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Nationality: Iraqi-Kurdish and British

## 2. Academic/Professional Particulars:

### Education:

- B.A. in Kurdish Language & Literature- Salahaddin University- 2003
- M.A. in Kurdish Literature- Koya University- 2009
- PhD. In Kurdish Studies-University of Exeter-2023
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**Field of Specialization:** Kurdish Studies

**Research Interests:** Kurdish language & literature, Human Rights Monitoring and Genocide, Gender Equality.

### Language Proficiency:

**Kurdish:** Native (Sorani)

**English:** Full Professional Proficiency

**Arabic:** Limited Working Proficiency

## 3. Posts & Employment History:

- Kurdology, Human Rights and Genocide, Gender Equality lecturer at Erbil Polytechnic University from April 2009 to present.
- A researcher and assistant consultant in matters related to Iraq and Kurdistan Region of Iraq at *Middle East Expert* from October 2018 to present.
- Kurdish Sorani Linguistic Consultant at Appen (Appen is a global company in speech and search technology services), 2015-2016
- Youth Desk Manager, Recruitment Analyst, Field Director, Leadership committee member- at People's Development Association (PDA), 2007-2011
- Project Manager, Youth Desk Manager – at Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), 2006-2007
- Trainer, Monitor, Team leader, Education Sector Manager- at Public Aid Organization (PAO), 2005-2006
- Member of Editor Staff, Editor in- chief Assistant, Concessionaire- at *Khwendni Liberal* (Liberal Education) Newspaper, 2002-2007

## 4. Career Details:

### ➤ Kurdish Studies Field:

**Consultancy:** An independent Kurdish Sorani consultant and social media Evaluator for Appen. I do web evaluation using Excel spreadsheet or an annotation tool. I review and rate web content, using a web application to support the measurement of search data relevance. I do evaluate online web content according to detailed criteria. 2015-2016.

**Teaching:** Lecturing Kurdology, Human Rights and Genocide, Gender Equality and Research Methods as assistant lecturer-Erbil Polytechnic University, 2009 to present.

**Administrative Positions Held:** Director of quality assurance and invigilating general examination at Erbil Polytechnic University, 2009 to present

### ➤ Journalism Field:

**Khwendni liberal (Liberal Education) Newspaper 2002-2007**

Publishing (104) number of (Khwendni liberal) Newspaper, which was a half monthly newspaper specified to youth, students and education and study system issues in Kurdistan. In early October, 2002

the first number of it was published and in late December, 2007 the last number of it was published. In addition to this newspaper, it contained the following appendixes throughout its publication: three Arabic appendixes (al-tarbiya al-librاليا), four appendixes specified to striking on (Aynda University), an appendix (Ganjbini) Specified to Youth World Day, two appendixes for (youth and Sex), an appendix of (109) specified to Memorial of 109 anniversary of Kurdish journalism, also an appendix in the name of (Youth & Political Participation) specified to a campaign for decreasing necessary age for nominating the parliaments. (Khwendni liberal) also executed five Referendums: 1. electing students' representation. 2. Youth & students' participation in Iraqi parliament elections. 3. Post of head of the university & working for the sake of the university and students. 4. Role of the university & students in political decisions of Kurdistan. 5. The joint list of Kurdistan parliament for elections.

### ➤ **Civil Society Field:**

**Jobs Title: Field Director and member of leadership committee.**

**Date: 2007–2011**

**Organization: PDA (People's Development Association)**

Managed six strategic projects as ordered below:

- Youth Debate & Youth Activity project in Slemani & Hawler governorates.
- Culture Development project in Slemani, Hawler, Dhok and kerkuk governorates.
- Combating Violence against Women project in Kalar & Ranya towns.
- Pressured Marriage project in Slemani & Hawler governorates.
- Women Can Do It project in Slemani, Hawler and Kirkuk governorates.
- Enhancing women's economic skills in running enterprises project in Slemani.

**Job Title: Youth Desk Manager**

**Date: 2006–2007**

**Organization: NPA (Norwegian People's Aid)**

Managed the Strategic Project of (Youth Debate & Youth Activity).

Monitoring & Funding (The Yearly Report of Youths Condition in Kurdistan August, 2006- 12,8 2007) project which implemented by Kurdistan Youth Empowerment Organization (KYEO).

**Job Title: Trainer and Education Desk Manager**

**Date: 2005–2006**

**Organization: PAO (Public Aid Organization)**

Participated in five projects:

- Constitutional Dialogue project in cooperation with NDI organization.
- Aynda net for observing Media Propaganda in the Elections Campaign project in cooperation with ICSP organization.
- Democracy Ambassadors, for evaluating the level of democracy in Hawler project in cooperation with ICSP organization.
- Free Discussion in Salahaddin University project in cooperation with UNDP organization.
- Role of Civil Organizations in National Reconciliation, coexistence and pluralism project in cooperation with ICSP organization.

