



Personal Information:

Name : Yehya M. **Serag**.
Date of birth : 2/6/1976
Place of birth : Stuttgart, Germany.
Nationality : Egyptian
Languages : English (fluent), French (fair), Egyptian Arabic (mother tongue)

Academic degrees:

PhD in Regional and Urban planning; from the catholic university of Leuven - KULeuven – Belgium; with the research theme being the use of Networking and networks as tools for regional spatial development and planning in remote and peripheral regions. February 2008.

Master of Architecture Human Settlements, September 2002
With Cum laude 74.23% from the Post Graduate Center Human Settlement (PGCHS), KULeuven - Belgium

Post Graduate Certificate, European spatial Planning from the Global Urban Research Unit (GURU), School of Architecture Planning and Landscape (apl) University of Newcastle upon Tyne- England, June 2003.

B.Sc. in Architecture, Urban planning branch, July 1999
General grade very good (78.47 %) and Distinction (93%) in the graduation project, from the Urban planning Department, Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University, Cairo

Postgraduate studies at the urban planning department – Ain Shams University, 2000, Cairo- Egypt.

Current Job : **Assistant professor** at the urban planning department, Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University – Cairo

Visiting Assistant professor at the department of architecture at the faculty of engineering and technology , Future University in Egypt

Program coordinator of the Integrated Urbanism and Sustainable Design Master Program between Stuttgart University in Germany and Ain Shams University in Egypt.

Partner with the Engineering Consultant Office for Planning and Architecture (ECOPA) involved in formulating the strategic and detailed plans for several villages and cities in Egypt.

Member of : The Egyptian Syndicate of Engineers
Regional Studies Association, UK

Positions Taken

- 1999 – 2003 **Teaching Assistant** at the urban planning department, Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University – Cairo
- 2003 – 2008 **Assistant lecturer** at the urban planning department, Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University – Cairo
- 2003 – 2008 **Doctoral Candidate** at the Post Graduate Center Human Settlements, KULeuven, Belgium
- 2005 – 2006 **Intern** in the UN-HABITAT (United Nations Program for Human Settlements) Liaison Office to the European Union and Belgium – Brussels.
- 1999 – 2003 **Junior Architect and Planner** at the Engineering Consultant Office for Planning and Architecture (ECOPA), – Cairo.
- 2006 – Present **Partner** with the Engineering Consultant Office for Planning and Architecture (ECOPA), – Cairo.

Professional Experience:

1-Urban & Regional Planning

- 2011 Strategic Urban Planning for the city of Sherbeen - Dakahleya
- 2011 Regional development planning for Darfur region in Sudan
- 2010 Urban planning of the old city core of Belgorashy – Baha governorate – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 2010- Regional development planning and management for the Halayeb-Shalateen region in the Red Sea governorate – South of Egypt
- 2010- Urban and detailed planning for the village of Ras Hederba – Red Sea Governorate
- 2009- Ongoing- Urban and Regional Planning Expert and coordinator in Talkha city Strategic Plan (ECOPA Bureau)
- 2009- Ongoing -Urban and Regional Planning Expert and coordinator in the Meet Ghamr city Strategic Plan (Prof. Dr. Shafak El Wakil Office for Planning and Architecture)
- 2009- Assistant Coordinator for the Strategic and detailed plan of the Toshka City (ECOPA Bureau)

2009- Coordinator in the Qalioub city strategic plan (ECOPA Bureau)

2008- 2009- Urban and Regional Planning Expert and coordinator in the Mansoura city Strategic Plan (Urban Planning Unit, Ain Shams University)

2006- Senior member in the teams formed by ECOPA during the involvement in the Municipal Initiative for Strategic Recovery (MISR) a program initiated by the UNDP, to prepare the local development plans for the governorates of Quena, Aswan and Kafr El Sheikh (December).

2006 – Fund allocation researcher and contact person for the Regional capacity strengthening program in housing and urban development in the Western Balkans, UNHABITAT Liaison office to Belgium and the European Union, Brussels

2002 - Participating in the preparation of the structural plan of the city of Kharga at the Egyptian western desert (Through the ECOPA Bureau)

2001 - Participating in the preparation of the structural plan of the new city of East Owinat at upper Egypt (ECOPA Bureau)

2000 - Upgrading of the city of Komombo – Upper Egypt (ECOPA Bureau) 1996 – Participating in the upgrading project of the deteriorated district of Mansheyat Al Sadr, carried by Ain Shams University

2000 - Upgrading of the city of Quos at Kenna–Upper Egypt (ECOPA Bureau)

2000 – Upgrading of the village of Beni Soliman El-Sharkya in Beni Sweif at upper Egypt and preparing its Master plan (ECOPA Bureau)

1999 - Urban community Master plan in Kenna, Upper Egypt (ECOPA Bureau)

