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Current Positions

- 2011-** Assistant professor, Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
- 2013-** Economist (Part-time), Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.

Past Positions

- 2012-2013** Adjunct professor, Economics Department, American University in Cairo
- 2011-2013** Research Analyst, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) department, Egypt's Team, The World Bank, Cairo Office, Egypt.
- Preparing briefs and analytical notes, and contributing to the writing of sections in analytical reports on the Egyptian Economy.
 - Writing technical reports and reports for senior management and conducting economic research on macroeconomic related issues.
 - Contributing substantially to sectoral, micro, and macro policy issues in operational and research contexts.
 - Analyzing general data of macroeconomic and sectoral trends.
 - Updating and reviewing the World Bank Egypt's data files
 - Undertaking macroeconomic projections for Egypt.
- 2010** Research Fellow, World Trade Organization - WTO PhD Program, Economic Research and Statistics division, Geneva, Switzerland (February-July).
- Working on two research projects: "*A Global Assessment of the Trade Facilitation Effects: the Case of MIRAGE Model*" and "*On Trade Policies and Wage Disparity in Egypt: Evidence from Microeconomic Data*".
- 2009-2011** Lecturer (ATER), University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Paris School of Economics, Paris.
- Carrying out research and teaching within the Economics department

(UFR02).

- 2006- 2009** Research Scholar and Teaching Assistant (allocataire de recherche), University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Paris School of Economics.
- Carrying out research and teaching within the Economics department (UFR02).
- 2005** Short Term Trainee, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) department, The World Bank, Cairo Office, Egypt.
- Macroeconomic analysis of the Egyptian Economy including general data analysis of major economic and sectoral trends.
 - Writing technical reports and briefs for senior management and conducting economic research on macroeconomic related issues.

Education

- 2006- 2010** PhD in Economics, University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne and Paris School of Economics.
PhD Thesis: "Essays on Trade Facilitation". *Supervisor: Lionel Fontagné.*
Committee: Bernard Decaluwé (referee), Mohamed-Ali Marouani, Marcelo Olarreaga (referee) and Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann.
- 2005-2006** M.A (DEA) of International Economics University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, with high distinction. Result: Very Good Ranked 1st.
Master Thesis: "Assessing the Impact of Commercial openness of the textile garment sectors in Egypt: A CGE Analysis". *Supervisor: Lionel Fontagné.*
Result: Very Good.
- 2004-2005** Bachelor of Economics Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Economics Department, French Section, Minor Political Science, Cairo University.
Result: Excellent with the Grade of Honor. Rank: second of the French section and fourth of the faculty (Arabic, English and French).
Bachelor Thesis: "The Impact of the Qualified Industrial Zones on the Jordanian Economy". *Supervisor: Soad Kamel.* Result: Excellent.
- 2000-2001** High School Diploma Thanaweya Amma, Collège de la Sainte Famille - Jésuites. Ranked 1st.

Consulting Assignments

- 2013** United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- African Youth Report 2013, A new development path for youth employment in Africa
- 2013** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Cairo, Egypt.
- "Feasibility Study on Bond Market and Financial Systems Development in the MENA Region".
- 2013** PEP-net and UNICEF, Cairo, Egypt.
- "Policy alternatives to enhance equity for children in the context of the reform of consumptions subsidies in MENA".
- 2012** International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva, Switzerland.
- Tunisian exports promotion ENACT Program: Modeling Trade Equations and Time Series Econometrics.
- 2011-2012** International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva, Switzerland.
- Moroccan exports promotion ENACT Program – Module I "Setting up of a Moroccan network on business and trade intelligence and analysis".
- 2011** The African Development Bank, Tunis, Tunisia.
- "Trade, Employment and Gender: Evidence from Egypt".
- 2011** The World Bank, Washington D.C., USA.
- "Resource Endowment, Policies and Economic Transformation in MENA: Trade in Services and Labor Mobility".
- 2009-2011** CEPPII (Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Information Internationales), Paris, France.
- Evaluation of the Preferential Trade Agreement between EU-MERCOSUR using MIRAGE (September 10-February 11).
- Conference reports for the CEPPII Business Club.
- 2009** International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva, Switzerland.
- Workshop "Formation à la Modélisation en Equilibre Général Calculable dans le cadre du Projet de promotion des exportations tunisiennes, Module 1", Tunis, Tunisia.
- 2009** Consultant, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) department, The World Bank, Cairo Office, Egypt.
- Country case study about the "Global Crisis and Medium Term Growth Prospects for Developing Countries: the Case of Egypt".

