

Dr. SIDI M. OMAR

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A. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since August 2008: Deputy Permanent Representative-designate of the Frente POLISARIO (Western Sahara) to the United Nations, New York.

Since June 2007: Member of the negotiating delegation of the Frente POLISARIO in the UN-supervised negotiations with Morocco on the future of Western Sahara.

Since October 2003: Visiting researcher of the UNESCO Chair of Philosophy for Peace, Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain.

Since September 1996: Member of the Diplomatic Service of the Sahrawi Republic (SADR) and the Frente POLISARIO with diplomatic postings and missions in Africa Asia and Europe.

From September 1991 to May 1996: Member of the Department of Political Affairs and Information of the Sahrawi Commission for the Referendum in charge of co-ordination with the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO).

B. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

May 2006: European Doctorate (designation: *cum laude* with unanimity) from Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain, with a dissertation entitled: “*Los Estudios Post-coloniales: Hacia un Nuevo Proyecto para la Crítica y Transformación Cultural*” (Post-Colonial Studies: Towards a New Project for Cultural Critique and Transformation).

The dissertation was granted the PhD Extraordinary Award (*Premio Extraordinario de Doctorado*) by Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain, for the academic year 2006-2007.

December 2003: Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in “Peace, Conflict and Democracy” from Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain.

April 2001: International Master in “Peace and Development Studies” from the MA Programme of Peace and Development Studies, Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain.

September 1993: B.A. in “Criticism and Dramatic Literature” from the Higher Institute of Dramatic Arts, Damascus, Syria.

C. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

17 November - 12 December 2008: Professor of a post-graduate course on “Peace and Inter-cultural Dialogue: *a Post-colonial Approach*”, at the International MA in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies, Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain.

19 November - 14 December 2007: Professor of a post-graduate course on “Peace and Inter-cultural Dialogue”, at the International MA in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies, Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain.

20 November - 15 December 2006: Professor of a post-graduate course on “Peace and Inter-cultural Dialogue”, at the International MA in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies, Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain.

11-19 September 2006: Professor of a post-graduate course on “Introdução aos Estudos para a Paz e Resolução de Conflictos” (*Introduction to peace studies and conflict resolution*), Universidade Federal de Sergipe, Aracaju, Brazil.

28 March- 12 April 2006: Co-professor of a post-graduate course on “Introduction to peace and development Studies”, at the International MA in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies, Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain.

D. CONFERENCES OF ACADEMIC CHARACTER

4-5 December 2008: Speaker at the “Conference on Multilateralism and International Law with Western Sahara as Case Study” organised by the South African Department of Foreign Affairs and the University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, with a paper entitled “*The Legal Claim of the Sahrawi People to Self-determination and Decolonisation*”.

17-19 January 2008: Speaker at the talks organised by the *think-tank* Liberalt Laboratorium, Oslo, Norway, with a paper entitled “*Clash of civilisation vs. Cross-cultural dialogue*”.

2 May 2007: Speaker at “The III Western Sahara Study Day: War, Diplomacy and New Forms of Resistance” organised by the Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies, University of Leeds, United Kingdom.

15-16 February 2007: Speaker at the conference “Parallel Lines, Parallel Lives? Comparative Approaches and Dialogues in Postcolonial Studies, with a Specific Focus on Relations between Africa and the Americas” organised by the Institute of Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, University of Leeds, United Kingdom, with a paper entitled “*Fanon in Algeria: A Case of Inter-post-colonial Encounter?*”

5 February 2007: Speaker at the conference organised by the United World College of the Adriatic, Trieste, Italy, with a paper entitled “*Western Sahara Conflict: Past, Present & Perspectives*”.

27-28 October 2006: Speaker at the international Conference on “the Question of Western Sahara and International Law”, organised by the Institute of Social Sciences, The Hague, The Netherlands.

E. PUBLICATIONS

Books:

OMAR, SIDI M. (2008): *Los Estudios Post-Coloniales: una Introducción Crítica*, Castellón de la Plana: Universitat Jaume I. ISBN: 978-84-8021-639-5.

OMAR, SIDI M. et al (2008): *El Papel de la Sociedad Civil en La Construcción de la Paz en el Sáhara Occidental*, Barcelona: Icaria-Editorial. ISBN: 978-84-9888-011-3.

Chapters in Books:

OMAR, SIDI M. (2009): "Peace Education: a Tool for Reconstructing Human Competences to make Peace(s)", in BARBARA SCHRÖTTNER and CHRISTIAN HOFER (eds.) *Competences, Education, Globalization*, Graz: Leykam Buchverlagsgesellschaft, (forthcoming).

OMAR, SIDI M. (2009): "Fanon in Algeria: A Case of Horizontal (Post)-colonial Encounter?", *Journal of Transatlantic Studies*, 7:3, 264- 278. ISSN: 1479-4012.

OMAR, SIDI M. (2009): "Rethinking Identity from a Post-Colonial Perspective" in BARBARA SCHRÖTTNER and CHRISTIAN HOFER (eds.) *Education, Globalization, Identity (Bildung, Identität, Globalisierung)*, Graz: Leykam Buchverlagsgesellschaft, 89-99. ISBN: 978-3-7011-0136-8.

OMAR, SIDI M. (2008): "La Política Marroquí de Pillaje de los Recursos Naturales del Sahara Occidental" en AFAPREDESA (ed.) *Persistencia de las Violaciones de los Derechos de un Pueblo*, San Sebastian: Tercera Prensa-Hirugarren Prentsa s.l, 97-104. ISBN: 978-84-96993-07-5.

OMAR, SIDI M. (2007), "The Position of the Frente POLISARIO" in KARIN ARTS and PEDRO PINTO LEITE (eds.) *International Law and the Question of Western Sahara*, Oporto: Edições Afrontamento, 37-41. ISBN: 978-989-20-0820-2.

Articles:

OMAR, SIDI M. (2008): "The right to Self-determination and the Indigenous People of Western Sahara", *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 21:1, 41-57. ISSN: 0955-7571.

OMAR, SIDI M. (2008): "Clash of Civilisations vs. Cross-cultural Dialogue", *Liberalt Laboratorium*, Oslo, <http://www.liblab.no>.

OMAR, SIDI M. (2005): "Identidad nacional saharai: puntos de partida", *Tribuna de Salamanca*, nº 23, 2005, 14.

F. RESEARCH INTERESTS

Peace, conflict and development studies, post-colonial and cultural studies, identity, discourse analysis, North African and Middle Eastern politics.