

## Curriculum vitae

Munzoul A. M. Assal

### Personal information

First name, Surname:	Munzoul A. M. Assal		
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### Education

Year	Faculty/department - University/institution - Country
2003 (dissertation defended 19 Sept 2003)	Ph.D. Department of Social Anthropology, <b>University of Bergen, Norway</b>
1998	Master, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, <b>University of Khartoum, Sudan</b>
1994	B.Sc. Social Anthropology (first class), <b>University of Khartoum, Sudan</b>

### Language proficiency

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Arabic	Native Speaker	Native Speaker	Native Speaker
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Norwegian	Good	Good	Basic

### Positions - current and previous

Year	Job title – Employer – Country
2023-2025	Scholar at Risk/Senior Researcher, Chr Michelsen Institute, Norway
2021-2026	Professor (20% position), Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen
2021-2022	Dean of Scientific Research, University of Khartoum
2018-2020	Director, Peace Research Institute, University of Khartoum, Sudan
2013-2017	Deputy Director, Peace Research Institute, University of Khartoum, Sudan
2013-2023	Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum
2008-2012	Associate Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum
2009-2012	Director, Graduates' Affairs Administration, University of Khartoum
2008-2009	Country Director, Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD)
2003-2008	Assistant Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum
1999-2003	Research Fellow, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway
1994-1998	Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Khartoum

### Project management experience

Year	Project owner - Project - Role - Funder
2023-2026	Project Owner: Chr Michelsen Institute Project: Sudan-Norway Academic Cooperation (SNAC)

	<a href="#">Sudan-Norway Academic Cooperation (SNAC) (cmi.no)</a> Role: Co-Leader Funder: Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2021-2023	Project Owner: University of Bergen Project: Refugees on the move: South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia, Sudan, and Uganda Role: Project Leader Funder: Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation (NORAD)
2014-2020	Project owner: Universities of Khartoum, Bergen, Makerere, and Addis Ababa Project: Borderlands Dynamics: anthropological capacity building in East African Universities Role: Project Leader Funder: Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
2013-2015	Project Owner: Chr Michelsen Institute/University of Bergen Project: Assisting Regional Universities in Sudan and South Sudan (ARUSS) Role: Project Coordinator Funder: Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2018-2021	Project Owner: Chr Michelsen Institute Project: Assisting Regional Universities in Sudan (ARUS) <a href="#">Assisting Regional Universities in Sudan (ARUS) (cmi.no)</a> Role: Project Coordinator Funder: Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2007-2012	Project owner: Chr Michelsen Institute Project: Macro-micro issues in peace building in Sudan Role: (project coordinator Funder: Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### Teaching activities

Year	Description – Role-Institution
2004-2008	Undergraduate: African Urban Studies, University of Khartoum
2004-2008	Undergraduate: Introduction to social anthropology, University of Khartoum
2005-2010	Undergraduate: Economic Anthropology
2005-2006	Postgraduate: Population Displacement, University of Juba
2018-2020	Undergraduate, Ethnicity and National Integration, University of Khartoum
2005-2022	Postgraduate: Qualitative Research Methodology, University of Khartoum
2010-2013	Postgraduate: Conflict and Population Mobility, Ahfad University for Women
2020-2021	Postgraduate: Development Planning, University of Sharjah, UAE
2020-2021	Postgraduate: Development Policy, University of Sharjah, UAE
2020-2021	Undergraduate: Research Methodology, University of Sharjah, UAE
2022-2023	Undergraduate: Industrial Sociology, University of Khartoum
2022-2023	Undergraduate: Urbanization in Developing Countries

### Supervision of students

Master's students	Ph.D. students	University/institution - Country
10	6	University of Khartoum, Sudan Ahfad University for Women, Sudan University of Bayreuth, Germany

### Commissions of trust

Year	Description - Role
2015-2023	Member, Borad of Trustees, Arab Council for Social Sciences

