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## EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC DEGREES

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- 2005 – 2010      **Institute of Development Studies**      **Brighton, UK**  
                         **University of Sussex**
- DPhil Development Studies/Anthropology***
- In-Flux: (Re)negotiations of Gender, Identity and 'Home' in Post-War Southern Sudan*
- Fieldwork research in refugee camp Kakuma Kenya (July – December 2006)      **Kakuma, Kenya**
  - Fieldwork research in Upper Nile, Southern Sudan (December 2006 – September 2007)      **South Sudan**
- 1997 – 1999      **The Johns Hopkins University,**      **Bologna, Italy/**  
                         **The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies**      **Washington, DC**
- M.A. in International Relations***
- Concentration in International Economics and Conflict Management/International Law*
- Research paper: *Internally Displaced and the international protection: the case of Sudan*
  - Course work: International Protection of Human Rights, Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees, Multilateral Negotiations, Conflict Resolution Methods, Development Economics, Immigration Economics
- 1994 – 1997      **London School of Economics and Political Science**      **London, UK**
- B.Sc.(Econ) International Relations***
- Course work: Public International Law, Politics of International Economic Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis
  - University of St. Petersburg: Classes in Russian political, economic and social reforms      **St. Petersburg, Russia**
- 1992 – 1994      **The First Independent College of Business and Administration**      **Warsaw, Poland**
- Two years of a four-year Master's program in Foreign Service and Public Administration*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- April 2011 – **Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, University of Basel,**      **Basel, Switzerland**  
***Post-doctoral Fellow***
- Principal researcher and a project leader: “*Mobility – Migration: confusing terms, varying regional relevance, conflicting policies*” Kyrgystan, Nepal and the Ivory Coast.
  - Part of the framework of the National Centre for Competence in Research North-South funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and the Swiss Agency of Development and Cooperation, at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute and the Institute of Geography, University of Zurich.
- May 2010 – **Visiting Lecturer, Göteborg University,**      **Göteborg, Sweden**
- Delivered a lecture to the Master course ‘Migration, cosmopolitanism and the nation state’
- September 2009 – April 2011 **Graduate Institute of Development and International Studies (IHEID)**      **Geneva, Switzerland**  
***Research Fellow/Consultant***
- Lecturer and tutor in e-learning courses (masters IMAS and diploma levels): gender and development: theories, concepts and application (in French) 2009-2010, 2010-2011
  - Visiting lecturing in a Master course: Rights and Wrongs – gender and development; delivering lectures on gender mainstreaming in humanitarian settings (since 2008)
  - Lecturer in the Executive Summer Course 2010, 2011: Governance of Global Migration; taught a workshop on migration, gender and development
  - 2010-2011: teaching assistant: master level courses: *Genre et Développement: Theories et Terrain; Rights and Wrongs: Gender Mainstreaming in International Organisations; Inégalités de genre et développement.*
  - Researcher involved in developing two research projects: 1) Gender expertise in development and humanitarian fields; and 2) Migration and gender: (re)construction of gender relations and gender identities among young migrants and refugees.

April 2006 – May 2009 **Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty**

**Researcher**

University of Sussex, Brighton, UK

- Member of the research themes: Forced migration and rights; and Gender and generations
- Received a research grant to carry out fieldwork in Kenya and South Sudan: Socio-economic contributions of returnees in post-conflict development

December 2004 – April 2006 **The American University in Cairo, Forced Migration and Refugee Studies Program**

**Researcher and Research Coordinator**

Cairo, Egypt

- Responsible for coordinating a collaborative research project on policies towards forced migrants in Sudan, Lebanon, and Egypt, part of the DRC Migration, Globalisation, and Poverty initiated by the University of Sussex, UK.
- Carried out field research on policies affecting forced migrants in urban areas in Egypt.
- Coordinated and supervised research projects in Sudan and Lebanon.
- Liaised with government officials, NGOs, UN organizations, and academic institutions.
- Conducted and supervised a study of the discrimination of non-citizens in Egypt as part of the collaborative pan-African project funded by the Open Society Institute, Justice Initiative.

