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Professional Experience

- 07/18/06 – **Economist**
Middle East Division, IMF Institute
International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.
Teaching applied economic policies and reforms in Arabic
- 02/27/06 – 07/18/06 **Economist**
Asian Division, IMF Institute
International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.
Teaching applied economic policies and reforms in English
- 05/02/05 – 05/13/05 **Short Term Consultant**
The World Bank (DECRG)
Project on Exchange Rate misalignments in the MENA Region
- 11/01/02 – **Assistant Professor of Economics and Econometrics**
International University of Monaco
Courses thought in English
- 09/01/04 – 02/27/06 **Head of Research Department**
International University of Monaco
- 09/01/04 – 02/27/06 **Lecturer in Economics**
University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, France
Courses thought in French
- 7/03/00 – 06/30/01 **Investment Advisor,**
Compagnie Monégasque de Banque
Portfolio Management for Middle-East Clientele.
- 7/18/93 – 12/21/98 **Manager and Shareholder**
The Egyptian Company for International Trading
Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt.

Skills

- Language skills:** English: *Fluent* French: *Native* Arabic: *Native*
- Computer skills:** Word, Excel, Power Point, Eviews, CATS, RATS, PcGive, GiveWin, SAS, Bloomberg, Reuters, Data Stream.

Education

- 2004 **Post-Graduate Course on Cointegrated VAR Models**
Economics Institute, University of Copenhagen
Course thought by Professors Katarina Juselius and Søren Johansen
Defended project titles:
- ***Banking Sector Development and Economic Growth in the Czech Republic***
 - ***Real Exchange Rate Behavior: the Case of Egypt***
- 2004 **Ph.D. in Economics (*Summa Cum Laude*)**
University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (UNSA), France
Subject: ***Exchange Rate Policy and Globalization: The Case of Egypt.***
- 1998 **Master's degree in Macro-dynamics and International Finance**
Faculty of Economic Sciences, UNSA, France
Subject: ***Effects of market opening and international competition on the economic growth of developing countries: The Case of Egypt.***
- 1993 **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**
Faculty of Commerce, Aïn-Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

Activities

- 2009- **Elected Board Member**
Middle East Economic Association
- 2004- **Research Associate**
Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt
- 2007- **Cultural Director**
Egyptian American Cultural Association, Washington DC, USA
- 1997-2000 **General Secretary**
Association Franco-Egyptienne de la Côte d'Azur, Nice, France

Research and Publications

Journals

- 05/2006 (Spanish) ***The Reforms Needed to Attract More FDI in Egypt: Lessons from the CEEC experience***
"Comercio Exterior", Mexico, Volume 56, n°5, pp. 416-427.
- 08/2005 (English) ***Economic Trilemma and Exchange Rate Management in Egypt.***
"Review of Middle East Economics and Finance", Volume 3, n°2, pp. 96-114.

Books

- 02/2006 (French) ***Exchange Rate Policy and Globalization: The Case of Egypt,***
L'Harmattan, Paris, 360 p., ISBN 2-296-00065-7.

Chapters

- 12/2005 (English) *Euromed Partnership, Agadir Agreement and the Need for Exchange Rate Policy Cooperation*.
Published in El Ehwany and Moisseron (eds), The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership: Ten Years after Barcelona, ISBN 977-403-058-3, pp.75-98.
- 12/2005 (English) *The Potential Impact of the Euro-Med Partnership on Banking Sector Reforms in Egypt - Lessons from the CEEC*.
Published in El Ehwany and Moisseron (eds), The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership: Ten Years after Barcelona, ISBN 977-403-058-3, pp. 307-332.

Working Papers

- 08/2009 (English) **Establishing Conversion Values for New Currency Unions: Method and Application to the planned Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Currency Union**
IMF Working Paper No. 09/184.
- 10/2007 (English) *GCC Monetary Union and the Degree of Macroeconomic Policy Coordination*
IMF Working Paper No. 07/249.

Awards

- 01/2009 **Ibn Khaldun Prize** for best research in 2008, Middle East Economic Association, ASSA meetings in San Francisco.
- 08/2005 *Monetary Union among the GCC Countries & the Appropriate Exchange Rate Policy and Monetary Policy Coordination*
Research Project Awarded a Grant of \$20,000 from the ERF 5th Research Competition.

Proceedings

- 12/2006 (English) *The Great Debate on Exchange Rate Regimes: Why Should the Middle East and North Africa Region Care?*
Selected Papers from ERF 12th Annual Conference, Cairo.
- 11/2004 (English) *Banking Sector Development and Economic Growth in the Czech Republic: A Cointegrated VAR Model*.
Paper presented at the Fifth International Conference “National and Regional Economics”, Technical University of Kosice, October 6-8, 2004, Herlany, Slovak Republic. Technical University of Kosice, Slovak Republic.
- 11/2004 (English) *Deep Regional Cooperation as a tool for attracting FDI: comparison between CEE and MENA countries*.
Paper presented at the Fifth International Conference “National and Regional Economics”, Technical University of Kosice, October 6-8, 2004, Herlany, Slovak Republic. University of Kosice, Herlany, Slovak Republic. Published in the volume of conference proceedings.

