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Education:

- Ma'had Al-Tarbiyah Primary School, Shendi.
- Al-Ahliyah Intermediate School, Shendi.
- Al-Neil Higher Secondary School, Atbara, Sudan.
- B.Sc. Honours Degree in Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum, Sudan (1985-91).
- M.Sc. in Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum (1992-95).
- Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum (1999-2004).
- Diploma (Basic Level Course) in German language.

Work Experience:

- Teaching Assistant (part-time), Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum (1991-92).
- Teaching Assistant (full-time), Department of Rural Development, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Ash-Sharq University, Sudan (1992-94).
- Teaching Assistant (full-time), Faculty of Community Development, University of Shendi, Sudan (1995).
- Lecturer (full-time), Faculty of Community Development, University of Shendi (1995-96).
- Dean of the Faculty of Community Development, University of Shendi (1995-96).
- Lecturer (full-time), Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum (1997 up to now).
- Lecturer (part-time), Faculty of Education, University of Shendi (1995-96).
- Lecturer (part-time), Department of Sociology, Faculty of Commerce and Economic and Social Studies, University of Al-Nelein, Sudan (1998-2001).
- Lecturer (part-time), School of Psychology and Pre-School Education, Ahfad University for Women, Sudan (1998-99).
- Lecturer (part-time), Sudanese Military College, Sudan (1997-2002).
- Lecturer (part-time), Institut für Ethnologie und Afrikanistik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany (Summer-semester, 2003).
- Lecturer (part-time), School of Business Administration, University of Khartoum (2003 up to now).

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology (Undergraduate level).
- Development of Sociological and Anthropological Theory (Undergraduate level).

- Contemporary Sociological & Anthropological Theories (Undergraduate level).
- Methods of Social Research (Under- and post-graduate levels).
- Community Development (Undergraduate level).
- Systems of Beliefs (Undergraduate level).
- Rural Sociology (Undergraduate level).
- Islamic Communities (Undergraduate level).
- Middle Eastern Societies (Postgraduate level).
- Sudanese Colloquial Arabic (Undergraduate level).

Awards:

- DAAD scholarship for one academic year (01.10.2002–30.09.2003), at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München; and an additional grant for preparatory German language course (03.06.2002–27.09.2002) deutsch in deutschland (did), Frankfurt.

Short Training Courses Facilitated:

- Short training courses on Scientific Research Methods at Gedaref and River Nile States, 1998-99 (Directorate of Research, Federal Ministry of Health, Sudan).
- Short training course on Report Writing, 1999 (Short Course Programme, Development Studies and Research Center {DSRC}, University of Khartoum).
- Short training course on Research Methodology, 2005 (Industrial Research and Consultancy Center, Ministry of Science and Technology, Sudan).
- Short training courses (Training of Trainers) on “The Manual for Post-Conflict Sudan” in Khartoum, Blue Nile, Kassala and South Darfur States, 2005-2006 (The Federal Ministry of Higher Education in collaboration with UNICEF, Sudan).
- Short training courses on Conflict Transformation and Peace-building for community leaders in West Darfur, May/ June 2006 (Save the Children Federation, Inc. – the Agency, Sudan).

- Short training courses on Leadership and Business Management community leaders and income generation group representatives in West Darfur, August 2006 (Save the Children Federation, Inc. – the Agency, Sudan).
- Short training courses (Training of Trainers) on “The Manual for Leadership and Business Management” for Livelihood Staff in West Darfur, September 2006 (Save the Children Federation, Inc. – the Agency, Sudan).

Short Training Courses Attended:

- Writing and Editing of Distance Education (1999, Khartoum, funded and implemented by the Sudan Open Learning Organization {SOLO} in collaboration with the International Extension College {IEC}).
- Distance Education (1999, funded and implemented by the Faculty of Technological and Developmental Studies, University of Khartoum, in collaboration with SOLO and IEC.

Under- and Post-graduate Supervision:

33 Fourth and Fifth (Honours) Year dissertations.

3 Master theses.

Research Experience:

- Ph.D. thesis, entitled “The Dynamics of Interpretations of Textual Islam in Northern Sudan: A Case Study among the Rural and Urban Population of Shendi Province” (based on a fieldwork research).
- M.Sc. thesis, entitled “Death-related Beliefs and Practices as an Area of Conflict in a Multicultural Community: Rural Shendi” (based on a fieldwork research).
- Research Assistant, Wild Foods Research Project (funded by Ford Foundation and implemented in Darfur Region, Western Sudan, by Save the Children Fund, U.K., 1992).

