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(Short Curriculum Vitae)

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EDUCATION:

September 2009 - 2014 PhD in Social Policy and Administration, University of Nottingham-UK.
Title of the Thesis: Implementing Social Security Policy in Politically Less Developed Country: the case of Privileges and Rights for Families of Martyrs and Genocide Survivors (PRFMGS) and Social Safety Net (SSN) as governmental Social Security Program in Iraqi Kurdistan Region.

2000 - 2002 MA in Sociology, Salahaddin University, Erbil-Kurdistan Region-Iraq.
Dissertation title: Religion and Nationalism; Their Role, Effect and Relation between them After the Uprising of 1991 in Kurdistan Region (Published in Kurdish as a book, 2003)

1995 - 1998 BA in Sociology, Salahaddin University, Erbil- Kurdistan Region-Iraq.

WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2019 – Present: Founding President, Public Policy Institute (PPI), Erbil – Iraq.

January 2019 – Present: Lecturer of Sociology and Social Policy (Part Time) in the Department of Social Work, Salahaddin University, Erbil, Kurdistan Region- Iraq

January 2017- December 2018: Chair, Center for Peace and Human Security, The American University of Kurdistan, Duhok, Kurdistan Region-Iraq

July 2014- December 2016 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Social Policy and Administration (Full Time) in the Department of Politics and Public Policy at The American University of Kurdistan, Duhok, Kurdistan Region-Iraq

*March 2015 – July 2015: Visiting Lecturer (Part-time) in the Department of Business and Management Sciences (BMS). Teaching one module: Introduction to Sociology: Social Institutions. *The University of Kurdistan Hawlêr, Erbil - Iraq**

July 2013 – July 2014: Lecturer of Sociology and Social Policy (Full Time) in the Department of Social Work, Salahaddin University, Erbil, Kurdistan Region- Iraq

January 2013 – June 2013: (Part time) Teacher in the School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Nottingham, UK. (Teaching “Social Problems and Policy Responses”).

January 2011 – June 2011: (Part time) Teacher in the School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Nottingham, UK. (Teaching “Sociology in Contemporary Societies”).

September 2004 - March 2008: Head of Department (Full Time), Sociology Department at Salahaddin University - Erbil, Kurdistan Region-Iraq.

January 2003 - September 2004: Assistant lecturer (Full Time) in Sociology Department at Salahaddin University - Erbil, Kurdistan Region-Iraq.

October 1999 - December 2000: Research Assistant at Salahaddin University, Erbil, Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (a selection of Books and Chapters in Edited Books):

1. Irwani, M. (2019) Social Cohesion Contextual Analysis: Social Cohesion Contextual Analysis: Refugees, IDPs and Host Community in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, (peer-reviewing process).

2. Irwani, M. (2015) **Clientelism and Implementing Social Security Programmes in Post-conflict Iraqi Kurdistan Region**, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publisher. <http://www.cambridgescholars.com/clientelism-and-implementing-social-security-programmes-in-post-conflict-iraqi-kurdistan-region>
3. Irwani, M. (2013) "**Beneficiaries Do Matter: The KRG's Experience in Implementing Social Security Programme**", Chapter Twenty-Six, pp. 487-508. in Alman Heshmati, Alan Dilani and Serwan Baban (eds) "*Perspectives on Kurdistan's Economy and Society in Transition, Volume II*", Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publisher.
4. Irwani, M. (2003) **Islam and Nationalism in Kurdistan: An Introduction to Sociology of Religion**, Erbil: Aras Publisher.

RESEARCH GRANTS and PROJECTS (in hand or in progress research projects)

January 2018- April 2019: Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI), **Conflict-Affected Communities Perceptions and Attitudes about Peace and Justice in Iraq**.

August – September 2017: OXFAM Great Britain, **Social Cohesion Contextual Analysis/Study in the targeted communities for saving and small business granting in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq**.

July-August 2017: Harvard Business School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, **Pehsmerga Integration**.

August 2016: **Stands On Kuridstan's Independence: A study on "No Campaign" to the Iraqi Kurdistan's Referendum and Independence** (proposal submitted to CIS-AUK)

August-September 2016: Relief International in coordination with The UNDP and UNOCHA, **Social Cohesion in Kirkuk, Daquq and Dibis**.

September-December 2015: **Social Cohesion and Value Chain Analysis in Zummar Sub-district of Nineveh: Developing Income Generation**. The project was Funded by Danish Refugee Council-Duhok Office. (20,000 USD)

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS and TRAINING COURSES

26-27 February 2019, *THE EXPERT MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF NORTH EAST OF SYRIA*, organized by Geneva Centre for Security Policy, EastWest Institute and IMPACT, in Caux, Geneva, Switzerland.

