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Current Position: November 2005 – Present

Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Finance, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, North Carolina State University, U.S.A., 2005

Master of Economics, North Carolina State University, U.S.A., 2004

Master of Science in Finance, Boston College, U.S.A., 1999

Bachelor of Science in Finance, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, 1997

Professional Experiences

2005 – Present *Assistant Professor*, Department of Economics and Finance, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.

2012 – 2013 *Visiting Scholar*, Department of Economics, American University of Sharjah, UAE.

2000 – 2005 *Lecturer*, Department of Economics and Finance, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.

1997 – 1999 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics and Finance, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.

Major Areas of Interests

Exchange Rate Economics; Financial and Real Integration in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region; Macroeconomics of Oil Exporters and Importers; International Money and Finance.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate level

Principles of Microeconomics

Principles of Macroeconomics

Principles of Finance

Intermediate Microeconomics

Introduction to Econometrics

International Finance

MBA level

Multinational Financial Management

Independent Study in Finance

Refereed Publications

Al-Abri, Almkhtar, (2014), Optimal exchange rate policy for a small oil-exporting country: a dynamic general equilibrium perspective, *Economic Modelling*, 36, 88-98.

Al-Abri, Almkhtar, (2013), Real exchange rate volatility, terms-of-trade shocks, and financial integration in primary-commodity exporting economies, *Economics Letters*, 120, 126-129.

Al-Abri, Almkhtar, (2013), Oil-price shocks and macroeconomic responses: does the exchange rate regime matter? *OPEC Energy Review*, 37 (1), 1-19 (Lead article).

Gani, Azmat and Almkhtar Al-Abri, (2013), Indicators of business environment, institutional quality, and foreign direct investment in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, *International Review of Applied Economics*, 27 (4), 515-530.

Al-Abri, Almkhtar and Barry Goodwin, (2009), Re-examining the exchange rate pass-through into import prices using non-linear estimation techniques: Threshold Cointegration, *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 18 (1).

Al-Abri, Almkhtar, Bala Batavia, Parameswar Nandakumar, and Cheick Wague, (2008), Global and regional financial integration in GCC countries, *Journal of International Finance and Economics*, 8 (2), 23-29.

Book Chapters

Al-Abri, Almkhtar, (2013), On the optimal exchange rate policy for the GCC countries, in: Oskooee, Mohsen-Bahmani (Ed), *Exchange Rates in Developed and Emerging Markets: Practices, Challenges, and Economic Implications*, Nova Science Publishers Inc., New York, USA, pp. 127-155.

Awards

2011	Outstanding Academic Award, Sultan Qaboos University
2000	Minister of Higher Education's Appreciation of Outstanding Graduate Education.
1994,95,96,97	Sultan Qaboos University's Honor Student Award

Research Grants

2009 – 2010 Research Grant (IG/CCE/ECOF/09/01) by Sultan Qaboos University; Project title: "Real and financial integration in the GCC countries".

Professional Affiliations

Editor of the Economics Section in *The Omani Encyclopedia*. Member of the *American Economic Association*, *The Royal Economic Society*, and *The Middle East Economic Association*; Associate Researcher of the *Economic Research Forum*, Cairo.

Refereeing Activities

Referee and examiner for The Research Council, Oman; The Ministry of Higher Education, Department of Academic Supervision, Oman; Muscat Securities Market Research Competition, Oman; Qatar National Research Fund, Qatar. Referee for the following international academic journals: *International Review of Economics and Finance*; *Economic Modelling*; *Emerging Markets Trade and Finance*; *Applied Economics*; *Energy Economics*; *Journal of Management and Economics* of the International Islamic University, Malaysia.

Professional Training

- 2009 “Supervising Masters and Ph.D. Students” course, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, conducted by Dr. Catherine Manathunga, University of Queensland, Australia..
- 2007 “Innovative Teaching and Learning Training” course, The International Academy for Training & Consulting, conducted by De. Wyatt Woodsmall, USA.

References

- Douglas K. Pearce, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, Office phone: (919) 513-2880, E-mail: Doug_Pearce@ncsu.edu.
- Barry K. Goodwin, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor, Economics and Agricultural and Resource Economics Departments, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, Office phone: (919) 515-4620, Email: barry_goodwin@ncsu.edu.
- Fahim Al-Marhoubi, Dean and Associate Professor of Economics, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Office phone: (968) 24141805, E-mail: cce3577@squ.edu.om.