settled Sudanese Community in Egypt, A Case Study of Ain Shams”, Paper presented at the Conference of Sudanese Studies, “Reconstructing Sudan: In Whose Image”, Cairo, American University in Cairo, Egypt, June 1996.

 “Sudan in the Post-CPA Era: Political Violence and the Challenges and Prospective of a Sustainable Peace”. A Report: Under Publication. The Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) – IGAD Capacity Building Program against Terrorism (ICPAT). September 2009 – Ethiopia: Addis Ababa.

“Ethiopians without Borders: A Situational Analysis on the Ethiopian Outmigration Patterns and Key Issues”. September 2008. Study commissioned by CAFOD-Trochaire joint Office in Ethiopia.

“The Blue Nile State in Sudan”, UNDP, 2005. With Dr. Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed.

“Social Mobility among Egyptian Nubians in Cairo”, An ethnographic study undertaken to fulfill a course requirement within the MA program, (AUC), Cairo, Egypt, 2002.

“Egyptian Perceptions of Forced Migrants in Cairo: National Identity and Hosting the *Other*”
Research undertaken under the auspices of The Forced Migration and Refugee Studies (FMRS), American University in Cairo, with Dr. Anita Fabos. Contribution included archival research on 50 years of school curricula and educational documents in the National Ministry of Education, Cairo, Egypt, 2000.

“Domestic Violence Among Sudanese Refugee Women in Cairo” A study commissioned by the Sudanese Organization Against Torture (SOAT), Cairo, Egypt, 1999.

Research Report on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), With Dr. Anita Fabos, presented to Population Council, Cairo, Egypt, 1997.

“Evaluation of SCIC (Sudanese Center for Information and Culture Activities)”, A Report Prepared for the Ford Foundation, with Dr. Anita Fabos, Cairo, Egypt, August 1997.

Author or contributing author of several articles, reports and columns on Arab, Sudanese and regional political and socio-cultural events; articles appeared in newspapers such as *Al-Itihadi* *Al-Dawlia* & *Al Sharq El Awsat* London, 2004-2006.

<http://www.asharqalawsat.com/details.asp?section=19&issue=9686&article=303669><http://www.asharqalawsat.com/details.asp?section=45&issue=9691&article=304634>
<http://www.asharqalawsat.com/details.asp?section=31&issue=9714&article=309504>

Founding Author, “Darfur Now”, editions 1-3, a fortnightly analytical Arabic web-based journal issued by the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Cairo, 2006. [www.cihr.org](http://www.cihr.org)