July 2002 – December 2004 **The American University in Cairo, Forced Migration and Refugee Studies Program**

**Assistant to the Director/ Projects Coordinator**

Cairo, Egypt

- Conducted and supervised a research project on Sudanese livelihoods strategies in urban areas in Egypt (managed a team of 7 researchers).
- Coordinated research projects on current refugee issues in urban areas in North Africa.
- Assisted in the development and management of the program.
- Wrote fundraising proposals, program publications, reports, and managed the website.
- Responsible for organization of conferences, workshops, seminars and lectures on refugee related topics, including the first Seminar for Judges from Arab League countries on Refugee and Human Rights Law.
- Assisted in the preparation of fundraising documents and establishing contacts with donors.
- Liaised with local organizations and international agencies and donors.

March 2003 – June 2004 **Nomads Productions, Ltd.**

Cairo, Egypt

**Researcher and Co-producer**

- Worked on an independent feature documentary *'The Art of Flight'* about Sudanese refugees in Cairo.
- Conducted background research, identified characters and established contacts.
- Filmed some sections of the documentary as well as assisted in other shoots as a co-producer.
- Conducted on camera interviews, pitched ideas, and reviewed the script.

September 2001- June 2002 **Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen**

Mainz, Germany/

**TV Producer**

Warsaw, Poland

- Worked as a trainee in the weekly magazine ZDF.Reporter and then as a producer in ZDF Bureau in Warsaw producing news as well as short features and documentaries on international and domestic political, economic and social issues.
- Researched and pitched stories, conducted interviews, assisted in filming, editing and production of news and short features/documentaries.

May – August 2001 **The Asia Foundation**

Hanoi, Vietnam

**Program Consultant Women's Rights and Law**

- Developed and monitored new programs in the area of rule of law, political and economic participation of women.
- Conducted research on existing anti-trafficking efforts in Vietnam and developed a proposal for a pilot intervention in the field of protection of women at risk of being trafficked.
- Represented the organization in officials meetings, assisted the Representative in daily activities of running the office, drafted correspondence, reports and program budget.

November 2000- March 2001 **Oxfam-Hong Kong/Oxfam-Great Britain**

Hanoi, Vietnam

**Humanitarian Assistance Consultant**

- Researched the existing emergency aid network in Vietnam and contributed to a strategy paper for the involvement of Oxfam-HK and Oxfam-GB in emergency response projects.

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- Conducted interviews with key persons from international governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as with government officials responsible for responding to emergencies in Vietnam.

March - August 2000 **European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO)**

**Brussels, Belgium**

## ***Trainee Humanitarian Assistance***

- Worked in the ECHO's Africa Pacific and Caribbean Unit, at the Democratic Republic of Congo desk.
- Analysed proposals for funding of humanitarian operations using Project Cycle Management scheme, prepared contracts.
- Evaluated budgets and final reports of operations; wrote reports and policy papers; liaised with NGOs and field experts.

June-September 1998 **The Asia Foundation**

**Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

## ***Elections Program Officer/Intern***

- Worked for the election team and for the U.S. Funded Delegation to the Joint International Observation Group.
- Monitored local NGOs in preparing the election process; prepared analyses and conducted research for the yearly report.
- Prepared grants and contracts for the Asian Foundation grantees; wrote reports and conducted field monitoring of the activities of local NGOs.
- Co-ordinated the US long-term international observers team and volunteered as an international observer for the July elections.

August-September 1996 **The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

**Gueckedou, Republic of Guinea**

## ***The Camp Sadako Program fieldwork in refugee camps.***

- Researched and documented human rights abuses on refugee women and children.
- Interviewed refugee youth, identified common problems, initiated and evaluated appropriate income-generating projects.
- Designed and held writing and artistic workshops for women and children.
- Projects realised: football championship for 200 refugees, set up a youth centre to facilitate social and cultural education.

June-August 1996 **The United Nations Centre for Human Rights**

**Geneva, Switzerland**

## ***Intern for: The Human Rights Committee, The Committee on the Rights of the Child, The Committee Against Torture***

- Served the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee during its session.
- Prepared country analyses and concluding observations of the Committee.
- Wrote reports, conducted research and prepared files for the members of the Committee.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books:**

- *In-Flux: (Re)negotiations of Gender, Identity and 'Home' in Post-War Southern Sudan*, manuscript in preparation.

### **Edited volumes:**

- Grabska, K and Mehta. L (eds) 2008 –*Forced Displacement: Why Rights Matter?*, Palgrave MacMillan: London.