2010-2020	Chairman of the Board, Sudan Organization for Research and Development
2010-2012	Secretary General, Sudanese Writers Union
2008-2009	External Relations Secretary, Sudanese Writers Union
2007-2015	Member of the Board, Sudan Institute for Research and Policy, Pennsylvania
2006-2011	Liaison Officer, Organization of Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), Sudan Chapter
2005-2006	Chairman of the Sudan Steering Committee for collaboration between the Universities of Khartoum, Juba, the National Records Office and Sudan Museums and Antiquities, and the University of Bergen, Norway
Continuous	Peer reviewer in the following journals: <i>Ethnography</i> , <i>Current Sociology</i> , <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Refugee Studies</i> , <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , <i>International migration</i> , <i>Journal of Economic and Social Studies</i> , <i>Societal Studies</i> , <i>Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review</i> <i>Bulletin of Sudanese Studies</i>

### Institutional responsibilities

Year	Description - Role
2013-2023	Member, Council of Deans, University of Khartoum
2013-2023	Member, University of Khartoum Senate
2005-2006	Chairman, Khartoum Inter-Faculty committee for collaboration with the University of Bergen

### Awards and fellowships

Year	Description - Role
2023-	Honorary Fellow, the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland
2020-2021:	Visiting Professor, University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
2013	University of Khartoum Prize for Academic Excellence
2011	Open Society Foundation's Civil Society Scholars Award
2009-2009	Visiting Professor, Paris 8 University, France
2006-	Fellow, the Rift Valley Institute
1995	University of Khartoum Prize for the best Honors Graduate

### Organization of scientific meetings

Year	Description - Role
2008	Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Anthropology Department in Khartoum- Chair of the Organizing Committee
2010	Population Mobility in Sudan, Khartoum- Chair of the Organizing Committee
2017	NORHED Gender Mainstreaming Conference, Makerere University- Chair of the Organizing Committee
2018	NORHED Closing Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia- Chair of the Organizing Committee
2023	Celebrating 60 years of Khartoum-Bergen Academic Collaboration, Bergen, Norway, 18-20 October 2023, Chair of the Organizing Committee

### Publications

#### Journal Articles

2022 "Forging the Juba Peace Agreement: the role of national, regional and international actors," *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, 12(2): 5-22.

- 2020b "Ethnicité, religion, nationalisme: intersections et ambiguïtés dans un Soudan en mouvement," *Cahiers d'Études Africaines* 4(240): 761-778.
- 2020a "A critical look at civil society and peace building in Sudan," *Bulletin of Sudanese Studies*, 24: 1-30.
- 2013 "Homemaking as a transnational practice by Somalis and Sudanese in Norway," *Sudan Journal for Economic and Social Studies*, 10(1).
- 2011a "Contested legitimacy: civil society and peace building in Kassala," *Discourse*, 1(1): 72-89.
- 2011b "Migration of highly skilled Sudanese: gain or drain?" *Sudan Journal for Economic and Social Studies*, (9)1: 79-94.
- 2009b "The relationship between sedentary and nomadic peoples in the context of state policies and internationalization," *Nomadic Peoples*, 13(1): 145-162.
- 2009a "The question of identity in the Sudan: new dimensions for an old problem," *The Maghreb Review*, 34 (2-3): 181-194.
- 2009 "Aid and traditional leadership in the Red Sea." *Societal Studies*, 3: 197-216.
- 2007a "Some aspects of cultural adaptation among internally displaced persons in Khartoum" (Arabic), *Bulletin of Sudanese Studies*, 13(2): 67-86.
- 2006 "Sudan: Identity and conflict over national resources." *Development*, 49(3):101-105.
- 2003a "Unni Wikan and multicultural challenges." *Samtiden*, 2: 40-51.
- 2002a "A discipline asserting its identity and place: displacement, aid and anthropology in Sudan." *Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review*, 18(1): 63-96.

