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## Economist

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### Fields of specialization:

*Development economics, growth and convergence, regional integration, macroeconometrics, and macro-modeling*

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## EDUCATION

**Habilitation Thesis to supervise PhD students**, June 2010.

**Ph.D. in Economics**, November 1997 to October 16<sup>th</sup> 2003, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, *obtained with very high honors*.

Supervisor: Prof. Gerard GRELLET

**Thesis: Convergence within the MENA region: theoretical analysis and empirical studies**

Members of the grading committee:

J-C. Berthélemy (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and OECD), G. Grellet (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and IREST director), M. K. Nabli (Chief economist and Director, Social and Economic Development Group, MENA Region, World Bank), T. Rajhi (Université de Poitiers-France and senior economist at the African Bank of Development)

**M.A. in Macroeconomics, Modeling and Overall Economic Situation**, October 1993 to January 1995, Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

**B.A. in Economics**: October 1989 to June 1993, Faculté des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Tunis.

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## AWARDS

- Awarded full Scholarship by the Tunisian ministry of research and education to study a M.A. and a Ph.D. in Paris 1 Sorbonne University.
- Laureate of Faculté des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Tunis.
- Appreciation Award from the UAE University in recognition for an exceptional contribution and devoted commitment to the UAE CBE students.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Chair of the Economics Department**, from August 2009-present, Faculté de Droit and Sciences Economiques et Politiques de Sousse-Tunisia.

**Visiting Professor**, from August 2005 to January 2006 to the Department of Economics, College of Business and Economics, United Arab Emirates University. Courses taught:

- Quantitative Method for Business
- Engineering Economy

**Consultant**, from October 2004-present, to the EuroArab Management School, Granada-Spain.

**Assistant Professor**, from July 2004-present. Faculté de Droit et Sciences Economiques et Politiques de Sousse-Tunisia. Courses taught:

- Economic growth theory
- Regional integration
- Economic Development
- Economic cycles and Economic fluctuations
- Globalization, Trade and World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Dynamic macro economics (for graduate students).
- Integration, geo-economics of the international trade relationships (for graduate students).
- B.A. thesis advisor:

2009-2010 :

- Evolution of the Chinese oil demand.
- Islamic banking is it a solution to future financial crises?
- Migration and remittances effects on poverty in African countries.

2008-2009 :

- Regional economic integration, (Intégration économique régionale).
- Speculation, (Spéculation).
- The financial crises effects, (Les effets de la crise financière).

2007-2008 :

- Corruption effect on the economic performance of the developing countries, (Effet de la corruption sur la performance économique des pays en voie de développement).
- The multinational firms and globalization, (Les firmes multinationales et la globalisation).
- The *subprime mortgage* crisis is there any threat for Europe, (La crise du *subprime mortgage* au USA est-il possible quelle se propage à l'Europe).

2006-2007 :

- The textile and clothing industry and the Chinese competition, (L'industrie du textile habillement face à la menace de la concurrence chinoise).
- Financial development and economic growth, (Relation entre le développement financier et la croissance économique).
- The free trade agreement between Tunisia and the European Union: the impact on the Tunisian foreign trade, (La zone de libre échange entre la Tunisie et l'Union Européenne: examen de son impact sur le commerce extérieur tunisien).
- The Euro-Mediterranean commercial liberalization: the Tunisian case, (La libéralisation Euro-Méditerranéenne : cas de la Tunisie).

2005-2006 :

- Free trade agreement between Tunisia and the European union effect on the Tunisian industry, (Accord de création de zone de libre échange entre la Tunisie et l'Union Européenne : effet sur l'industrie tunisienne).
- Financial systems Reforms in the developing countries, (Les réformes des systèmes financiers dans les pays en voie de développement).

- Liberalization of the agricultural products exchanges impact on the exports of the of the South and the East mediterranean countries: Case of Tunisia and Morocco; (Impact de la libération des échanges agricoles sur les exportations des pays du Sud et de l'Est de la Méditerranée : Cas de la Tunisie et du Maroc).
- The small and medium entreprises in Tunisia, competitiveness and challenges: survey of the textile area, (Les Petites et Moyennes entreprises en Tunisie, compétitivités et défis: étude de cas du secteur textile).

2004 -2005 :

- Tunisian Small and medium entreprises competitiveness toward globalization, (Compétitivité des petites et moyennes entreprises tunisiennes face a la globalisation des marchés).
- OCEC assess to EU: consequences on employment and immigration, (Elargissement de l'Europe aux PECO: conséquences sur l'emploi et l'immigration).
- Payment security in the international trade: the documentary credit, (Sécurité et payement dans le commerce international: le crédit documentaire).
- The convergence: a chance for developing countries, (La convergence: un espoir pour les pays en voie de développement).
- The small and medium facing enterprises challenges in Tunisia, (Les petites et moyennes entreprises face aux défis: cas de la Tunisie).