Presentations in International Conferences

- 01/2009 (English) *Capital Flows and Emerging Markets Competitiveness*
Presented at the 28th Annual Conference of the Middle East Economics Association, ASSA 2009 Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 12/2006 (English) *The Appropriate Macroeconomic Policy Coordination for the GCC Monetary Union*
Presented at the ERF 13th Annual Conference, GDN Competition, Kuwait.
- 11/2006 (English) *The Impact of Real Exchange Rate Misalignment on Poverty: The Case of Egypt*
Presented at the 10th Euro-Mediterranean Meetings, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, and Cairo University, Cairo.
- 01/2006 (English) *The Appropriate Monetary Policy Coordination for the GCC Monetary Union*
Presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Middle East Economics Association, ASSA 2006 Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 12/2005 (English) *The Great Debate on Exchange Rate Regimes: Why Should the Middle East and North Africa Region Care?*
Plenary Session Presentation for the ERF 12th Annual Conference, Cairo.
- 09/2005 (French) *The impact of public expenditures' external financing on the choice of an exchange rate regime: the case of Lebanon.*
Presented at the 9th Euro-Mediterranean Meetings, CEMAFI, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, Nice.
- 04/2005 (English) *Euromed Partnership, Agadir Agreement and the Need for Exchange Rate Policy Cooperation*
Presented at the International Conference "The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership: Ten Years after Barcelona", organized by the Development Research Institute and European Studies Center of Cairo University, Cairo.
- 04/2005 (French) *The Potential Impact of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership on Banking Sector Reforms in Egypt: Lessons from the CEE Countries.*
Presented at the International Conference "The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership: Ten Years after Barcelona", organized by the Development Research Institute and European Studies Center of Cairo University, Cairo.
- 04/2005 (English) *Real Exchange Rate Determinants in Egypt: A VAR Cointegration Approach*
Presented at the 90th Conference of the Applied Econometrics Association on "Exchange Rate Econometrics", Luxembourg.
- 12/2004 (English) *De facto Exchange Rate Regimes in the MENA Region: Toward Deeper Cooperation.*
Presented at the 11th Annual Conference of the ERF, Beirut.
- 12/2003 (English) *Economic Trilemma and Exchange Rate Management in Egypt.*
Presented at the 10th Annual Conference of the ERF, Marrakech.

- 11/2003 (English) ***Twin Crises and Exchange Rate Policy in Developing Countries: The Case of Egypt.***
Presented at the 33rd Meeting of the Euro Working Group on Financial Modeling, Monaco.
- 04/2002 (French) ***L'Impact des Accords Euromed sur l'Attractivité des Pays Sud-Méditerranéens à l'Égard des Investissements Directs Étrangers Le Cas de L'Égypte.***
Presented at the "Première Université de Printemps des Economies Méditerranéennes et du Monde Arabe", Tanger.
- 10/2001 (French) ***The Impact of Migration on the Exchange Rate in Egypt***
Presented at the "Fifth Euro-Mediterranean Meeting" held in University of Nice-Sophia-Antipolis, Nice.
- 03/2000 (English) ***The Impact of Euromed and GAFTA Agreements on Foreign Direct Investment Flows in Egypt.***
Presented for the "First Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting", European University Institute, Florence.
- 10/1999 (French) ***The Egyptian Exchange Policy in the Context of a Euro Area in the Mediterranean***
Presented at the "Third Euro-Mediterranean Meeting" held in University of Nice-Sophia-Antipolis, Nice.

Other Intellectual Contributions

- 01/2009 ***Session Discussant*** on "Cycles, Contagion and Volatility in the Stock Markets in Middle East and North Africa"
28th Annual Conference of the Middle East Economics Association, San Francisco.
- 11/2008 ***Session Discussant*** on "Banking Efficiency in Morocco" and "Macroeconomic Environment and Banking Failure in Turkey"
ERF 15th annual conference, Cairo.
- 10/2008 ***Panelist*** for the closing session on "Monetary Policy and Inflation Targeting in the MENA Region"
ERF Workshop on "Monetary Policy and Inflation Targeting", Tunis.
- 10/2008 ***Session Discussant*** on "Are IT Preconditions satisfied in the Region: Forecasting and Technical Capacities?"
ERF Workshop on "Monetary Policy and Inflation Targeting", Tunis.
- 11/2006 ***Chairman*** of the Session on "Euromed agreements and Poverty in the South Mediterranean Countries"
Paper presented at the 10th Euro-Mediterranean Meetings, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (France) and Cairo University, Cairo.
- 01/2006 ***Chairman*** of the Session on "Workers' Remittances: Measurement and Identification of Their Contributions to economic Development"
26th Annual Conference of the Middle East Economic Association, Boston.
- 09/2005 ***Session Discussant*** on "Public Deficit, Public Debt and Balance of Payment: the Question of Twin Deficit".
9th Euro-Mediterranean Meetings, CEMAFI, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, France.