## Books

- 2019 Co-editor with Leif Manger, Fekadu Adugna, and Eria Onyango, *Borderlands dynamics in Eastern Africa: cases from Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda*. Addis Ababa: OSSREA.
- 2015b Co-editor, with B. Casciarri and F. Ireton, *Multidimensional changes in Sudan 1989-2011: Reshaping livelihoods, political and identity conflicts in Sudan*. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2015a Co-editor, with M. Abdul-Jalil, *Past, present and future: fifty years of anthropology in Sudan*. Bergen: Chr. Michelsens Institute.
- 2006c with Leif Manger (eds.) *Diasporas within and without Africa: dynamism, homogeneity, variation*. Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute.
- 2005b *An annotated bibliography of social research on Darfur*. Bergen: BRIC/University of Bergen.
- 2004a *Sticky Labels or Rich Ambiguities? Diaspora and challenges of homemaking for Somalis and Sudanese in Norway*. Bergen: BRIC/University of Bergen.
- 2003 with Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed, M. A. M. Salih and Idris S. El-Hassan: *Anthropology in the Sudan: a reflection by Sudanese anthropologist*. Utrecht: International Books.

## Book Chapters

- 2022 "Some notes on the Tuareg (Kinin) of Northern Darfur, Sudan," in Aleksander Boskovic and Gunther Schlee (eds), *African Political Systems Revisited: changing perspectives on statehood and power*. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2019 "Borders and Boundaries: Possibilities and Challenges along Sudan and South Sudan Borders," in Leif Manger et al (eds.), *Borderlands dynamics in Eastern Africa: cases from Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda*, pp 175-184. Addis Ababa: OSSREA
- 2019 "Citizenship, statelessness and human rights protection in Sudan's constitutions and post South Sudan secession challenges," in Lutz Oette and Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker (eds.), *Constitution-making and human rights in the Sudans*. New York: Routledge.
- 2018 "Anthropology in Sudan," Wiley Encyclopaedia of Anthropology
- 2017 "Land allocation in Al-Salha, Omdurman: land grabbing or business as usual?" in Barbara Casciarri and Mohamed Babiker (eds.) *Anthropology of Law in Muslim Sudan*. Leiden: Brill.
- 2015 'The Arab Spring and Sudan brain drain,' in Philippe Fargues and Alessandra Venturini (eds.) *Migration from North Africa and the Middle East: skilled migrants, development and globalization*. London: I.B. Tauris.
- 2015 "A Sudanese anthropologist doing fieldwork in Norway: some critical reflections," in Munzoul Assal and Musa Adam Abdul-Jalil (eds): *Past, present and future: fifty years of anthropology in Sudan*, pp. 163-178. Bergen: Chr Michelsen Institute.
- 2014 The struggle for citizenship in Sudan," in Engin Isin and Peter Nyers (eds) *Routledge global citizenship reader*, pp. 196-204. London: Routledge.
- 2013a "Six years after Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement: an assessment," in Gunnar Sørnbø and Abdel Ghaffar M. Ahmed (eds), *Sudan divided: continuing conflict in a contested state*, pp. 142-160. New York: Palgrave McMillan.
- 2011 "From the country to the town," in John Ryle et al (eds.) *The Sudan handbook*, pp. 63-69. Oxford: James Currey.
- 2009a "The role of UN in peace building in Sudan," in Hassan Abdel Ati and Galal el-Din El-Tayeb (eds.) *Peace in Sudan...so near so far?* Pp. 24-37. Khartoum and Nairobi: EDGE and Heinrich Böll Foundation.
- 2009b "Locating responsibilities: national and international responses to the crisis in Darfur," in Salah Hassan and Carina Ray (eds), *Darfur and the crisis of governance: a critical reader*, pp. 285-296. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- 2009c "The National Congress Party and the Darfurian armed groups," in David Black and Paul Williams (eds.), *The international politics of mass atrocities: the case of Darfur*, pp27-48. London: Routledge.
- 2008 "IDPs in Sudan and post-war scenarios," in Katarzyan Grabska and Lyla Mehta (eds), *Forced displacement: why rights matter?* Pp. 139-158. London: Palgrave McMillan.
- 2006a "Introduction: Diaspora within and without Africa: homogeneity, heterogeneity, variation," in Leif Manger and Munzoul Assal (eds) *Diaspora within and without Africa: homogeneity, heterogeneity, variation*, pp. 7-31. Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute.

