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### EDUCATION

- **2015 Master** in Sociology, University of Cincinnati, USA.
- **2008 Bachelor** in Sociology, University of Salahaddin. Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq

### Work Experience:

- 2015 – present** **lecturer** in Social Work Department at Salahaddin University- Erbil- Iraq.  
(part-time)
- April 2024 – present** **National Consultant** with the International Labor Organization-ILO  
(part-time)
- April 2024 – Present** **Head of the Career Development Center** at college of Arts/Salahaddin University
- Jul 2023 – Dec 2023** Former Chairman of the board of directors of Peace and Freedom Organization.
- 2022 - 2023** **Contracted Researcher** with the Economic Policy Research Institute-EPRI
- 2021- 2022** **National Consultant** with the International Labor Organization-ILO.
- 2019- 2023** **Executive Director** of Peace and Freedom Organization.
- 2019 – 2023** **Coordinator** of the international platform “Observatory to Prevent Extremist Violence (OPEV) in KRI.
- 2018 – 2023** **Coordinator** of the Kurdistan Social Forum.
- 2022 – 2023** **Coordinator** of **Masaha Platform** in KRI.
- 2018 – 2019** **Head of the Exam Committee** in the department of Social Work –Salahaddin University- Erbil
- 2017 – 2019** **Head** of the Quality Assurance Committee in the department of Social Work
- 2016 – 2017** **Deputy head** of the department of Social work at Salahaddin University-Erbil
- 2009 –2012** Working with several national organizations, research centers, and governmental institutions as Researcher, Election observer, Data Collector, and Data entry officer
- 2009 – 2012** **Assistant researcher** at Salahaddin University. Erbil-Iraq.

### Teaching Experience – Undergraduate Courses:

- Quantitative and Qualitative methods (Third Year)
- Qualitative Research in Social Science (Fourth year).
- Theory of Science and Scientific Methods -Qualitative Research (Second Year).
- An introduction to Social and Human Rights (Second year).
- Welfare Organization (Third Year).
- Classical and Modern Social Work Theories (Fourth year)

**Research Interests:**

My areas of interest are sociology of work, social policy, migration studies, sociology of education, violent extremism, minority and vulnerable groups, peace-building and social integration, and qualitative methods.

**Researches:**

- Sangar Y. Salih. 2024. Critical Social Work Education and Practice: An Investigation among Educators and practitioners in the Kurdistan Region. [Accepted to be published in Journal of Zankoy Sulaimani]
- Sangar Y. Salih . 2024. The Situation of Workers Rights in Iraq and Kurdistan region. [Kurdish & AEnglish] <https://pfo-ku.org/images/2017/pdf/workerEN.pdf>
- Salih, S. Y . (2023). “An Overview of the Reality of the Migrant Worker’s Rights in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Ayindanasy Journal, 17, Pp 52 – 67 [Kurdish] <https://www.centerfs.org/files/2023/06/AYNDA-HAMU-compressed.pdf>
- Rahman, A. M, Salih S. Y. (2022). “ The Reality of the Worker’s Rights between laws and implementations in the Kurdistan Region.” Ayindanasy Journal, 12, Pp 46 – 61 [Kurdish] <https://www.centerfs.org/files/2022/04/Ayindanasy-Magazine-12-new-updet-compressed.pdf>
- Salih, S. Y., Qadir. A., Mahmood. J. (2021). “Invisible Threats: Digital Security and Female Journalists in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region”. Peace and Freedom Organization in Kurdish and English languages. Available at <https://pfo-ku.org/images/2017/pdf/Invisible-threatsEnglish.pdf>
- Paulson, J.; Bermeo Osorio, J.D.; Charria Hernandez, C.A.; Keo, D.; Manning, P.; Milligan, L.O.; Moles, K.; Nelson, A.; Pennell, C.; Salih, S.; Shanks, K. (2020). Education as Site of Memory: developing a research agenda. International Studies in the Sociology of Education.
- Khedir, H. H and Salih S. Y (2020). “The Alienation of Social Sciences from “the Social”: The Experience of Teaching Sociology at Kurdish Universities (KUs), Kurdistan Region of Iraq”. Advances in Applied Sociology.
- Salih, S. Y. and Rahman, A. M. (2020). Violent Extremism: Factors and Approaches to Prevention in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Peace and Freedom Organization’s publication. [Kurdish , Arabic, and English]. Available at <https://pfo-ku.org/index.php/reports/pfo-reports/647-peace-and-freedom-organization-launched-a-particular-research-on-violent-extremism-in-the-kurdistan-region>
- Salih, S. Y. (2018). Earning a living Beyond the Borders: Lives of Migrant Workers in the Kurdistan Region. As part of Peace and Freedom Organization’s publications in Kurdish and English languages.
- Salih, S. Y., Rahman, A. M., & Othman, J. K. (2017). Reflection of National and Cultural Identities in Foreign Schools of the Kurdistan Region/ Iraq. Creative Education, 8, 1135-1154.
- Salih, S., Matthew, E.M. and Linders, A. (2017) How Kurdish Immigrant Parents in the United States Think about the Formal and Informal Education of Their Sons and Daughters. Open Journal of Social Sciences, 5, 79-102.
- Salih, S. Y., Rahman, A., M, Qadir, K. (2016) “The Condition of Workers’ Rights and Freedom of Trades in Iraq the Kurdistan Region. Peace and Freedom Organization in Kurdish , Arabic, and English langauges, Available at <https://pfo-ku.org/index.php/reports/55-pfo-reports/259-the-reality-of-workers-rights-and-trade-union-freedoms-in-iraq-and-the-kurdistan-region>