- Research Assistant, Emergency Situation in Bahr el Ghazal Region of Southern Sudan Research Project (funded and implemented by the United Nations children's Fund, Sudan Country Office, 1999).
- Research Assistant, Transformations in the Agro-pastoral Structures and Activities in Tokar Area of Eastern Sudan, 1994 (with Dr. Hassan Mohamed Salih, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum).
- Socioeconomic Feasibility Study for Al-Nago'a Agricultural Scheme, Al-Matama Province, 1998 (Fasil for Service & Agricultural Consultancies, Khartoum).
- Socioeconomic Feasibility Study for Al-Golid West Agricultural Scheme, Dongola Province, 1999 (Fasil for Service & Agricultural Consultancies, Khartoum).
- Team leader, Conflict Survey and Mapping Analysis – in Sudan (funded and implemented by the UNICEF and the UNDP in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education in Sudan, 2002).
- Team member, Survey on Girls' Education in Sudan (funded and implemented by the UNICEF in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the National Council for Child Welfare in Sudan, 2004).
- Team leader, Vulnerability Study in Darfur (funded and implemented by the Catholic Relief Service - CRS, 2005).
- Stuck in Change: Faith-based Peace-Building in Sudan's Transition, (funded by the Netherlands Institute of International Relations "Clingendael," Conflict Research Unit, 2006).
- Team member, performance-assessments of the institutes and centers for peace and development studies at the universities of Khartoum, Juba, Dilling, Nyala and Zalengie (funded and implemented by the UNICEF and the Ministry of Higher Education in Sudan, 2001-02).
- Part of my undergraduate studies were two pieces of fieldwork research, a Fourth Year dissertation, entitled: "The Decline of Wearing the Sudanese Toab among the Women Students of the University of Khartoum," and a Fifth Year dissertation, entitled "The Multidimensional Influence of Religion in a Multiethnic Community: Shendi District."

On-going Research Projects:

- Applicant and Country coordinator: “Shari’a Debates and Their Perception by Christians and Muslims in Selected African Countries: Tendencies, Dynamics and Perceptions – a Comparative and Multidisciplinary Approach.” Project funded by Volkswagen Foundation, Germany.
- Conflict Resolution, Peace-building and Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Sudan (funded by the Directorate for Scientific Research and Cultural Relations, University of Khartoum).

Papers:

- Anthropological and Sociological Religious Studies in the Sudan: Need for New Trends (presented at the Sudanese-German Conference on Sudan Studies, 1999, Al-Fasher University, Sudan).
- Resistance and Persistence of African Sociocultural Systems: The Case of “Reality of Death in Beliefs and Ritual Practices among the Rural Population of Shendi Province” (presented at the Conference on African Civilization into the 21st Century, 1999, University of Khartoum).
- Migrants Globalising an Islamic Thought: The Case of the Sudanese Republican Brothers (presented at the Workshop on Religion in the Context of African Migration Studies, 2003, IWALEWA House, University of Bayreuth, Germany).
- The “Regenerative” Penetration of Islam in Eastern African Societies: A Case Study from Sudan (presented at the International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in Eastern Africa, 2003, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture and Islamic University in Uganda, Kampala, Uganda).
- The Islamic State Being Conceptualized by Different Muslim Groups in Northern Sudan (presented at the Workshop on “Shari’a Debates and its Perception by Muslims and Christians in Selected African Countries,” 2004, Limuru, Kenya).

- Resolution of Natural Resource-Based Conflicts: The Case of Greater Darfur (presented at the Workshop on “Land Tenure & Natural Resources,” 2004, Friedrich Ebert Meeting Hall, Khartoum, Sudan).
- Shari’a-Debates in Sudan (presented at the Workshop on “Shari’a Debates and its Perception by Muslims and Christians in Selected African Countries,” 2005, Cape Town, South Africa).
- The Islamic Shari’a (Laws) and the Conceptualization of an Islamic State by Different Muslim Groups in Northern Sudan (presented at the 7th International Sudan Studies Conference, 2006, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway).
- Gendered Relations & Position of Women in Religiosity and Cultural Heritage in Northern Sudan (presented at the Workshop on “New Religiosity and Inter-Generational Conflict in Northeast Africa,” 2006, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany).
- Gender Studies & Research in Conservative Academic Course Systems: Cases from the University of Khartoum, Sudan (presented at the “Gender Research & Networking Workshop,” 2006, Ahfad–Humboldt–Link Programme, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin).

Publications:

- Ali, Osman M. O., Paul Wani Gore and others (April 2003) Eight Grassroots Conflicts in Sudan, UNICEF, Sudan Country Office.
- Ali, Osman M. O., Paul Wani Gore and others (August 2002) Conflict Survey and Mapping Analysis – in Sudan, UNICEF, UNDP and MOHE - Sudan.
- Ali, Osman M. O. & Paul Wani Gore (2005) Manual for Post Conflict Sudan, UNICEF and MOHE – Sudan.
- Ali, Osman M. O. & Mohamed Hassabalgawi (2006) Manual for Leadership and Business Management Save the Children Federation, Inc. – the Agency, Sudan.

At Various Times:

- Member and Convener of Technical Committee for Curriculum/ Syllabus of the Faculty of Community Development, University of Shendi.
- Member of Technical Committee for Curriculum/Syllabus of the Faculty of Economics and Community Development, University of Western Kurdofan.
- Member of Technical Committee for Curriculum/Syllabus of the Faculty of Community Development & Women Studies, University of Gedaref.
- Member of Technical Committee for Curriculum/ Syllabus of the Sudanese Military College.
- Secretary of Department Board, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum (1997-2002).
- Member of Examinations Steering Committee (Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Ash-Sharq University {1992-94}; Faculty of Community Development, University of Shendi {1995-96}; and Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum {1998 up to now}).
- Supervisor for preliminary year students, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum (2004 up to now).