▪ M.A. Thesis advisor :

2007-2008 :

- Openness, Human capital and economic performance, (ouverture commerciale, capital humain et croissance économique).
- Financial liberalization and economic growth in developing countries, (la libéralisation financière et la croissance économique dans les pays en voie de développement).

2006-2007 :

- Institutions and economic growth a comparative study, (Institutions et croissance économique: essai de comparaison internationale).

2005-2006 :

- The impact of the news information and communication technology on growth: an empiric validation tests on panel data. (L'impact des nouvelles technologies d'information et de communication sur la croissance: un essai de validation empirique sur des données de panel).

▪ Membership in M.A. Thesis Committees:

- Migration, remittance and development : the Tunisian case, (Migration, transferts et développement des pays d'origine : cas de la Tunisie), 2009.
- Inflation of the cereals and oil prices: macroeconomic impacts: the Tunisian case, (Flambée des prix alimentaires et énergétiques: Impacts macro-économiques et effets distributionnels: cas de la Tunisie), 2009.
- Sovereign funds: role, utility and the effect of the rate variations on the loans of emergent countries, (Fonds souverains : rôle, utilité et l'effet des écarts de taux sur les emprunts des pays a marché émergent), 2009.
- Financial system and economic growth in the setting of a financial liberalization policy: theoretical study and econometrical evaluation, (Système financier et croissance économique dans le cadre d'une politique de libéralisation financière: étude theorique et tentative d'estimation économétrique), 2007.
- Governance indicators, (Les indicateurs de la gouvernance), 2007.

- The Financial constraints and the credit maturity determinants study: application to the Tunisian enterprises, (Analyse des déterminants des contraintes financière et de la maturité du crédit : application aux entreprises tunisiennes), 2007.
- exchange system impact on the foreign direct investment in OCEC and Tunisia, (L'impact du régime de change sur l'investissement direct étrangers a destination des PECO et de la Tunisie), 2006.
- Financial system development and economic growth: causality tests and panel econometrics approach, (Développement financier et croissance économique: une approche par les tests de causalité et l'économétrie des panel), 2006.

**Research follow**, from October 2003-present, CED-TEAM : Théories et Applications en Microéconomie et Macroéconomie (Theories and applications in Micro and Macro economies)- CNRS : UMR8059, Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France.

**Lecturer**, 1999/2004. Faculté de Droit et Sciences Economiques et Politiques de Sousse-Tunisia.  
Courses taught:

- Macro economics
- Micro economics
- Economic growth
- Introduction to economic theories
- B.A. thesis advisor:  
1999-2000
  - Economic convergence theoretical and empirical aspects, (La convergence économique aspects théoriques et empiriques).

2001-2002

- The Arabs countries economies, (Les économies des pays Arabes).
- The multinational firms: new colonization, (Les firmes multinationales: nouvelle forme de colonisation).
- Democracy and economic growth, (Démocratie et croissance économique).
- Technological transfer from Northern to Southern countries, (Transfert technologique du Nord vers le Sud).
- Developing countries debt problem : reform strategy, the Tunisian case, (Le problème de la dette extérieure des pays en voie de développement : les mesures de sauvetages, cas de la Tunisie).
- The openness role in growth processes, (Croissance et ouverture).
- The economic growth determinants, (Les déterminants de croissance économique).
- The human capital in the endogenous growth models, (Le capital humain dans les modèles de croissance endogène).

**Research assistant and Lecturer**, 1995/1999. Université d'Evry-Val D'Essonne, France. Courses taught:

- Micro economics
- Macro economics

**International Monetary Fund, Summer Internship**, 1997. Washington D.C, at the MED (Middle East Department), supervisor Mr. Henri Ghesquiere, division F director.

**Graduate students Advisor** in descriptive economics & Macroeconomics and Modeling, 1995/1999. Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique (ENSAE), France. Working papers prepared with the students:

- European Union and North Africa Countries (L'Union Européenne et le Maghreb), ENSAE-France, 1999.

