



**Omar S. Bah | Post-Doctoral Researcher**

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## Work Experience

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**March 2021 - Present**

**DRSL State University, DRSL City**

### *Post-doctoral Researcher*

Building on my PhD research, the post-doctoral project “If we cannot escape them, educate them” takes on a more constructive attitude towards the international development community and tries to identify good practices of capacity building Mzungus.

#### *Key achievements*

- Nothing yet; it does not seem to be easy to find such good practices.

**September 2018 – January 2021**

**School of Oriental and African Studies, London**

### *PhD Student*

PhD research: #MDGs: Mzungus in Development and Governments.

#### *Key achievements*

- Thesis submission.
- Convincing Abdallah, the compound security guard, that PhD research is an actual job.

#### *Reasons for leaving*

Apparently and unbelievably even PhDs end, at some point.

**February 2017 – August 2018**

**Saviours International, north DRSL**

### *Communication Officer*

Led the communication team of Saviours International in the aftermath of the 2014 flash floods.

#### *Key achievements*

- Ran a fundraising campaign without using pictures of unhappy children and displaced families on social media.
- Successfully lobbied private funders to support animal rehabilitation along with human families as they too suffer during floods.

#### *Reasons for leaving*

Fired for requesting Saviours International to not duplicate the National Disaster Agency’s rehabilitation protocols and instead transfer funds to NDA.

**January 2016 – January 2017      Academic Freedom Society, London/DRSL City**

***Project Coordinator***

Organization of the annual conference on Academic Freedom, held in DRSL State University.  
Theme: “What is academic freedom for the subjects of research?”

*Key achievements*

- The conference had the highest number of retweets in the history of the Academic Freedom Society.
- The conference was manel-free for the very first time since the Gender Studies conference held in 2004.

*Reasons for leaving*

Resigned as the management did not agree to include subjects of research as panel discussants, making it the Annual Conference of the Academic Freedom to Hear Only Convenient Voices.

**September 2015 – December 2015    Their Development, London/DRSL City**

***Translator/Research Assistant***

Assistance in the research project: “Key factors holding back DRSL development”; translation for the Principal Investigator during interviews and document analysis.

*Key achievements*

- Convinced Principal Investigator that Christian-Muslim dichotomy was not a very good analytical lens for DRSL, as the country has never had religious tensions.
- Convinced Principal Investigator that one week was not enough to conduct field research. Negotiated with him to stay in DRSL for a whole month.

*Reasons for leaving*

Unpaid RA work (incidentally one of the factors holding back DRSL development).

**Education & Qualifications**

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- **PhD in Anthropology of Development** – School of Oriental and African Studies – 2021
- **Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Bachelor’s degree** – Oxford University – 2015

**Language and IT skills**

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- Fulika (*native*), English (*native*), Arabic (*intermediate*), Acronymia (*elementary*).
- Do not believe in the role for data analysis software in anthropology.

**References** (*Available on request*)

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