### **Book, Book chapter, and Policy written contribution:**

- Sangar Y. Salih, Abdulsamih M. Rahman, and Arif Hito. 2023. “Gender disparity in social insurance coverage: an examination of the social insurance system in the Kurdistan Region-Iraq.” chapter 8 in “Social Security and Public Works in Iraq arguments and policy choices” (Pp 193-210) available at [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---arabstates/---ro-beirut/documents/publication/wcms\\_887920.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---arabstates/---ro-beirut/documents/publication/wcms_887920.pdf)
- Watfa, N.; Fadhil, A.; and Salih, S. (2021). National Occupational Safety and Health Profile, Republic Of Iraq. International Labor Organization (ILO).
- Salih, S and Khalid, A. (2020). 2019 Civil Society Organization Sustainability in Iraq, Index For The Middle East And North Africa 8th Edition.
- Salih, S and Khalid, A. (2019). 2018 Civil Society Organization Sustainability in Iraq, Index For The Middle East And North Africa 7th Edition
- Salih, S. and Qadir, K (2019). How the deprivation of land ownership makes minority groups more vulnerable: An examination of the case of Yazidis in Iraq. In: Baumann, H.M. Reclaiming Home: The struggle for socially just housing, land and property rights in Syria, Iraq, and Libya. the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung-Tunis. Pp 103-119.
- Watfa, N.; Fadhil, A.; and Salih, S. (2022). Occupational Safety and Health policy in Iraq and the Kurdistan region. International Labor Organization (ILO).
- Social Protection Strategy for the Kurdistan Regional Government supported by UNICEF (with a group of researchers from the Economic Policy Research Institute).

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

**2022** research internship award by The Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT)- <https://grfdt.com/ScholarDetails.aspx?TabId=7844>

**2012** Top students award by the Kurdistan region’s president and the minister of higher education.

### **NATIONAL And INTERNATIONAL GRANT:**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> of May to 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2022. Sangar Y. Salih, Abdulsamih M. Rahman, and Arif Hito. “ Gender disparity in social insurance coverage: an examination of the social insurance system in the Kurdistan Region-Iraq.” Funded by Center for Policy Research (CPR), American University of Iraq—Baghdad (AUIB).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019. **Sangar Youssif Salih** and Kaify Maghdid. “How the Deprivation of Land Ownership Makes Minority Groups more Vulnerable: An Examination of the Case of Yazidis in Iraq” Funded by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.
- 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup>, April, 2019. **Sangar Youssif Salih**. A research project on “Transformative History Education” As a service contract with the University of Exeter. UK.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- Critical Social Work Education and Practice: An Investigation among Educators and practitioners in the Kurdistan Region. Scientific Conference of Social Work and Professional Identity in the Kurdistan Region. Sulaimani, Iraq, April 29-30, 2024.
- Member in Conference Preparations Committee, Scientific Conference of Social Work and Professional Identity in the Kurdistan Region. Held in Sulaymaniyah on 2024/04/29-30 <https://socialwork.seedkurdistan.org/en#committees>

