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EDUCATION:

- 2006-2008 **MSc International Development and Management (LUMID)**
Dep. of Social Sciences, Lund University, Lund, Sweden.
Scholarship: SIDA sponsored Master programme (www.lumid.lu.se), including
scholarship for field experience in India during autumn and winter 2007.
Special interest area; Project management, Organisational change management.
MSc Thesis topic: The implementation process of the Rights-Based Approach – a
case study of Prayas NGO, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan, India
- 2001-2005 **BSc Hons. Investment and Financial Risk Management**
Cass Business School, London City University, UK (www.city.ac.uk)
BSc Dissertation: Style Investing in Emerging Markets – investigating 14
countries.
- 1997-2000 **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma**
Malmö Borgarskola, Malmö, Sweden

OTHER COURSES AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- March 2010 **Sharepoint 2010 for Web Editors (T669)**
Cornerstone, Sweden
- Autumn 2009 **HIV Prevention Orientation Session**
UN Cares Team, Tehran, Iran
- Winter 2008 **Training on Gender Issues**
UNFPA on behalf of the Gender Theme Group, Tehran, Iran
- Autumn 2008 **Media Training Workshop for Public Education and Awareness on DRR**
UNDP and ISDR, Tehran, Iran
- Summer 2007 **Gender, Demography and Reproductive Health**
International Institute of Population Studies (IIPS), Mumbai, India
Project: HIV/AIDS diagnosis, treatment and care
- Spring 2006 **International Relations (22,5 ECTS)**
Dep. of Integration, Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER),
Malmö Högskola, Malmö, Sweden
Project: HIV/AIDS – a gender perspective

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WORK AND FIELD EXPERIENCE:

- Sep 2012- **Lunds Universitet – Deputy Director of Studies, LUMID**
Lunds Universitet, Lund, Sweden (www.lumid.lu.se)
- Nov 2010- **Lunds Universitet – Academic Advisor**
Lunds Universitet, Lund, Sweden (www.lu.se)
Responsibilities: Academic advisor and administrator for the BSc in Development Studies on behalf of the Department of Human Geography. I changed departments in June 2012 and I am currently working for the Department of Political Science.
- Jan 2011- **Lunds Universitet – Project Co-ordinator**
Jun 2012 Faculty of Social Sciences, Lunds Universitet, Lund (www.kanslis.lu.se/)
Responsibilities: Co-ordinating the implementation of Live@Lund at the various departments belonging to the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- Feb 2010- **InDevelop-IPM – Junior Consultant**
Nov 2011 InDevelop-IPM, Stockholm, Sweden (www.indevelop-ipm.se)
Responsibilities: Co-ordination, administration, teaching and examination of a 15 ECTS Master course in “Programme and Project Management”. The course is part of the Interdisciplinary International Master Programme in Development and Management (LUMID) at Lund’s University.
- Oct - Nov **Lunds Universitet - Lecturer**
2010 Lunds Universitet, Lund, Sweden (www.lu.se)
Responsibilities: Co-ordination and planning of a 15 ECTS Master course in “Theory of Science and Methods”. Lectures taught covered the topics of qualitative research methods and ethics in development.
- Apr 2008 - **UNDP - Communication Consultant**
Dec 2010 UNDP Iran, Tehran, Iran (www.undp.org.ir)
Responsibilities: Implement the communication and publication plan of UNDP to influence the development agenda; Promote public and media outreach; Website reconstruction and maintenance; Represent UNDP at various events and in the UN common theme groups; Support the RR and DRR on field visits and at public events; Support all programme units with research and writing.
Written work: UNDP Information folder (containing 8 pages of general text and 13 double-sided project briefs).
- Oct 2008 - **UNDP - Communication Intern**
Apr 2009 UNDP Iran, Tehran, Iran (www.undp.org.ir)
Scholarship: Sida’s Travel Grant
Responsibilities: Implement the communication and publication plan of UNDP to influence the development agenda; Promote public and media outreach; Website reconstruction and maintenance; Represent UNDP at various events and in the UN common theme groups.
Written work: UNDP Workshop Report on Media and DRR; UNDP Country Office Success Stories for 2008.

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- Nov 2007 - **Prayas NGO - MSc Data Collection**
Jan 2008 Prayas NGO, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan, India (www.prayaschittor.org)
Responsibilities: Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), interviews, data analysis and report writing
- Sep 2007 - **Action Aid India - Monitoring and Evaluation Internship**
Nov 2007 Action Aid India, New Delhi, India (www.actionaidindia.org)
Responsibilities: Conducting an impact assessment on the 10 year partnership between AAI and Prayas NGO in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan, India, i.e. qualitative research (FGDs, interviews) methods and report writing.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

- Jun - Sep
2010 **Tamam – Vänskap utan gränser - Volunteer**
Lund, Sweden (www.tamam.se)
Responsibilities: Volunteer work as a project assistant/implementer of a one week long summer camp for newly arrived immigrant children.
- Jun – Aug
2010 **Individuell Människohjälp (Individual Relief) - Volunteer**
Malmö, Sweden (www.manniskohjalp.se/sv)
Responsibilities: Volunteer for summer activities for children in Rosengård, Malmö.
- Sep 2006 - **LUMID Steering Group Member and Student Representative**
Jun 2008 Lund's University, Lund, Sweden (www.lumid.lu.se)
Responsibilities: Student representative for the LUMID class with the responsibility to represent student's views and facilitate better communication between students and lecturers. Discuss and lift forward changes to current syllabi and programme content.
- Sep 2006 - **Lund's University – Student Enrichment Seminars**
Jun 2007 Lund, Sweden (www.lumid.lu.se)
Responsibilities: Initiator and coordinator of student led enrichment seminars.

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER PROFICIENCY:

- Languages: **English** (fluent), **Swedish** (mother tongue), **Farsi** (mother tongue), **Dari** (good)
Also a good understanding of other Scandinavian languages; **Norwegian** and **Danish** in particular. Beginner in **Arabic**.
- Software: Very good knowledge of **MS Office 2007, MS Office 2000, Microsoft Sharepoint 2010**
Knowledge of **Nvivo, SPSS, Desinventar/DesConsultar, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Joomla Content Management System**.
Some knowledge of **GIS**

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.