

# Curriculum Vitae

## Quraysha Ismail Sooliman

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### General

Nationality: South African  
Languages: English, Afrikaans, knowledge of pure Arabic

### Tertiary Education

Degree completed 1992	Bachelor of Arts
Institution	University of South Africa
Degree completed 2010	Bachelor of Arts in journalism
Faculty	Humanities
Institution	University of Pretoria
Degree completed 2011	Bachelor of Arts, Honours in Political Science
Faculty	Humanities
Institution	University of Pretoria
Degree completed 2014	Mphil, Multi-disciplinary human rights
Faculty	Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law
Institution	University of Pretoria
Currently registered 2015	PhD Candidate, Centre for Human Rights
Institution	University of Pretoria

### Additional Qualifications

1. Conflict Resolution Workshop (Professor Laurie Nathan), 2011
2. Participated in the International Institute of Islamic Thought's Summer School in Demirkoy, Turkey August 2015
3. Attended the WSSF in Durban September 2015 as a delegate
4. Participated in "Religion, conflict and violence" research week - PRIO, Norway 26-30 October 2015
4. Participated in an online course, University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom, Feb-Mar 2016, Africa: Sustainable development for all?

### Work Experience

#### Lecturing:

1. 2015: e-tutor in UNISA module Sustainability and Greed: August-Dec 2015
2. 2014: Adjunct Lecturer for Political Science first and second year students
3. 2013: Assistant Lecturer, teaching Policy Studies (STL220) to the 2nd yrs
4. 2012: Assistant Lecturer - Policy Studies at 2nd yr level & PTO 120 (1st years)
5. 2011: Assistant Lecturer UP, taught PTO111 and PTO 120 to first years

#### Research Manager:

1. 2013-2014: Research Manager at GovInn, University of Pretoria

#### Other:

1. 2012 to 2015: Weekly presenter on Dstv 347 of my own show: Finding Me

2. 2003-2008: Marketing Manager & Consultant, Yusra Tours Pretoria

#### **Academic achievements**

1. First Prize awarded for JRN 151 (2008)
2. First Prize awarded for JRN 120 (2008)
3. 702 Best journalist award presented at graduation ceremony for undergraduates (2010)

#### **Academic publications**

1. Islamophobia is racism or Islamophobia as racism in "Race, ideology and the University" *Pretoria University Law Press (PULP)* 2014 -peer reviewed
  2. Can South Africans celebrate 20 years of democracy? Published in *RELACOES INTERNACIONAIS DEZEMBRO* 2014 44 [ pp. 061-073 ]: Peer reviewed accredited journal IBS
- Non-peer reviewed:
3. Opinion piece: "Rhodes and white privilege. A reply to Rodney Warwick" published in *Politicsweb* 25 March 2015

#### **Conference presentations**

1. Presented various papers at Muslimah Today Conference in Durban 2012 in conjunction with Minister Naledi Pandor and Deputy Minister Fathima Chohan; and I participated again in 2013 and 2014
2. Presented a paper in 2014 on "Women abuse as interpreted from Quran 4:34" at the University of Johannesburg's "Women, Violence and Religion Conference"
3. I participated in a "*shura*" (at UKZN) with Muslim academics and Professor Omar.H.Kasule from the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT USA), May 2015
4. I was the keynote speaker, in conjunction with Professor Raymond Sutner at the Wits Centre for Diversity's Dialogue (Asikhulumeni nge'Race') 28 September 2015

#### **Other academic activities**

1. I co-presented at a MSA workshop to Tuks societies (ANC, YCL, MSA, PSC and SASCO) in 2012 with Mbuyiseni Ndlozi (now EFF national spokesperson) on "Underscoring the Palestinian-Israeli conflict".
2. Co-organised and co-hosted Professor Tariq Ramadan's visit to the University of Pretoria in October 2012.
3. In March 2013 I assisted the PSC and MSA Tuks to host ANC deputy secretary-general Jesse Duarte at an event marking the Ninth International Israel Apartheid Week Campaign.
4. In August 2013 I assisted the PSC-Tuks to host Minister Naledi Pandor to speak at a Women's Day event at the University of Pretoria.
5. Participated and presented in the MSA-PSC workshops on Israeli apartheid week to UP societies in 2014 and 2015.
6. I was the moderator at the University of Pretoria's debate (2015) on "Imagining a transformed higher education" hosted by the Faculty of Humanities Transformation Committee

#### **Extra-curricular activities**

Highlights of my journalism career thus far include interviews with renowned personalities: Victoria Brittain(author), Tariq Ramadaan(scholar, professor & one of Europe's most influential Muslims), Leila Khaled (Palestinian Activist), Shafinaaz Hassim (author and editor), Professor M.Ramose (Philosophy at UNISA), Professor Abdi Samatar (Minnesota), Dr Funmi Olonisakin (King's College London) and Dr Vandana Shiva(Indian environmental activist and anti-globalization author)

### **Community Work**

I am a volunteer member of Gift of the Givers, and the MSA Tuks and an active Member of the NPO Caring Womens Forum Pretoria (CWF):My passion is social upliftment and empowerment of all peoples with a specific focus on education I regularly participate on community radio programmes that focus on self-development and empowerment. I am also a frequently invited guest at community events where I engage in motivational talks and presentations.

### **References**

1. Professor Maxi Schoeman - UP: Maxi.Schoeman@up.ac.za; 082 202 4525
2. Professor Lorenzo Fioramonti- UP: lorenzo.fioramonti@gmail.com
3. Professor Karin Van Marle, Faculty of Law - UP: karin.vanmarle@up.ac.za

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