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Beside her diplomatic and academic career, she has also worked with charities based in the UK supporting refugees into integrations. In her previous role as Employment Adviser with Breaking Barriers, she was extensively involved in supporting refugees into integration through employment.

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Her PhD research interest revolves around gender justice, women's human rights, women's role in peace and security, the interaction of international human right and *sharia law*, social transformation through legal reform, state-building and development.

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