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Nationality: Australian

D.O.B. 22 January 1982

Gender: Female

Languages: English (native) Farsi (fluent); Dari (fluent); French (intermediate).

Employment History

Senior Research and Data Analyst: IOM Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (Berlin, Germany)

May 2016-present

- Leading the research portfolio, which involves managing all research projects as well as all project development.
- Tasks include: project design and supervision, methodology design, fieldwork, training of field teams and staff, data analysis, report writing, presentation of results, project development.
- Geographic focus: global

Director of Migration Research: Altai Consulting (Europe & MENA)

September 2012-April 2016

- Responsible for business development and project direction across all migration studies for a variety of clients including IOM & UNHCR.
- Specific tasks include: business development, project direction, methodology design, fieldwork & interviewing, training local teams for fieldwork, data collection & analysis, report writing, presenting results, client management, presentations.
- Types of projects: monitoring and evaluation; formative research; sector mapping; strategy design.
- Countries of fieldwork: Afghanistan, Libya, Iraq, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Sudan, Spain, Italy, Malta, Lebanon, Greece.

Selected examples of research at Altai Consulting

- **"Youth, Employment and Migration in South-central Somalia"** commissioned by IOM Somalia, 2015 (fieldwork in Mogadishu, Kismayo, Baidoa)
- **"Irregular Migration from West Africa to North Africa and Europe: MIDWA 2015 Research Paper "** commissioned by IOM Nigeria & ECOWAS, 2015 (fieldwork in Nigeria, Niger, Senegal, Mauritania)
- **"Migration Trends Across the Mediterranean: Connecting the Dots"** commissioned by IOM MENA Regional Office, 2015 (fieldwork in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Spain, Italy, Malta)
- **"Researching Stateless Populations in Iraq"** commissioned by UNHCR Iraq, 2014 (nationwide research across Iraq)
- **"Access to justice for IDPs in Benghazi and Tripoli"** commissioned by UNDP Libya, 2014 (fieldwork in Libya)
- **"Mixed Migration: Libya at the Crossroads"** commissioned by UNHCR Libya, 2014 (fieldwork in Libya, Sudan, Somaliland, Ethiopia, Niger, Italy, Malta)
- **"A Socio-Economic Assessment of Urban Refugees in Three Libyan Cities"** commissioned by UNHCR Libya, 2013

Senior Consultant: Altai Consulting (Afghanistan)

June 2010-September 2012

- Services: strategy design; monitoring and evaluation; impact assessments (baseline and endline); sector assessments; needs assessments; social research; ethnography.
- Clients: USAID, GAIN, UNDP, UNHCR, Internews, IOM.
- Skills: methodology design; project direction; liaising with clients; design of research tools; training of field staff; field research management; secondary research; field research; interviewing; ethnography; data analysis; report writing; presentations.
- Research areas: gender; youth; subnational governance; media; human rights; civil society; migration.
- Countries of fieldwork: Afghanistan (nationwide), Libya, Rwanda, Ghana.

Legal Expert: UNDP Access to Justice Project (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

Dec 2009-June 2010

- Main activities included the establishment of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms at the district level, provision of legal aid, public education and awareness raising about the law, advocacy for the recognition of customary law, formulation of exit strategy as project mandate ended.
- Advisory status to the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior.

Regional Manager/Advisor: GIZ Promotion of the Rule of Law (North-east Afghanistan)**February 2008-January 2009**

- Led the expansion of the project into three provinces in the Northeast of Afghanistan (Balkh, Kunduz, and Taloqan) including: establishing and managing new offices (included providing induction for national personnel), project implementation, logistics, office administration, strategic planning.
- Main activities included: Legal training for police (strong focus on female police officers), training for judges and prosecutors, strengthening civil society through information and dialogue events on legal issues, provision of legal aid (especially for women), research.
- Advisory status to Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior.

Project Manager: USAID Capacity Development Program / Altai Consulting (Kabul, Afghanistan)**July 2007-December 2007**

- Designed and directed a nationwide assessment of the Afghan NGO sector focusing particularly on capacity building needs, governance, gender, civil society.
- Designed research tools and training manuals, trained field staff, managed fieldwork, analysed data and produced recommendations and strategies, authored final report and presentations for the client.

Deputy Country Director: RASA Advocacy and Skills Building Agency (Kabul, Afghanistan)**December 2006-June 2007**

- Rasa is an Afghan NGO focused on gender and peace-building.
- Main tasks included creating capacity, office management, staff management, project management, fundraising, proposal writing, monitoring and evaluation of projects, and financial management.

Legal Intern: Serious Crimes Unit, United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (East Timor)**December 2004-May 2005**

- Assisted prosecutors in the drafting of indictments and briefs for the prosecution of serious crimes cases and war crimes that occurred in East Timor in 1999.

Legal Advisor: Redfern Legal Centre (Sydney, Australia)**June 2004-December 2004**

- Redfern Legal Centre provides legal aid services and community legal education.
- Assisted solicitors with casework, interviewing, legal research and creation of information manuals.

Formal Education

Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Australian National University, *awarded 2010*.**Bachelor of Laws (LLB)**, University of Technology Sydney, *awarded 2006*.**Bachelor of Business (Economics)**, University of Technology Sydney, *awarded 2003*.**Publications**

Migration Trends Across the Mediterranean: Connecting the Dots, IOM & Altai Consulting, 2015https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/altai_migration_trends_accross_the_mediterranean.pdf**Fatal Journeys: Tracking Lives Lost during Migration**, IOM, 2014

Chapter 4: "From Sub-Saharan Africa to North Africa; Tracking Migrant Deaths Along the Way"

https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/fataljourneys_countingtheuncounted.pdf**Mixed Migration into Libya**, Migration Policy Practice, volume III, no. 6, December 2013-January 2014https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/migrationpolicypracticejournal14_30jan2014.pdf**Migration Trends Across the Mediterranean**, Migration Policy Practice, volume V, no.2, April-June 2015http://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/mpp_issue_21.pdf**Selected Media Appearances**

"Europe's Migrant Crisis: Should all EU Nations Share the Burden?" France 24 Television (The Debate), 14 May 2015: <http://www.france24.com/en/20151305-the-debate-migration-europe-quota>

"African Migration" ABC Radio National (Australia), Late Night Live, 10 November 2015: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/latenightlive/african-migration/6928222>