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Curriculum Vitae

Kurniawan Saefullah was born on the 22nd of May, 1974 in Bandung, Indonesia. He is the second child of Asep Djadja Saefullah and Ehoy Nurhayati Saefullah. He is the second among five siblings, including Ratnasari, Satianugraha, Pahlasari, and Hikmawan. Married to Vina Adriany Ahmad and has three children: Iqbal Saefullah, Hanfa Saefullah and Tsalitsa Saefullah. After finished from high school, he continue his undergraduate study in Padjadjaran University in 1992 and graduated in 1997 with a degree of Sarjana Ekonomi, with a major in Cooperative Management. He then continue to do his master at the International Islamic University Malaysia and graduated in 2002 with a degree of Master of Economics.

His acquaintance with Leiden University, started when he joined the Integrated Microfinance Management (IMM) project for Poverty Reduction and Development in Indonesia in 2009, under the International Consortium of Integrated Microfinance Management (ICIMM), initiated by the Leiden Ethnosystems and Development Programme (LEAD) of Faculty Science, Leiden University with the members of Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung Indonesia; Meditteranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICH), Crete of Greece; and Indonesian Association for Microfinance Empowerment (GEMA PKM) Indonesia.

He then started to join the Ph.D programme under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Dr.(H.C) L. Jan Slikkerveer in 2010, although during 2010 until 2012 he was supporting the implementation of the IMM Project, from the module development, tutor training, prepared the proposal of the establishment of M.IMM Programme at Universitas Padjadjaran, including giving lectures and workshops for the new students of M.IMM Programme. During the implementation of M.IMM Project, he managed to do his fieldwork in four villages of Kabupaten Subang in West Java Province, focusing on the role of an Indigenous Institution of *Gintingan* in Sustainable Community Development of the People in Subang.

When the IMM Project has ended in 2013, he then continued his Ph.D research at Leiden University under the support of the LEAD Programme, Faculty of Science, Leiden University. During his PhD research, he participated in several projects and programmes, workshops, seminars as well as tutors, *i.e.* European Union's Over The Counter (OTC) Projects in 2011-2012, International IMM Workshops and Seminar from 2012 to 2018, Executive Training on Higher Education Management in 2014, International Workshop on Ethnoeducation in 2017.