- 2008** Consultant, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) department, The World Bank, Cairo Office, Egypt.
- Writing technical reports and reports for senior management and conducting economic research on macroeconomic related issues.
 - A policy note "Growth Fiscal Oriented Policy, the Egyptian Case.

Teaching Experience

2010-2012 Cairo University

International Monetary Relations for undergraduate students, 3rd year (2 years)*

Econometrics for undergraduate students, 3rd year (3 years)*

Macroeconomics of Growth for undergraduate students, 3rd year (2 years)*

International Economics for undergraduate students, 3rd year (2 years)

Quantitative Methods I: Panel Data, Phd level (1year)

Quantitative Methods II: Computable General Equilibrium Models, Phd (1year)

Supervising graduation projects, 4th year (3 years)

Introduction to Macroeconomics, 1st year (1 year)

*Courses taught in the joint degree program between Paris 1 and Cairo University.

2011-2012 American University in Cairo

Mathematical economics II, 3rd year (1 year)

Introduction to Macroeconomics, 2nd year (1 year)

2010-2012 German University in Cairo

Money and Banking, 3rd year (2 years)

2011-2012 Future University in Egypt

Money and Banking, 2nd year (1 year)

2007-2011 University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne

International Trade for undergrad. students (English/French), Licence 3 (2 years)

International Trade and Multinational Firms for grad. students, Master 1 (2 years)

International Monetary Relations for undergrad. students, Licence 3 (1 year)

Global Macroeconomics for graduate students, Master 1 (4 years)

Monetary Theories and Mechanisms for undergrad. students, Licence 2 (2 years)

2007-2009 University of Paris Sud

International Economics for undergraduate students, Licence 2 (2 years)

Fields of Interest

Trade Policy	Trade Facilitation
International Economics	Macroeconomics
Inequality and Poverty Reduction	Developing countries
Computable General Equilibrium Models	Gravity Models

Publications in Refereed Journals

El-Said, H. El Said, M. and Zaki, C. (2014) "Small and Medium Enterprises in Egypt: New Facts from a New Dataset", *Journal of Business and Economics*, vol. 2, No. 1 (forthcoming).

El-Said, H., El-Said, M. and Zaki, C. (2013) "Access to Finance and Financial Problems of SMEs: Evidence from Egypt" *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business*, vol. 20, No. 3, pages 286-309.

Hendy, R. and Zaki, C. (2013) "Assessing the Effects of Trade Liberalization on Wage Inequalities in Egypt: A Microsimulation Analysis", *International Trade Journal*, vol. 27 no.1, pages 63-104.

Hendy, R. and Zaki, C. (2013) "On Productivity and Informality of MSEs: Evidence from MENA countries", *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business*, vol. 19, No. 4, pages 438-470.

Herrera, S., Hurlin, C. and Zaki, C. (2013) "Why don't Banks Lend to Egypt's Private Sector?", *Economic Modeling* vol. 33, pages 347-356.

Karam, F and Zaki, C. (2013) "On the Determinants of Trade in Services: Evidence from the MENA Region", *Applied Economics*, vol. 45 no.33, pages 4626-4640.

Zaki, C. (2013) "Trade Facilitation and Corruption: A CGE Model of Egypt", *Journal of North African Studies*, vol. 18 no.1, pages 70-111.

Zaki, C. (2013) "On Trade Policies and Wage Disparity in Egypt: Evidence from Microeconomic Data", *International Economic Journal*, vol. 27 no.2, pages 1-25.

Zaki, C. (2013) "An Empirical Assessment of the Trade Facilitation Impact: New Econometric Evidence and Global Economic Effects", *World Trade Review*, volume 13, issue 01, pp. 103-130.

Working Papers

El-Said, H., El-Said, M. and Zaki, C. (2013) "What Determines the Access to Finance of SMEs? Evidence from the Egyptian Case" *ERF Working Paper* No. 752, May.

Selwaness, I. and Zaki, C. (2013) "Assessing the Impact of Trade Reforms on Informality in Egypt", *ERF Working Paper* No. 759, May.

Karam, F and Zaki, C. (2012) "On the Determinants of Trade in Services: Evidence from the MENA Region", *ERF Working Paper* No. 692, December.

