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Gender Male

Work experience

March 2010 to today	European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
Occupation or position held	Director
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Managing the staff of the Secretariat– Managing the relationships with the governing bodies of the Network– Ensuring the external representation of the Network– Managing the relationship with the key stakeholders of the Network (European Institutions, national governments, third country embassies, national and international businesses, national and european trade unions, foundations, national and international civil society organisations...)– Acting as one of the key spokesperson of the Network towards the media– Driving the strategic planning of the Network (2010-2030)– Planning and implementing the structural change management process of the Network (2010-2013)– Organising and supervising the performance management of the Network– Supervising the finances and fund-raising activities of the Network in close collaboration with the Deputy Director in charge of Finance and Administration– Coordinating the policy, advocacy, campaigning and networking activities of the Network in close collaboration with the Deputy Director in charge of Policy– Supervising the development of the ENAR Foundation (www.enarfoundation.eu)
Name and address of employer	European Network Against Racism – ENAR aisbl 60, Rue Gallait B – 1030 Bruxelles
Type of business or sector	Anti-discrimination & equality Advocacy, think tank, awareness raising, campaigning, community building
January 2006 to March 2010	European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
Occupation or position held	Campaigns & Networking Officer (Senior from January 2008)

<p>Main activities and responsibilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Actively develop and coordinate campaigns related to anti-racism work at European level – Support ENAR 27 national coordinations in implementing national campaigns – Support ENAR's political advocacy activities at European level – Coordinate the Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup of the European Parliament in close collaboration with its President's Office (Claude Moraes, MEP) – Attend relevant meetings at the level of ENAR national/EU coordinations in order to support them in the implementation of the strategic and work programs and engage them in campaigning and advocacy activities as appropriate – Design and organise training seminars, conferences and relevant meetings related to campaigning and networking (NGO governance, Campaigning, Intercultural Dialogue, National Action Plans on Social Protection & Social Inclusion, Equal Opportunities, Positive Action, Ethnic profiling...) – Design the content of ENAR publications related to campaigning and networking as appropriate • Networking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Support the extension of the network in new EU member states and accession countries, including preparing meetings and events related to the enlargement of the network and actively empowering the development of new membership – Advise ENAR National Coordinations on governance issues – Liaise with National Coordinations in order to enhance and promote membership of ENAR among other NGOs – Develop, support and advise a vibrant pan-European network of individuals and NGOs committed to the cause of anti-racism, anti-discrimination and equality in an increasingly insecure political and funding environment • Main achievements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Organise the broadest and most effective NGO awareness raising campaign about the 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities in 2006 in 18 EU countries. – Set up of and support the work of the ENAR steering group on NAP SPSI – Design and steer an awareness raising campaign on positive action in the 27 EU member states (2008-2010) – Develop a fully fledged 5 year long training programme for civil society activists in Europe coupled with a relevant multiple entry fundraising strategy (estimated cost of the project: 15 000 000€) – Develop and implement a set of 56 Key Performance Indicators to assess the work of the Network as well as appropriate monitoring and data collection processes
<p>Name and address of employer</p>	<p>ENAR 60, Rue Gallait B – 1030 Bruxelles</p>
<p>Type of business or sector</p>	<p>Anti-discrimination & equality Advocacy, think tank, awareness raising, campaigning, community building</p>
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<p>From November 2004 to September 2005</p>	<p>Liib Asbl</p>
<p>Occupation or position held</p>	<p>Policy Analyst</p>
<p>Main activities and responsibilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mapping the possibilities of a secularisation of Islam in Western European societies – Analysing Islamic and Western literatures about secularization
<p>Name and address of employer</p>	<p>Liib Asbl 68, rue Joseph Claes B-1060 Brussels</p>
<p>Type of business or sector</p>	<p>Culture and community building Advocacy</p>
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<p>From October 2000 to September 2004</p>	<p>Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS) – University of Liège (Belgium)</p>
<p>Occupation or position held</p>	<p>FNRS Research Fellow</p>
<p>Main activities and responsibilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Perform doctoral researches on Islamic classical metaphysics (Ph.D. thesis) – Publish papers related to our researches

