

*In Memory of Hamid Murtada Khalafallah*

We mourn the tragic passing of Hamid Murtada Khalafallah, a member of the ISA, a scholar and activist whose work was grounded in a deep commitment to Sudan's democratic future. His life and work ended far too soon. Hamid was pursuing a PhD in Development Studies at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, where he examined the role of grassroots movements—particularly resistance committees—in processes of political transition. His work combined careful empirical research with a strong ethical commitment to the people and struggles he studied.

Many in ISA remember him from the 2025 ISA Forum in Rabat, where he presented his paper "Resisting the Anti-Democratic Tide: Sudan's Grassroots Movements in a Counterrevolutionary War." His contribution stood out for its sustained attention to grassroots organizing and for bringing lived experiences into dialogue with broader processes of political transformation. He will also be missed at the upcoming RC48 Summer School in Tijuana, for which he had recently been selected.

Hamid's work and presence reflected a rare combination of intellectual rigor and ethical engagement, exemplifying public sociology at its best. He created spaces for discussion, contributed to key scholarly debates, and remained deeply connected to Sudan and its resistance to military rule.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues. His loss is deeply felt across the ISA community, and particularly by the RC47 and RC48 members, the research committees to which he belonged

As a way of preserving and engaging with his work, we invite the ISA community to read his contributions, available at: <https://hamidkhalafallah.com/writing>

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