Hendy, R. and Zaki, C. (2012) "On Productivity and Informality of MSEs: Evidence from MENA countries", *ERF Working Paper* No. 719, December.

El-Said, H. El Said, M. and Zaki, C. (2012) "Small and Medium Enterprises in Egypt: New Facts from a New Dataset", The Egyptian Banking Institute, *mimeo*.

Herrera, S., Hurlin, C. and Zaki, C. (2012) "Why don't Banks Lend to Egypt's Private Sector?", The World Bank, *Policy Research Working Paper* 6094, June.

Zaki, C. (2011) "Trade, Employment and Gender: Evidence from Egypt", in *Trade, Jobs and Inclusive Development in Africa*, International Collaborative Initiative on Trade and Employment (ICITE) regional conference, Organization of Economic Development and African Development Bank.

Zaki, C. (2011) "A Global Assessment of the Trade Facilitation Effects: the Case of MIRAGE Model", *ERF Working Paper* No. 650, December (*revise and resubmit to the World Trade Review*).

Zaki C. (2011) "Trade Facilitation and Corruption: A CGE Model for Egypt", *CREMed Working Paper* No. 12, December.

Zaki, C. (2011) "On Trade Policies and Wage Disparity in Egypt: Evidence from Microeconomic Data", *ERF Working Paper* No. 606.

Herrera, S., Selim, H., Youssef, H. and Zaki, C. (2010) "Egypt beyond the Crisis - Medium Term Challenges for Sustained Growth", The World Bank, *Policy Research Working Paper* 5451, October.

Hendy, R. and Zaki, C. (2010) "Assessing the Effects of Trade Liberalization on Wage Inequalities in Egypt: A Microsimulation Analysis", *ERF Working Paper* No. 555, October.

Zaki, C. (2010) "Towards an Explicit Modeling of Trade Facilitation in CGE Models: Evidence from Egypt", *ERF Working Paper* No. 515, April.

Zaki, C. (2009) "Does Trade Facilitation Matter in Bilateral Trade?", *ERF Working Paper* No. 472, March.

Zaki, C. (2007) "Making International Trade Easier: A Survey of the Trade Facilitation Effects" Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, *mimeo*.

Work in Progress

"Trade and Access to Finance of SMEs in Egypt: Is There a Nexus?" ", *with Hala El-Said and Mahmoud El-Said*.

"On the Interaction between Trade Reforms and Labor Market Regulations: Evidence from the MENA Countries' Labor Markets", *with Irene Selwaness*

"Egypt's Trade Balance and the Real Exchange Rate: Is there a J-curve?" *with Hoda Selim*

"Trade Volume and Economic Growth in the MENA Region: Goods or Services?", *with Fida Karam*

"Undervaluation and firm-level exports diversification in Arab countries", *with Ibrahim Elbadawi and Khalid Sekkat*.

"Understanding Red Tape Costs Effects on the Performance of Firms Exports", *with Rana Hendy*.

"Do Product Standards Matter for Margins of Trade in Egypt? Evidence from Firm-Level Data", *with Rana Hendy*

Policy Briefs

In English:

"Trade Barriers Harm Female, Urban and Blue Collar Workers: Is there a Way Out?", *Population Council, Cairo, Egypt*.

"Why Education Outcome Does Not Match Labor Market Needs in Egypt?", *Information and Decision Support Center, Cairo, Egypt*

In Arabic:

ادارة سعر الصرف خلال الأزمة الحالية: نحو إيجاد فعال؟ (مع د. هدى سليم)

الحواجز التجارية تضر بالعاملين من الإناث والعاملين الحضريين وذوي الياقات الزرقاء: فهل من مخرج؟

Sponsored Research

- 2013** Financial support from the “African Development Bank” for the article “Trade Volume and Economic Growth in the MENA Region: Goods or Services?”, North Africa Policy Series 2013.
- 2011** Financial support from the “Economic Research Forum” for the article “On Trade Policies and Wage Disparity in Egypt: Evidence from Microeconomic Data”.
- 2009-2010** Principal Investigator, International Development and Research Center (IDRC) in cooperation with the Population Council for the project “On Trade Policies and Wage Inequality in Egypt: Evidence From Microeconomic Data”.
- 2009** Financial support from the “Economic Research Forum” for the article “Rethinking the Distribution Effects of Trade Liberalization in Egypt: a Microsimulation Analysis” with Rana Hendy.
- 2009** Financial support from the “Economic Research Forum” for the article “Towards an Explicit Modeling of Trade Facilitation in CGE Models: Evidence From Egypt”.
- 2009** Research Grant from the Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA) second competition for the article “Rethinking the Distribution Effects of Trade Liberalization in Egypt: a Microsimulation Analysis”, with Rana Hendy.
- 2008** Financial support from the “Economic Research Forum” for the article “Does Trade Facilitation Matter in Bilateral Trade?”