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Give Arabic courses to first grade students – Participate in exchanges and partnerships between the Islamic studies section of the University of Liège and other universities, mainly in France and Turkey – Take part in the jury examining the thesis of graduating students in Islamic studies – Give conferences on Islam, Muslims in the West, Muslim culture and identity in the West – Provide expert advice – Organise, run and / or participate in expert seminars
Name and address of employer	University of Liège 9, Place du 20 août B – 4000 Liège
Type of business or sector	Academic research
2003-2006	Council of Europe
Occupation or position held	External expert
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide punctual expertise about the new dynamics taking place within Muslim youth in Europe (HR, political participation, citizenship, identity building, interreligious dialogue, multiculturalism,...) or affecting Muslim youth in Europe (Islamophobia...)
Name and address of employer	Council of Europe Avenue de l'Europe F - 67075 Strasbourg Cedex
Type of business or sector	International institutions
From April 1999 to September 2000	Twenty4Help B.V. Maastricht
Occupation or position held	Communication Trainer
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implement, localise and/or develop communication training for hotliners – Set up an in house Training Department – Deliver training modules (English and French) – Train new employees to company spirit and ISO 9002 standards – Monitor the staff's quality of service
Name and address of employer	Twenty4Help B.V. Maastricht Paul-Henri Spaaklaan 7-9 6229 EN Maastricht The Netherlands
Type of business or sector	Customer Service Department
Education and training	
November 2007	
Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D. in Islamic philosophy (classical noetics and theories of knowledge): critical publication, translation in French et doctrinal exploration of an Arabic manuscript from the 13th century called <i>Le Livre des symboles et des divines paraboles à propos des pures lumières du Malakût</i> (treaty of noetics in a illuminationist perspective)
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	State University of Liège, Belgium
August 2001	
Title of qualification awarded	Higher Diploma of Turkish Language

Name and type of organisation providing education and training	TÖMER Institute Istanbul TURKEY									
June 1999										
Title of qualification awarded	Master in Arabic language (equivalent)									
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	French Institute of Arabic Studies in Damascus, Syria									
June 1997										
Title of qualification awarded	Post-degree in Comparative History of Religions (DEC2)									
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	State University of Liège, Belgium									
September 1996										
Title of qualification awarded	Degree in Oriental History and Philology – Islamic studies (Licence with highest distinction)									
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Sate University of Liège, Liège									
Personal skills and competences										
Mother tongue(s)	French									
Other language(s)	English, Arabic, Turkish, Persian, German									
Self-assessment										
<i>European level (*)</i>	Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
	Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
English	C2	Experienced User	C2	Experienced User	C2	Experienced User	C2	Experienced User	C2	Experienced User
Arabic	C1	Experienced User	C1	Experienced User	C1	Experienced User	C1	Experienced User	C1	Experienced User
Turkish	C1	Experienced User	C1	Experienced User	C1	Experienced User	C1	Experienced User	C1	Experienced User
Persian	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User
German	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User
	(*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages									
Additional information	<u>Papers</u> <i>Sohravarđī al-Maqtūl</i> , in <i>Dictionnaire encyclopédique de l'Esotérisme</i> , Paris, PUF (1998), 1205, col. 1 – 1207, col. 2. <i>Some Notes on the Typology of the Works of Al-Shahrazūrī Al-Isḥrâqī</i> ,									

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in *Islam i obywatelskość w Europie [Young Muslim Europeans on Citizenship: Some Reflections for an Inclusive Future, in Islam and Citizenship in Europe]*, Warsaw, Arabia.pl and Dom Wydawniczy Elipsa, 2006, pp.30-48.

-- & Sabine Franck, *Conceptualiser l'arc-en-ciel : la société civile s'empare du dialogue interculturel,*

in *Le dialogue interculturel en Europe : nouvelles perspectives*, Grenoble, Observatoire des Politiques Culturelles, 2009, 163-168.

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in *Noétique et théorie de la connaissance dans la philosophie arabo-musulmane des IXe –XVIIe siècles*, (Textes et traditions), Paris, Vrin, 2010.