1999 – Master plan of the city of kota at El-Fayoum (ECOPA Bureau)

1998 – Participating in the preparation of the structural plan of the new city of Nagaa Hammady at upper Egypt (ECOPA Bureau)

2- Architecture

1998- Preparing the working details of the Egyptian – British bank at the city of Borg El-Arab – Alexandria (ECOPA Bureau)

1999 – Preparing the working drawings for a three story palace at the city of El-Obour – Cairo (ECOPA Bureau)

1999 –The layout of an industrial plant, proposal for Loucent Tech (ECOPA Bureau)

1999 – Avant projet of a restaurant at Sharm El-Sheikh by Aquaba Gulf – Red sea (ECOPA Bureau)

- 1999 – Interior design of the guest rooms for the baron hotel at Sharm El-Sheikh (ECOPA Bureau)
- 2000 – Interior design of nine spaces in the baron hotel (Helliopolis) (ECOPA Bureau)
- 2000 – Indian restaurant at the Baron hotel (Sharm El-Sheikh) (ECOPA Bureau)
- 2001 – Team member in a contest to design three prototypes of schools for different regions of Egypt.

Academic Research and Activities:

2011- From Social Networking to Political and Physical Impacts: Some Lessons from the Egyptian Lotus Revolution, paper published in the proceedings of the Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, NEwCastle– United Kingdom, April 2011.

2010- Border settlements in Egypt, between trans-border cooperation and defending the sovereignty of the country, paper published in the proceedings of the Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, Pecs – Hungary, May 2010.

2009- Give me a fish until you teach me how to fish An integrated development approach proposed in Upper Egypt, paper published in the proceedings of the Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, Leuven – Belgium, April 2009.

2008- People's Will: Rural Human Settlements Development in Frafra, paper published in the proceeding of the first International conference for Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning (ARUP), held by Ain Shams University, Cairo, October 2008.

2007- Combining Hierarchies and Networking: A regional development approach in remote peripheral regions, the case of the Western Part of Egypt, paper published in the proceeding of the International conference of new concepts and approaches for urban and regional policy and planning, organized by KULeuven, April 2007.

2006- Regional Planning in Egypt: Between Myth and Reality, paper published in the proceeding of the first International conference for Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning (ARUP), held by Ain Shams University, Cairo, October 2006.

2006- Networking a tool for human settlements regional development, presentation given at the Alumni workshop of KULeuven on the margin of the World Urban Forum (WUF3), Vancouver, Canada, June, 2006.

2005- Regional development attempts in Egypt: A historical review, paper published in the proceedings of the 8th joint Doctoral seminar, March 2005, Leuven.

2005- Human Settlements development potentialities in the Western desert of Egypt, Networking as a tool for regional development and cooperation; a reflection on

physical networks. Paper accepted for the Cairo University International conference ARCHCAIRO- February 2005.

2004- Human Settlements development potentialities in the Western desert of Egypt. Paper published in the Al Azhar International Engineering congress (Cairo- December 2004)

2004 – Human Settlements development potentialities in the Western part of Egypt (Poster presentation) in the 6th Joint Doctoral Seminar in Leuven – Belgium (March 2004)

2002 – Urban gaps in Cairo: The case if the vacant housing stock downtown (master thesis - KULeuven)

2002 – The Egyptian Planning system between practice and reform. (Postgraduate- KULeuven)

2002 – Nasr city the planned and the implemented. (Postgraduate- KULeuven)

2002 – Human settlements in the desert: Getting out of the Nile valley. (Postgraduate- KULeuven)

2002 – Haussmanization of Cairo: Paris along the Nile. (Postgraduate- KULeuven)

2001 – Urban Mutations caused by the new Metro stations in Cairo. (Researcher in a joint project between Ain Shams University and the CEDEJ French center in Cairo)

2001 – Micro-financed urban renewal: An application to Abassia – Cairo. (Researcher in a joint research project between Ain Shams University, Al Azhar University and the German University of Nortingen)

2001 – Member of the expedition team to the Egyptian western desert investigating the development potentialities of the Bahareya and Frafra oasis. (Final thesis supervision for the last year students of the urban planning department – Ain Shams University)

2000 - Member of the expedition team to the Egyptian western desert investigating the transformation of the built up form and the impact of modern building techniques on the traditional housing form. (Research assistant – Ain Shams University)

2000 – The gap between planning and implementation as applied to an East Cairo district. (Postgraduate- Ain Shams University)

2000 – Reuse of existing buildings in the urban sustainable development of the city, the case of Helliopolis Cairo. . (Postgraduate- Ain Shams University)

1999 – Visual analysis of Fatimid Cairo. (Postgraduate- Ain Shams University)

Professional References

- Prof. Dr. Mohamed Serag and Prof. Dr. Shafak Elwakil, Founders of ECOPA consulting office
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Academic References

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