8-20 July 2018, "*Thirteenth Annual TAU Workshop on Israel and the Middle East*". Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University.

25 June 2018, conference on "We maintain the Dignity of Surviving Women and Girls and Promote the Rights of Children Born of Sexual Violence in Conflict", Saad Abdullah Conference Hall, Erbil, Kurdistan Region-Iraq.

18-19 June 2018, "*HUMAN RIGHTS AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP CONDITIONS FOR CO-EXISTENCE IN CONFLICT-RIDDEN SOCIETIES*", Norwegian Nobel Peace Institute and Fritt ord, Oslo, Norway. My presentation: *Political Participation, Defragmentation and Positive Discrimination as Minority Rights in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: A Critical Perspective*.

21-23 May 2018, "*OVERTURN STORIES: How Europe can create good practices of migrants' inclusion*", Center for Migration in Ortygia Business School, with Alliance of Leading Universities on Migration and LSE, Siracusa- Italy. My presentation: *Social Cohesion Contextual Analysis: Perspectives of Refugees, IDPs and Host Community towards Small Business Partnership*

12 March 2018, Workshop on "Enhancing the Support for Women and Children Affected by the Conflict". Duhok Governorate Office and united Nations Population Fund-Iraq, Rixos Hotel, Duhok, Kurdistan Region-Iraq.

26-27 February 2018, "*What Does the Global Compact on Refugees mean for the MENA region?*", The Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility of the New School, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and

Humanitarian Law, and the Migration Research Centre at Koç University, Istanbul – Turkey.

15-17 November 2017, “*Fate and Future of Iraqi Kurdistan: Reviewing Opportunities and Risks of the Current European Policy towards a Region at the Crossroad*”. The Protestant Academy Loccum, Hannover-Germany.

My presentation: “*The Reconciliation and Peace Building in Iraqi Kurdistan: Minorities Rights in a Comparative Perspective*”.

6-7 November 2017, 4th ALUM International Conference entitled "Universities Responding to the Refugee Crisis", Beirut- Lebanon. My presentation: “*Return Migration and Vulnerable Groups*”.

24 April 2017, Third Lalish Conference on Peace and Coexistence: Civic State Guarantees Sustainable Peace, Center for Peace and Human Security at The American University of Kurdistan in Duhok, in Collaboration with “Women for Peace Group” and “Emma Organizations for Human Development”. As conference organizer.

25-27 April 2017, Siracusa II – Research Conference Series on Migration Research Workshop: Recommendations for the G7, Ortygia Business School, 124 Via Roma, Siracusa, Italy. Presenting two topics: “*Investing in countries of origin and transit*” and “*Protection of children and other vulnerable groups*”.

17-21 October 2016, International Conference on “Rebuilding War Societies: Continuities and New Beginnings” University of Sulaimani, Sulaimani. Topic of Presentation: “*Rebuilding War Torn Areas Though Developing Economic Activities*”.

September - October 2016 research led training on participatory method “*WHO CAN I TURN TO? Mapping social connections, trust and problem-solving among conflict-affected populations*”, Queen Margaret University in Edinboro and Tearfund, American University of Kurdistan in Duhok. Link: <https://learn.tearfund.org/~media/files/tilz/sgbv/2017-qmu-tearfund-who-can-i-turn-to-en-2.pdf>.

5 May 2016, “*From Sociology to Social Policy: Beyond the Pure Sociology*”, Presentation in Department of Sociology, Soran University, Soran-Erbil.

24-25 April 2016 7th International Visible Conference on Educational Studies and Applied Linguistics, Ishik University- Erbil. Presentation topic: “*What the Quality of Education Looks Like in Kurdistan Region’s Primary Schools*”.

10 - 15 October 2012 World Kurdish Congress, Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan Region, Presentation topic: “*The Politics of Social Policy: KRG’s Experience in Implementing Social Security Program*”.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Kurdish (Sorani and Kurmanji)	Mother Tongue
English	Fluent
Persian	Fluent
Arabic	Very Good (reading), Good (writing and speaking)

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- March 2018 Advisory Board Member in the project “Education as a means to overcome integration challenges with migrant children”, Bielefeld University- Germany.
- Since 2017 Alliance of Leading Universities on Migration (ALUM), Associate member.
- Since 2009 International Centre for Public and Social Policy (ISPP) <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/icpsp/membership.aspx>
- Since 2008 Member of Social Policy Association – UK
- Since 2003 Member of Kurdistan Sociologist Association, Kurdistan Region of Iraq

REFERENCES:

Will be provided upon request