### **Articles in refereed Journals:**

- 'Constructing 'modern gendered civilised' women and men: gender mainstreaming in refugees camps', *Gender and Development* (forthcoming March 2011), In Press.
- 'Lost Boys, Invisible Girls: Stories of Marriage Across the Borders', *Gender, Place and Culture*, (2010), vol.17(4).
- 'Marginalization in the Urban Spaces of the Global South: Urban Refugees in Cairo' Special Issue: Urban Refugees, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, (2006) Vol. 19, No.3.
- 'Integration or co-existence – the forced and migrant experience in a delimited territory of Arba W Nuss,' In *Kolor Review*, May, (2005).

### **Chapters in Books:**

- With Mulki Al-Sharmani 2009. 'Diasporic African Refugees: Ambivalent Status and Cosmopolitan Struggles in Cairo,' in Singerman D. and Amar P. *Re-making Cairo: Politics, Culture, and Urban Space in the New Globalized Middle East, Volume II*, AUC Press.
- 'Brothers or Poor Cousins? Rights, policies and the Wellbeing of Refugees in Egypt,' in Grabska, K and Mehta. L (eds) 2008 –*Forced Displacement: Why Rights Matter?*, Palgrave Macmillan: London.

- ‘Cities and refugees: Urban refugees in Cairo,’ book chapter in *Human Security and Cities*, edited and published by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, February 2007. Accessible: [http://humansecurity-cities.org/sites/hscities/files/Human\\_Security\\_for\\_an\\_Urban\\_Century.pdf](http://humansecurity-cities.org/sites/hscities/files/Human_Security_for_an_Urban_Century.pdf)

#### **Research Reports and Newspaper articles:**

- “A system of diffuse responsibility, with blame shared by all,” Op-ed, RSDWatch Website, [www.rsdwatch.org](http://www.rsdwatch.org), June 2006.
- ‘Who asked them (refugees) anyway? Rights, Policies and Urban Refugees in Egypt’, DRC research report, July 2006, accessible [www.migrationdrc.org](http://www.migrationdrc.org)
- ‘Living on the Margins – Livelihoods of Sudanese Refugees in urban setting, Egypt,’ *Research Report and FMRS Working Paper*, Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, The American University in Cairo. (June 2005).
- ‘Breaking the Ground: Judges’ Role in the Protection of Refugees in the Arab League Countries’ (In Arabic), In *Nashrat Al-Hijra al-Qasriyya* (Arabic Edition of Forced Migration Review). Refugee Studies Center, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University. Issue 16 (April 2003).

#### **Films:**

- “*The Art of Flight*’, fabularised documentary about Sudanese refugees in Cairo, researcher and associate producer, Nomads Productions, June 2005.
- “Frankfurter Bahnhof” – documentary about homeless people, research and production assistant, ZDF Television, November 2001.
- “The Crash” documentary about the international financial crisis, research assistant and production intern, Washington Media Associates, June 1999.

#### **WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

- **Methods and Ethics of Studying Refugees in Urban Environments, The American University in Cairo, 2003** – panel chair and facilitator.
- **Diasporas in Cairo – Transit Territory and Transient Condition, joint workshop by CEDEJ and FMRS, Cairo, 2004** – presented a paper entitled ‘Integration or co-existence – the forced and migrant experience in a delimited territory of Arba W Nuss.’
- **Rights, Policy Frameworks and Definitions: Contemporary Challenges in Forced Migration**, workshop of the Development Research Centre: Migration, Globalisation, and Poverty, American University in Cairo, October 2004 – presented a paper titled ‘*The Livelihoods of Rejected Sudanese Refugees in Egypt: Urban Refugees and Policy.*’
- **FMRS Wednesday Seminar Series, the American University in Cairo, November 2004** – presented a paper titled ‘*Living on the Margins: Livelihoods of Rejected Sudanese Urban Refugees in Egypt.*’
- **IASFM 9<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference, Sao Paolo, January 2005** – presented a paper titled ‘*Marginalization in the Urban Spaces of the Global South: Urban Refugees in Cairo*’
- **University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, February 2005** – presented a paper titled “*Urban Refugees in Cairo*”
- **Rights, Policies and Forced Displacement Write-shop, Cairo, Egypt, April 2006** – organizer of the workshop and presented a paper entitled *Who asked them [refugees] anyway? Rights, policies and refugees in Egypt*
- **IASFM 10<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference, Toronto, York University, June 2006** – presented a paper titled “*Who asked them [refugees] anyway? Rights, policies and refugees in Egypt*”
- **107<sup>th</sup> American Anthropologist Association Conference, San Jose, USA, November 2006** – chaired a panel and presented a paper entitled: *Who asked them [refugees] anyway? Rights, policies and refugees in Egypt*
- **IASFM 11<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference, Cairo, Egypt, January 2008** – panel convenor: *Transnational gendered lives: displacement, rupture and rights*; presenter of a paper entitled: ‘*Lost Boys, Invisible Girls: Stories of Marriage Across the Borders*’
- **Gender and History Journal, colloquium for a special issue of the journal, ‘Homes and Homecomings’, Bristol University, UK, March 2008**, presented a paper entitled: “*When women become men, men become women and girls loose their freedom: stories of refugee homemaking in South Sudan*”