- Gender Disparity in Social Insurance Coverage: an Examination of the Social Insurance System in the Kurdistan Region-Iraq.” National Conference on Social Security and Public Work Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq, October 27, 2022.
- Who We Are and Who Others Are: the Experiences of the Iraqi Youth of their Ethno-religious Socialization. 12th International Visible Conference on Educational Studies & Applied Linguistics, Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq, May 20-21, 2022.
- How Social Background of Students Predicts their College Destination. 9<sup>th</sup> International Visible Conference on Educational Studies & Applied Linguistics, Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq, April 28-29, 2018.
- Peaceful Coexistence between Majority and Minority Religious Groups: An Examination of Muslim’s Responsibilities from Religious Minorities’ Perspectives. **3<sup>rd</sup> Lalish Conference for Peace and Coexistence: Civic State Guarantees the Sustainable Peace.** Duhok. Kurdistan region, Iraq, The American University of Kurdistan 25-26 April, 2017.
- What the Quality of Education Looks Like in Kurdistan’s Primary Schools. 7<sup>th</sup> International Visible Conference on Educational Studies & Applied Linguistics, Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq, April 24, 2016.
- Parental Involvement in Children’s Education in a Kurdish Community in the United States. Humanities **NOW** Graduate Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, March 5, 2015.

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS:**

- “ How Foreign Schools Facilitate Social Integration among Ethnic and Religious Groups in the Kurdistan Region” (with Khetab Aziz). Paper in progress.
- “ Education and Diversity: how the Iraqi youth learned about “others” through schooling (with Hiwa Haji & Kelsey Shanks). Paper in progress.
- Social and Economic Predictors for college destination between 2015 – 2021 in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. Research in progress.

#### **Advanced & Long-Term Trainings:**

- Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Fragile, Conflict and Disaster Settings. International Labor Organization-ILO/International training Center-ITC. Virtual [Ongoing]
- Rural and Agriculture Development Course for Developing Countries, October 18<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, China.
- Fair Recruitment Course. September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2022. International Labor Organization-ILO. Virtual.

#### **MEDIA OUTLET INTERVIEWS:**

I have been invited and interviewed by International and national media outlets in different occasions. The followings are selected ones:

- 2024. Interview. Importance of scientific conferences with particular focus on social work conference in KRI. *Kurdsat News TV*. April 30.
- 2023. Interview. “Economic Relationships between Iraq and China.” *China Global Television Network-CGTN*. October 29.
- 2022. Interview. “ National reports on freedom of expression in the Kurdistan Region.” *Kurdsat News TV*. January 22.

- 2022, Press conference. “ Presenting an annual report on freedom of expression in Iraq and Kurdistan Region.” **14 media outlets attended.** January 22.
- 2021. Interview. “ Towards the third assembly of the Kurdistan Social Forum. **Zhyan Radio.** November 6.
- 2021, Interview. “ Iraqi Election and Citizen participation.” **Al-Iraqia TV.** October 10.
- 2021, Interview. “ Civil Society Organizations and monitoring the Iraqi Parliamentary Election.” **Rudaw TV.** October 10.
- 2021, Interview. “ Election and media” **Shar Press.** October 2021.
- 2020. Interview. “ Digital security and citizen’s awareness” **AVA TV.** April 6.
- 2019, Interview. “ Migrant workers in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.” **The Kurdish News Network (KNN TV).** November 29.
- 2018, Interview. “Poverty and its implications in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq” **The Kurdish News Network (KNN TV).** September 13.
- 2017, Interview. “ Kurdistan Social Forum and its objectives,” **Kurdistan TV.** December 9.