Conferences

- 2013** Exporters in MENA: New Data New Insights, The World Bank, Washington, D. C.
19th Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Kuwait City, Kuwait.
2nd Joint Research Workshop University Paris 1-Cairo University, Paris, France.
- 2012** 14th Annual Conference, European Trade Study Group, Leuven, Belgium.
1st Joint Research Workshop University Paris 1-Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt.
15th Annual Conference, Global Economic Analysis, GTAP, Geneva, Switzerland.
4th Euro-African Conference in Finance and Economics, Cairo, Egypt.
Egypt’s Future: A Vision for some Economic and Political Issues, Cairo, Egypt.
18th Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
32nd Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), Allied Social Science Associations, Chicago.

- 2011** Migration in the Arab Region: Determinants and Consequences, ERF, Beirut, Lebanon.
 Middle East Economic Association, Barcelona, Spain.
 17th Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Antalya, Turkey.
 Annual Doctoral Conference of the Association for the Development of Research in Economics and Statistics.
 31st Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), Allied Social Science Associations, Denver, Colorado.
- 2010** 12th Annual Conference, European Trade Study Group, Lausanne, Switzerland.
 15th African Econometric Society, Cairo, Egypt.
 Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Fribourg, Switzerland.
 12th Annual Conference, Global Economic Analysis, GTAP, Penang, Malaysia.
 3rd Euro-African Conference in Finance and Economics, Paris, France.
 Final Dissemination Conference on Gender and Work in MENA, Cairo, Egypt.
 11th Annual Conference, Global Development Network, Prague, Czech.
- 2009** Middle East Gender and Economics Symposium: Translating Research into Action, the Middle East Initiative at Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA.
 16th Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
 11th Annual Conference, European Trade Study Group, ETSG, Rome, Italy.
 12th Annual Conference, Global Economic Analysis, GTAP, Santiago, Chile.
 08th Annual Conference, Globalization and Economic Policy, Nottingham, U.K.
 08th Annual Conference, Middle East Economic Association, Nice, France.
 10th Annual Conference, Global Development Network, Kuwait city, Kuwait.
- 2008** 15th Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
 10th Annual Conference, European Trade Study Group, Warsaw, Poland.
 11th Annual Conference, Global Economic Analysis, GTAP, Helsinki, Finland.
 Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association, Vienna, Austria.
 07th Annual Conference, Globalization and Economic Policy, Nottingham, U.K.

Seminar and Workshop

- 2013** North Africa Policy Series Workshop, African Development Bank, Tunis, Tunisia.
 Ad-Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Creative Economies, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia.
 Expert Group Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation in ESCWA region, Dubai.
 The Global Youth Employment Crisis in a Comparative Perspective, American University in Cairo, Egypt.
- 2012** Training Workshop on Panel Data Econometrics, FEMISE, Marseille, France.
 III Workshop on Economics of the Mediterranean, CREMed, Barcelona, Spain.
 Training Workshop on Financial Econometrics, joint between Georgia State University and Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt.

