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### EDUCATION

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- June 2009      **Ph.D in Economics**  
University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne (*with high distinction*)  
Thesis under the supervision of Professor **Lionel Fontagné**.  
Title: “*Migration and Economic Development: A Computable General Equilibrium Approach of the Moroccan Case*”.
- Committee: Pr. O. Cadot (HEC Lausanne), Pr. G. Capelle-Blancard (University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne), Pr. J. de Melo (University of Geneva), Pr. B. Decaluwé (Laval University), Pr. L. Fontagné (University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne), Dr. S. Jean (Research Director at INRA).
- 2004-2005      **Master Degree in International/Development Economics**  
University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne  
Master Thesis: *The causes of Original Sin*. (with high distinction)  
Advisor: **Dr. Rodrigue Mendez**
- 2000-2004      **Bachelor in Economics**  
Lebanese University, Beirut (with high distinction)

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- Sept 2009 -      Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Finance,  
**Gulf University for Science and Technology (G.U.S.T), Kuwait.**  
Taught: **Principles of Microeconomics** (ECON 101), **Principles of Macroeconomics** (ECON 102), **Business Statistics** (ECON 380) and **Economics for Managers** (ECON 503, MBA level).
- Oct.05-Aug.09      Research Scholar and Teaching Assistant  
**University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, France.**  
Taught:  
1) 2008-2009: **International Trade and Multinational Firms** (Master Students) (*The Factor Content of Trade, The Empirical Tests of International Trade Theories, Oligopoly and Transport Costs, Product Differentiation, The Gravity Model, The New Economic Geography, Protectionism, Trade and Factor Mobility, Multinational Firms: their nature, their labour market effects and their impact on trade*) and **International Trade** (*Balance of Payments,*

*Specialisation, Indicators, Differences, Ricardian Model, HOS,  
The Standard Model, Monopolistic Competition, Trade Policy, Dumping)*

2) 2007-2008: **International Trade and Multinational Firms** (Master level)

3) 2006-2007: **International Trade and Multinational Firms** (Master level)  
and **GAMS General Algebraic Modeling System** (Master level)

4) 2005-2006: **International Trade and Multinational Firms** (Master level)  
and **Open Macroeconomics** (Master level)  
(*Commodity and Capital Market Liberalisation, Technical Progress and Growth*)

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Computable General Equilibrium Models, International Economics (International trade and migration), Development Economics, Microfinance, Emerging Markets.

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. “Is International Migration a Cure for Moroccan Unemployment?” (joint with Bernard Decaluwé), *The Journal of North African Studies*, 2010, **15(4)**, 497-520.
2. “When Migrant Remittances Are Not Everlasting, How Can Morocco Make Up?” *The Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, 2010, **6(1)**, Article 1.
3. “Trade liberalisation and the skill composition of migrant flows: the case of Morocco?”, *The Journal of North African Studies*, forthcoming.

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. “Trade Liberalisation under Different CGE Structures”, (2006), *mimeo.* (joint with Bernard Decaluwé)
2. “Migration Impact on Moroccan Unemployment: a Static Computable General Equilibrium Analysis, (2008), *CES Working Papers 2008.52.* (joint with Bernard Decaluwé)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. Insider Trading and Vertical Linkages. (joint with Leonard Mirmam (University of Virginia, U.S.A) and Wassim Daher (GUST))
2. Insider Trading and Product Differentiation. (joint with Wassim Daher, Harun Aydilek and Asiye Aydilek (GUST))
3. The Demand Side of Migration: Labour Restrictions by Western Countries.

## ATTENDED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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### *“Trade Liberalisation under Different CGE Structures”*

Feb. 2006 Internal Seminar, Laval University, Quebec, Canada.

Dec. 2006 Lecture to Master 2 Students, University of Paris 1.

### *“Migration Impact on Moroccan Unemployment: a Static Computable General Equilibrium Analysis”*

March 2007 TEAM-EUREQua Seminar, Paris School of Economics, University of Paris 1.

Sept. 2007 56th Annual Congress of the French Economic Association - AFSE 2007, Paris, France.

Oct. 2007 Economic, Social and Environmental Consequences of the Liberalisation of Trade in North Africa and the Middle East, Rabat, Morocco.

Dec. 2007 International Economic Conference on Trade and Industry, Penang, Malaysia.

April 2008 Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days, Strasbourg, France.

June 2008 Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis (GTAP), Helsinki, Finland.

July 2008 International Conference on Policy Modeling EcoMod2008, Berlin, Germany.

### *“When migrant remittances are not everlasting, how can Morocco make up?”*

Feb. 2008 Graduate Students' in International Economics Lunch Seminar, University of Paris 1.

March 2008 Invited Seminar, CEPPII (Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales), Paris, France.

Sept. 2008 European Trade Study Group - ETSG 2008, Warsaw, Poland.

Sept. 2008 57th Annual Congress of the French Economic Association - AFSE 2008, Paris, France.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2006-2008      PhD financed by the French Ministry of External Affairs, **Bourse d'excellence Eiffel**
- 2006            Laval University - Economics Department, two-month assistantship
- 2004-2005      Master financed by the **Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie**

## (NON-ACADEMIC) TRAINING EXPERIENCE

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- Jul-Aug 2004    **The Central Bank of Lebanon:** Financial Operations Departments and Current Operations Department.
- Jul-Oct 2003    **Société Générale de Banque au Liban:** Organisation Department (survey of SGBL product quality).
- August 2002    **Fransabank:** Credit operations, accounts, money transfer.

## TRAINING INTEREST

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Economics for Managers (demand analysis, goals of the firm, business and economic forecasting, game theory, government regulation), Economics for Money, Banking and Finance (competition in banking, risk analysis and credit market imperfections, policy debates about monetary and fiscal stabilisation, the critique of policy formulation, time inconsistency and the rationale for an independent central bank), growth in Industrialising Economies (determinants of economic growth).

## LANGUAGES

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- Arabic:            Mother tongue  
French:            Fluent  
English:            Fluent

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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GAMS, SAS, STATA, E-Views, LaTeX, Microsoft Office.

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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