- 2006b "Somalis and Sudanese in Norway: religion, politics, clan/ethnicity in the diaspora," in Leif Manger and Munzoul Assal (eds) *Diaspora within and without Africa: homogeneity, heterogeneity, variation*, 165-196. Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute.
- 2005a "A source of difference or a repository of support: Islam and the lives of Somalis and Sudanese in Norway," in Adogame, Afe and Cordula Weißköppel (eds.) *Religion in the context of African migration*, pp. 191-216. Bayreuth: Bayreuth African Studies Series.
- 2005b "Somalis and Sudanese in Norway and the question of religious authenticity," in Markussen, Irene and Richard Natvig (eds.), *Islamer i Norge*, pp. 63-82. Uppsala: Swedish Science Press.
- 2005c "Economy and polity in Gedarif: a symbiotic encounter," in Miller, Catherine et al (eds.) *Land, ethnicity and political legitimacy in Eastern Sudan*, pp. 173-202. Cairo: CEDEJ/DSRI.
- 2005d "Behind the masks: protracted marginalization in Darfur," in Hassan Abdel Ati (ed.) *Sudan: the challenge of peace and redressing marginalization in Sudan*, pp. 24-38. Khartoum: EDGE and the National Civic Forum.
- 1996 "Subsistence economy, environmental awareness and resource management in Um Kaddada Province, Northern Darfur State," in *Managing scarcity: human adaptation in east African drylands*, 127-139, edited by A/Ghaffar M. Ahmed and Hassan Abdel Ati. Addis Ababa: OSSREA.

### Published Research Reports

- 2006a Do they have a choice? Factors pulling Somalis to Norway. Published online: ([www.landinfo.no/asset/507/1/507\\_1.pdf](http://www.landinfo.no/asset/507/1/507_1.pdf))
- 2006b *Whose Rights Count? National and International Responses to the Rights of IDPs in the Sudan*. Brighton: Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalization and Poverty, University of Sussex, UK. This report is available at the following site: ([http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/research\\_reports/IDPS-DRC-AUC-FRMS-ASSAL.pdf](http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/research_reports/IDPS-DRC-AUC-FRMS-ASSAL.pdf))
- 2007 Co-author: Eastern Sudan: challenges facing the implementation of peace agreement in Gedaref State. Situation Report, Institute of Security Studies, Pretoria.
- 2008 Is it the fault of NGOs alone? aid and dependency in eastern Sudan. CMI Working Paper No. 5 (available at [www.cmi.no](http://www.cmi.no))
- 2011a City limits: urbanization and vulnerability in Sudan, Khartoum case study  
<http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/5295.pdf>
- 2011b Nationality and citizenship questions in Sudan after the southern Sudan referendum vote  
<http://www.cmi.no/publications/file/3933-nationality-and-citizenship-questions-in-sudan.pdf>
- 2011c *Conflict induced migration and post-referendum challenges*. CARIM Analytic and Synthetic Note No. 75. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute.
- 2011d *Gender and migration in Sudan: socio-political aspects*. CARIM Analytic and Synthetic Note No. 5. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute.
- 2010 Highly skilled Sudanese migrants: gain or drain? Technical Report, [Migration Policy Centre], [CARIM-South], CARIM Analytic and Synthetic Notes, 2010/13. [Highly-skilled Sudanese migrants: gain or drain? \(eui.eu\)](http://www.eui.eu)

