

Saman Shad

Freelance journalist and content specialist

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Education

Macquarie University
Bachelor of Commerce
(Marketing and Economics)

London Metropolitan University
Advanced Diploma in
Screenwriting

Skills

Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Drupal CMS, basic HTML, SEO techniques, basic audio production and image editing, media presenting skills, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, WordPress, copyediting and proofreading

See My Work

View my portfolio at

<https://saman.contently.com>

and

<https://www.samanshad.com>

I am an experienced editor and writer, most recently as the Editor of SBS Voices. I am a freelance journalist and regular contributor for The Guardian, SMH and ABC News as well as a media commentator, appearing on a number of television and radio shows. My creative writing experiences have included the creation of screenplays, theatre and prose including radio documentaries for ABC's Radio National and scriptwriting for five years for a BBC radio drama series. I have had plays performed in theatres across the UK and Australia.

Experience

Creative Writer | 2005– Present

- **Playwright** for a number of plays shown on stages around the UK and Australia. Performed plays have included: *Nas' Marriage Agency* (Darlinghurst Theatre), *The Age Of Entitlement* (Rocks Popup Festival), *The Second Son* (Cinespace, Melbourne), *The Chess Club* and *The Beauty of Things* (Hampstead Theatre, London), *Forever, Your Valentine* and *The After Life* (Soho Theatre, London) and *Lingering Voices* (Edinburgh Festival Fringe).
- **Scriptwriter** for BBC Radio Program, Silver street (5 years as part of writing team), as well as developing radio Documentaries/Dramas for Both the BBC and ABC Radio National
- **Writer** of short stories, published in anthologies including *The Last Mouthful* (2006), *Sucking on Tamarind* (2005) and *Normal Life* (2001)
- **Screenwriting Mentor** for a Screen Australia funded web-series
- Received development funding from Screen Australia in 2018 to write my film One of Us

Editor, SBS Voices | 2019 – 2020 (maternity cover contract)

- Writing editing and producing articles for SBS Voices
- Commissioning freelance writers to create relevant content
- Managing and publishing content across Social Media Channels.

Freelance Journalist | 2012 – Present

- Ideate, research and write news and lifestyle stories for publications such as *The Guardian*, *ABC News*, *SBS News*, *Sydney Morning Herald* and others.
- Have written extensively about a wide range of topics including *Parenting*, *Food*, *Technology*, *Current Affairs*, *Multicultural Affairs*, *Finance* and *Opinion*
- Extensive experience interviewing subject matter experts

Freelance Copywriter | 2006 - Present

- Copywriting for a number of clients for close to 15 years, including creating blog posts, commercial content and researched pieces. Clients have included *Bupa*, *MYOB*, *Code Camp*, *Marmite*, *Hello magazine*, *Volkswagen*, *Phillips & Johnson & Johnson*.

Additional Experience

- Web Producer/Editor (2003 - 2005), BBC and others
- I was **shortlisted for the Walkleys Innovation fund** for my project Pitchmi
- I'm a media commentator who regularly appears on TV and radio programs across Australia speaking about my written work
- I am a regular **panel member of ABC's The Drum**
- I have made appearances on The Today Show and Weekend Sunrise
- Guest Speaker at Parliament of NSW