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Kirwan Institute Researcher Named Visiting Scholar At Columbia University's Center for the Study of Human Rights

Elsadig Elsheikh, research associate in the Kirwan Institute's International Program, has been invited to serve as a Visiting Scholar in Columbia University's 2009 Human Rights Advocates Program at the Center for the Study of Human Rights from August 31 to December 14, 2009. Elsheikh was chosen from an extremely competitive pool of 199 applicants from around the world and will work with a highly qualified group of human rights leaders.

As the Whitney Young Visiting Scholar, his position will be funded by the Whitney M. Young Foundation.

After completing the Columbia appointment, he will return to the Kirwan Institute, where his work focuses on racial/ethnic dimensions of "development" policies around the world. He continues to study the political economy and the impacts of colonialism and globalization on the people of the global South.

Elsheikh previously worked with grassroots and advocacy organizations in the fields of Internal Displaced Persons, Indigenous populations, human rights, immigration, anti-racism, and social mobilizations in Sudan, Greece, Colombia, and the United States.

Elsheikh received his M.A. in social justice and sustainable development and a graduate diploma in conflict transformation across cultures from the SIT Graduate Institute in 2008. He received a B.A. in political science and international studies from The Ohio State University; prior to that he studied international relations at the Panteion University in Athens, Greece.

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