## **5. Courses, Training, and workshops:**

- Workshop on Translating Kurdish literature 17-18 May 2018-Centre for Kurdish Studies-University of Exeter-UK
- Kurdish Futures in and Outside Of Iraq, Turkey and Iran: Fresh Hopes or New Tragedies 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017- University of Exeter.
- Kurdish Studies Summer School-27-29 June 2016 -University of Leicester
- Communication for Collaboration- 3-5 September 2014- GW4 (University of Bath, University of Bristol, Cardiff University, University of Exeter) – Bristol-UK.
- Doctoral workshop on Middle-Eastern Literatures: local and global contexts 7-8 Jun 2014-University of Exeter.
- Aspiring to Leadership-4 June 2014.
- Presentation Skills- INTO Insessional-13 May 2014, 4 weeks, 2 hours per week
- Writing Behind the Scenes-21 Nov 2013-University of Exeter

- Fixing Too-Long and Too-Short Sentences-7 Nov 2013.
- From Orientalism to Globalization- Debates in Postcolonial Studies (EASM128) 30 Sep-04 Nov 2013
- Effective Presentation Skills-17 Oct 2013
- LTHE - Learning and Teaching in Higher Education -17 September 2013-University of Exeter
- Making the most of conferences-17 Jul 2013
- Management Essentials for Researchers 1- Negotiation & Influencing Skills-WEBINAR 20 Jun 2013
- Career Development in Academia for Researchers 3 - Interviews & Presentations-13 June 2013
- IAIS PGR Methodology Training Day-11 Dec 2012
- Sharing data: How, when, what? 4 Dec 2012
- Getting the most out of networking in research environments-26 Nov 2012
- Kurdish Poetry Workshop-26 January 2012
- Impact - What is it and why is it important? 1 Dec 2011
- Staying current - tips and techniques to stay informed-15 Nov 2011
- Efficient reading in research-15 Nov 2011
- Research Methods Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies 'ARAM190'
- Tackling a doctoral Literature Review-21 Oct 2011
- Academic Writing for Doctoral students 'AW4'20 Oct- 8 Dec 2011
- Introduction to EndNote - the bibliographic referencing software-19 Oct 2011
- NGO Management in the U.S.-2011 by: United States department of state-Bureau of educational and cultural affairs- Washington D.C.-US- 3 weeks
- Teaching Methods in Higher Education- 2010 by: Presidency of Technical Education/Erbil-Directorate of Scientific Affairs- Hawler- 3 weeks.
- Children & Youth Participation- 2008 by: Unicef- Damascus- 1 week
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## 6. Certificates:

### Courses & Trainings:

- Obtained several training and course certificates in the field of Kurdish Studies, learning and teaching in higher education, civil society fields, and journalism skills.

### Appreciation Certificates:

- Youth of year in Activity towards Reinforcing Civil Society- Ministry of Sports and Youth-KRG-2007
- Appreciation Certificate because of Five Years of Experience & Working Voluntarily in Khwendni Liberal (Liberal Education) Newspaper- 2009

## 7. Professional Efficiencies:

**Computer Literacy:** Windows, macOS, Microsoft Office, EndNote.

**Membership:** An active member of Kurdistan Journalist's Syndicate (KJS), An active member of International Federation Journalists (IFJ)

**Network:** An active member of Kurdish Studies Network (KSN), An active member of International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP Iraq Network)

## 8. Publication:

### Have contributed as a joint editor of the following publication:

- Iraqi Kurdistan-Forced Marriage: life and a critical destiny, forced marriage traditions, lack of public awareness, and authority negligence, 2010
- Gender Assessment Report on Justice Council Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research, Justice Council, and Ministry of Health, 2010
- Combating Forced Marriage, 2009
- Non participation of Youth in the Kurdistan political process, 2007
- Media Sustainability Index Iraq, IREX Europe, 2006

### Articles in Kurdish magazines *Raman* and *Aynda*:

- Concept of life and love in a poem " Ay lew rojgare xoşane" of Baxtyiar Ali

- A research of literary equilibrating-comparison in the name of the "symbol of water" in the three poems of (Suhrab Supehry, Jamal Ghambar, Abdulmutalib Abdullah).
- Romanticism in the "Plague" poem of (Mardin Ibrahim).
- Succinctness and verbosity in Kurdish literature.
- Exaggeration in Kurdish literature

#### **Conference Papers:**

- "Myths and Symbols of Kurdish Modern Poetry Abdulla Goran as Example" BRISMES Annual Conference- London 24 June 2015

Several essays in *Khwendni liberal* (liberal education) Newspaper and *Xelik* (people) publication.

## **9. Referee:**

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Professor of Kurdish Studies.

**Professional relationship:** First Supervisor

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**Business or occupation:** Professor in English literature & Turkish Studies

**Professional relationship:** Second Supervisor

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**Business or occupation:** Senior Lecturer in Ethnopolitics

**Professional relationship:** Director of the Centre for Kurdish Studies-University of Exeter