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- **DRC Migration, Globalisation and Poverty Workshop, University of Sussex, UK, May 2008**, workshop: *Children on the Move*, presenter of a paper titled: *Myth of lost Boys: the interconnection of forced and voluntary migration*
- **Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK, Work in Progress Seminar, June 2008**: presented DPhil thesis progress: *Inbetween: (re)negotiations of gender, identity and home in post-conflict southern Sudan*
- **Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, Oxford, September 2008**, *Marriage and Migration* workshop participant and presenter presented a paper entitled: *“Lost Boys, Invisible Girls: Stories of Marriage Across Borders”*
- **Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, IHEID, Geneva, October 2008, November 2009, November 2010**; seminar for the MA Gender and Development class: *“Constructing ‘modern gendered civilized’ women and men: gender-mainstreaming in refugee camps”*
- **Göteborg University, Sweden, May 2010**. Participant in a workshop “Migration, Development and Gender”; delivered a paper entitled: *“Agents of development or threatening mini-skirts: southern Sudanese returnee women and their contribution to ‘development’”*
- **Kinshasa University, Democratic Republic of Congo, October 2010**. Participant in a conference “Genre et Conflits” organised by the University Network of Gender Researchers (RUCG) and the Gender, Work and Mobility group (GTM) of the Socio-political Research Centre of Paris (CRESPPA-UMR CNRS/Universités Paris 8, Paris 10); delivered a paper entitled: *“Jeunes filles armées, femmes violées, porteuses de valises ; masculinités militarisées et hommes devenus femmes : les guerres au Sud Soudan”*.

## SPECIALISED TRAINING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

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- July 2004      **UNHCR Cairo**      **Cairo, Egypt**
- Inter-agency workshop on sexually gender based violence among refugee communities in Egypt.
  - Represented FMRS in designing an inter-agency program plan.
- July 2003      **Université Libre des Bruxelles**      **Brussels, Belgium**  
*Certificate in European Asylum and Immigration Law*
- Summer course on European Asylum and Immigration law
- July 2002      **The American University in Cairo**      **Cairo, Egypt**  
*Certificate in International Refugee Law*
- Short course on international refugee and human rights law
  - Course work: International Refugee Law Framework, Refugee Status Determination, Interviewing Techniques
- Sept. 2000      **PIBOES, University of Essex**      **Essex, UK**  
*Certificate in Human Rights Protection*
- Specialised training in human rights protection field work
  - Course work: International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Practical training in human rights monitoring field work, conflict negotiation and crisis management, first aid.
- June – August 1994 **London School of Economics and Political Science**      **London, UK**  
*Certificate: The New Europe in the World Economy*
- Summer School on the European Integration Process

### Others:

- **Model United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, 1996**: Representative of London School of Economics.
- **STAR (Student Action for Refugees), 1995-1997**: Vice-President and co-founder of the London branch of STAR at the London University; conducted awareness programs for students and local refugee groups; organised English teaching training for local refugee communities.
- **Refugee Policy Forum, 1998-1999**: Member of a discussion policy group at SAIS, Washington, DC.

**Languages:** Polish (native), English (fluent), French, German (fluent), Russian, Italian (good knowledge), Arabic-Egyptian Colloquial and Nuer (basic)