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in *Energy, the ENAR newsletter*, issue 34, November 2010, pp. 2-3. Available at:

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In *In search of a true democratic Europe*, EMISCO, Istanbul (forthcoming)

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Collective opinion papers

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Michael Privot, *Al-Shaharzûrî al-Ishrâqî : Kitâb al-rumûz wa-l-amthâl al-lahûtiyya fî l-anwâr al-mujarradat al-*

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Sample of oral communications

Islam and Stereotypes

Lecture for the expert meeting entitled “*Intercultural Dialogue, Interreligious Dialogue: the role of stereotypes and prejudices*”, in the framework of the CoE project « Intercultural Dialogue and Conflict Prevention », Strasbourg, 16th June 2003.

Muslims in Europe: what kind of Islam are we going to engage with?

Presentation to the expert round table organised by the King Baudouin Foundation and the European Policy Centre, entitled “*What perspectives for Islam and Muslims in Europe?*”, Brussels, 8th December 2003.

European Muslims, European identities: new spaces for identity structuring?

Speech in the framework of the colloquium entitled « *La pratique de l’Islam, entre laïcité française et droit européen* », organised by the Cercle Bordelais Averroès, the Centre for compared political analysis of the University Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV and Actualis Magazine, Bordeaux (France), 24th May 2004.

Interreligious Dialogue in Youth Work as a Tool to Build upon Diversity

Keynote speech in the framework of the round table on “*Mainstreaming Diversity*” during the conference “*Mainstreaming Diversity: opening dialogue with the whole of society*” organised by the Luxembourg Presidency of the EU, Mondorf-les-Bains (Luxembourg), 28th June 2005.

Tolerance in Islam,

Critical lecture of this principle in the light of Muslim communities’ experiences, during the colloquium “*L’esprit de tolerance en Islam*” organised by the association Assabil, Liège (Belgium), 23rd October 2005.

Christian Voice – Muslim Voice, a double approach to the European construction

Muslim perspective on the construction of Europe in the framework of interreligious dialogue during the Interreligious Evenings organised by the NGO Kalima ASBL with the support of the Brussels City Council, Brussels, November 2006.

Islam and Human Rights: Some Thoughts on a Supposed Incompatibility,

Lecture given in the Council of Europe (Budapest, December 2005) and at St Louis Faculties (Belgium) in the framework of Master courses on Religions and Human Rights (November 2006).

Muslim women and leadership in Muslim organisations in Europe

Lecture on the challenges and hurdles faced by Muslim women in their involvement in voluntary work in Europe, in the framework of the colloquium “*Les textes religieux alliés des femmes?*” organised by the Belgian Federal Institute for the Equality of Women and Men, Brussels, February 2006.

Interreligious Dialogue: a tool for inclusive societies?

Muslim perspective on interreligious dialogue in a secularised context and its challenges in terms of inclusion, in the framework of the NGO conference organised by the Belgian Presidency of the OSCE, Brussels, May 2006.

Islam in Europe: Problems and Prospect of Integration

Lecture given on the challenges of integration for Muslims in Europe in the framework of the conference entitled “*Islam and the West, challenging stereotypes*” organised by IPIC and the Embassy of Finland, November 2006, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Islam, an ethos for today?

Lecture on approaches to ethics from a Muslim perspective and the challenges arising from the formulation of ethics in secularised societies, in the framework of the conference cycle “*Connaissance de l’Islam*” organised by the Centre Maximilien Kolbe, Verviers, November 2007.

Muslim women – between traditions and modernity

Lecture on the multiple (Western and Oriental) traditions hindering the access to (a plural) modernity for Muslim women, in the framework of the World Women Day, March 2008.

An anti-racist assessment of the charter of Fundamental Rights

Lecture in the European Parliament in the presence of members of the LIBE Committee, June 2010.

Towards a strategy of international intervention for the prevention, fight against and removal of discrimination
Lecture within the framework of the UNAR action week against racism, Rome, March 2011.

The challenges of the far-right in Europe
Lecture to the steering group of the European Foundation Centre, Brussels, November 2011.

Secularisation in Europe and religious communities: clarifying the terms of the debate
Lecture to a joint training session organised by EYCE and FEMYSO with the support of the Council of Europe, Budapest, December 2011.

On the impossibility to manage "out of the mainstream movements" in European secularised social democracies: reflections on EU approaches to external relations and counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation strategies from a civil society perspective
Lecture to the International research group on Fundamentalism and radicalisation, Brussels, May 2013.

Blog

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