- 2011** Training Workshop on Measurements of Inequality of Opportunity and Inequality of Outcomes, Cairo, Egypt.
 Understanding and Avoiding the Oil Curse in the Arab World, ERF, Cairo, Egypt
 Translating Research into Policy Messages, Gender and Work in the MENA Region: Research Capacity Building Activities, Cairo, Egypt.
 Invited seminar at the CEPIL, Paris, France.
 ERF-World Bank Workshop on "Research on Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade in the Arab World", Cairo, Egypt.
- 2010** XIth Doctoral Meeting in International Trade and Finance, Kiel, Germany.
 Graduate Student's Seminar in International Economics, University of Paris 1.
- 2009** Workshop on Gender and Work in the MENA Region, Population Council, Cairo, Egypt.
 Xth Doctoral Meeting in International Trade and Finance, Aix en Provence, France.
 Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days (A.C.D.D.), Strasbourg, France.
 Graduate Student's Seminar in International Economics, University of Paris 1.
- 2008** Association Française de Science Economique Congress, University of Paris 2, Paris, France.
 ERF training workshop "Writing Winning Research Proposals and Papers", Cairo, Egypt.
 Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days (A.C.D.D.), Strasbourg, France.
 Graduate Student's Seminar in International Economics, University of Paris 1.
 Le colloque R.A.M.S.É. (Réflexions sur les Approches Méthodologiques en Sciences Économiques), University of Paris 1, France.
- 2006** TEAM - EUREQua Seminar, University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Paris, France.
 Compact Seminar on Migration, Environment and Infrastructure organized by World Bank and University Paris I, The World Bank, Paris, France

Referee Reports

African Development Review, Economic Change and Restructuring, Economie Internationale, European Journal of Development Research, Economic Modeling, Global Business and Economics Review, Review of Middle East Economics and Finance, Journal of North African Studies, Middle East Development Journal, The World Economy.

Membership in Professional Associations

- 2013** Member of the “*Recherche économique en réseau de jeunes scientifiques*”, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie.
Member of the working group on “*Towards greater transparency and accountability: Empowering academic networks to enhance integrity in the MENA Region*”, Transparency International’s Middle East and North Africa Programme (TIMP).
- 2012** Founding Member of the “Egyptian Network for Integrated Development”.
- 2011** Research Associate, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
- 2010** Member of the Middle East Economic Association.

Master Thesis Supervision

“The Impact of Policy-Induced Changes in Nominal Interest Rates on The Exchange Rate: An Empirical Study for Egypt”, by *Nesreen Hany Mohamed Seleem*, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.

“Does Aid for Trade matters for bilateral exports? Evidence from Egypt and the EU”, by *Salma Rasem*, Master Euromed, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.

“Measuring the impact of access to finance on SMEs: Evidence from Egypt and the European Union”, by *Marwa El Fekky*, Master Euromed, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.

Administrative activities

- 2013** Coordinator of the Capacity Building Courses for Faculty Staff, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
- 2011** Academic advisor of the delegation of Cairo university participating in the National Model of United Nations (NMUN), New York, USA.
- 2009-2011** Co-organizer of the Graduate Students' in International Economics lunch seminar, Paris School of Economics (with Matthieu Crozet, Michela Limardi and Sebastian Krautheim).
- 2009-2011** Coordinator of the tutorials for the international trade course (undergraduate students, L3), University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne.

2003 Member of the organizing committee of the "Globalization and Equity" Conference organized by Global Development Network (GDN) and ERF.

Honors and Grants

2013 The Faculty of Economics and Political Science Award for *Teaching Econometrics*.
The Faculty of Economics and Political Science Award for *International Publications*

2011 Winner of the second annual CREMed Best Paper Award for the paper "Trade Facilitation and Corruption: A CGE Model of Egypt".

2010 W.T.O. PhD Program (February - July) - World Trade Organization, Economic Research and Statistics division, Geneva, Switzerland.

2009 Award of the best paper in international economics, ERF 16th Annual conference for the paper "Towards an Explicit Modeling of Trade Facilitation in CGE Models: Evidence From Egypt".

2006-2009 Research Grant, Ministry of research and education, France.

2005-2006 Scholarship of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France.

Languages

Arabic	Native
English	Excellent (TOEFL: 2001)
French	Excellent (French language diploma Alliance Française, Très bien 2000).

Computer Skills

Word - Excel – PowerPoint – LATEX - SAS - E-views - Stata – GAMS.

Other Work or Distinctions

2013 Situational Leadership II Workshop, The Ken Blanchard Companies by Mr. Hisham El Bakry.

2008 Istituto di Studi Economici e per Occupazione (I. S. E. O) Summer School with Nobel Laureate in Economics, "Growth, Development and Sustainability", Milano, Italy, 21st-28th June 2008.

2002-2004 Regular participation at the Models of the Arab League and the European

Union organized by the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and the American University in Cairo.

References

Lionel Fontagné

Professor of Economics, Université de Paris 1. Member of the Conseil d'Analyse Economique. Senior advisor, International Trade Centre (UNCTAD-WTO). Scientific advisor, CEPII.

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