### **A selection of popular writings (blogs and policy briefs)**

- 2023 How the international community failed Sudan CMI blog [How the international community failed Sudan \(cmi.no\)](#)
- 2020 Normalisation with Israel: Could Sudan be next? *The New Arab* [Normalisation with Israel: Could Sudan be next? \(newarab.com\)](#)
- 2019 Sudan's popular uprising and the demise of Islamism CMI brief [Sudan's popular uprising and the demise of Islamism \(cmi.no\)](#)
- 2019 The Arab autocracies blocking Sudan's path to democracy" *The New Arab* [Sudan's transition to democracy: Will it be smooth? \(newarab.com\)](#)
- 2019 Sudan's violence against protesters cast shadow over power sharing deal *The New Arab* [Sudan's violence against protesters casts shadow over power-sharing deal \(newarab.com\)](#)
- 2019 Sudan's transition to democracy: Will it be smooth? *The New Arab* [The Arab autocracies blocking Sudan's path to democracy \(newarab.com\)](#)
- 2008 Urbanization and the Future of Sudan *African Arguments* [Urbanization and the Future of Sudan-- New Perspectives | African Arguments](#)

### **Community service, commissioned and consultancy work**

August 2022- July 2023 **Senior Political Advisor** for IGAD's Special Envoy to South Sudan

- 2023 Consultant, Conflict in Sudan **International IDEA**
- 2020 Team Member, **Rift Valley Institute** Assignment, Sudan Elections Project.
- 2020 Team Leader, **Rift Valley Institute** Assignment: Sudanese Diaspora in Egypt
- 2020 Team Leader, **DFID/British Council** Assignment: lessons learned from Sudan's previous peace agreements
- 2019 Team Leader, **Search for Common Grounds Research**: Violent Extremism in Sudan
- 2018 Team Leader, **FAO** Natural resource mapping and baseline survey for Darfur States.
- 2014 Evaluated the Regional Institute for Gender, Diversity, Peace and Rights, Ahfad University for Women. The evaluation was done for the Norwegian Agency for International Development **NORAD**.
- 2013 Consultant, **UNDP**. Reviewed reports on Social Dialogue and Social Protection.
- 2013 Consultant, **UNDP/JCRP** Monitoring and Evaluation of JCRP's work in the Blue Nile and South Kordofan.
- 2013 Consultant, **JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)**, Health and educational survey on former IDP camps in Khartoum.
- 2012 Consultant, **ADRA**, SAHEWA Project, Adar Dam sustainability, West Darfur State
- 2011 National Consultant, **Oxfam America's** Livelihood Sector Review for South and North Darfur.
- 2011 **National consultant**, UNDP- assignment: contributing a paper to Sudan human development report: "war, displacement and human development in Sudan.
- 2008 **Intentional Consultant**, UNDP- assignment: Contributing to the UNDP Human Report 2009. Contract No.2008-LICA.SP.8537.
- 2007 **Consultant**, Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA)- assignment: [training civil society organizations in conflict transformation and social peace building in post-conflict era.](#)

- 2004 **National Consultant**, UNDP: Pastoralist harmonisation community project (PCHI) in Abyei, SUD 02/004, ATLAS 00014863.- assignment: produce a plan of intervention to harmonize the relationships between the Messeriyya and Dinka Ngok of Abyei.
- 2004 **National Consultant**: IDPs in the Sudan. MEAwards, the Population Council, Cairo. – assignment: conduct a study on the possible post-war scenarios of the internally displaced persons in Khartoum.
- 1997 **Team Member**: Urban Poverty with special emphasis on internally displaced persons. OXFAM/UK. – assignment: conduct study on patterns and nature of rural-urban migration to Khartoum.
- 1998 **Team member**: Sudan Human Development Report, UNDP, UNOPS project No. SUD/95/003. – assignment: contribute a research input on persons with disabilities in Sudan.

I am a frequent commentator in Sudanese and international media and appeared on Sudan TV stations (Sudan TV, Sudaniya 24, Blue Nile TV), Sudan Radio and Gulf TV outlets (Aljazeera TV, Al-Sharq TV).