- and Central European Countries Towards Europe (Les Pays d'Europe Centrale et Orientale en Route Vers l'Europe Eastern), ENSAE-France, 1999.
- The Economies of the Eastern European countries (Les Economies des Pays de l'Europe de l'Est), ENSAE-France, 1999.
- Democracy and Growth (Démocratie et Croissance), ENSAE-France, 1999.
- Economies of Middle East and North Africa countries (Les Economies du Moyen-Orient et du Maghreb), ENSAE-France, 1998.
- Agriculture in Morocco: Performances and Challenges (L'agriculture au Maroc: Performances et Défis), ENSAE-France, 1998.
- Multinationals and the State-Nations Evolutions of the confrontation (Multinationales et les Etats-Nations Evolutions des Rapports de Forces), ENSAE-France, 1998.
- Multinationals: Evolution and Development Strategies (Les Multinationales: Evolution et Stratégies de Développement), ENSAE-France, 1998.
- Technical Progress in the Endogenous Growth Models (Le Progrès Technique dans les Modèles de Croissance Endogène), ENSAE-France, 1998.
- Economic Development in South-East Asia countries (Le Développement en Asie du Sud-Est), ENSAE-France, 1997.
- GATT from its Creation at our Days its Results and its Objectives (Le GATT de sa Création à nos Jours ses Résultats et ses Objectifs), ENSAE-France, 1997.
- Technology transfer from North to South (Le Transfert de Technologie du Nord vers le Sud), ENSAE-France, 1997.
- The Human capital in the Models of Endogenous Growth (Le Capital Humain dans les Modèles de Croissance Endogène), ENSAE-France, 1997.
- Free Exchange and Protectionism (Libre Echange et Protectionnisme), ENSAE-France, 1996.
- Black market in Developing Countries (Economie Informelle dans les Pays en Voie de Développement), ENSAE-France, 1996.
- Developing countries and structural adjustment Process (Les Pays en Voie de Développement et l'Ajustement Structurel), ENSAE-France, 1996.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Does Correpction Matters for MENA Countries Growth Performance? chapitre dans: *"Inequalities and Development in MENA Countries"* El Mouhoub Mouhoud et Maurice Catin (dir.), Edward Elgar, forthcoming.
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, « Convergence des pays de la région MENA vers le niveau de revenu des pays du Sud de l'Europe: une évaluation empirique », (Are per capita incomes of MENA countries converging towards the level of south european countries?), «Economie appliquée» 2009, vol. 62, n°2, pp. 33-67.
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, «Income convergence within the MENA countries: a panel unit root approach», *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, Volume 46, Issue 5 pp. 653-852 (February 2007).
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, « Convergence des revenus au sein de la région MENA : "une approche par les tests de racines unités sur données de panel"», chapter 3 in *"Le Sud de la Méditerranée face aux défis du libre-échange" (the south Mediterranean countries free trade chalenge)*, Maurice Catin et Henri Regnault (dir.), L'Harmattan, Paris, 2006. ([www.unice.fr/CEMAFI/publiHarmattan06tm.pdf](http://www.unice.fr/CEMAFI/publiHarmattan06tm.pdf))
- I. Guetat, « Corruption Effect on the MENA Countries Growth performance », *Journal of Economics and Finance*, 2006, 30, 2.

## **WORKING PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS**

- I. Guetat and F. Serranito «Convergence des pays de la région MENA vers le niveau de revenu des pays du sud de l'Europe : une évaluation empirique » (An empirical evaluation of the convergence between the MENA countries and the South European countries), working paper CEPN (centre d'économie de Paris nord)-cnrs- Paris 13, WP n°16-2008 ([http://www.univ-paris13.fr/CEPN/IMG/pdf/wp2008\\_16.pdf](http://www.univ-paris13.fr/CEPN/IMG/pdf/wp2008_16.pdf)).
- Guetat, « Corruption Effect on the MENA Countries Growth », Bridging the Divide: *The Role of Technology and Trade, globalization, technology and sustainable development series*, A. Allam (ed), Inderscience, 2005, volume 1, pp 493-502. ([www.worldsustainable.org/conferences/proceedings\\_2005\\_small.pdf](http://www.worldsustainable.org/conferences/proceedings_2005_small.pdf)).
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, « The Euro-South East Mediterranean Countries Convergence, an Empirical Study », *Partenariat Euro-Méditerranéen*, ed. by J. Y. Moissoner (ed), Karthala, forthcoming. ([www.eg.ird.fr/eng/activities/Papers/](http://www.eg.ird.fr/eng/activities/Papers/)).
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, «Using panel unit root tests to evaluate the income convergence hypothesis in middle east and north Africa countries», coauthor Francisco Serranito, working paper: Cahiers de la Maison des Sciences Économiques, Série Blanche, 2005-03, TEAM-CNRS Paris I. (<http://mse.univ-paris1.fr/Cahiers2005/2005003Bla.htm>).
- I. Guetat, «La Convergence entre Deux pays et Modèles de Croissance Economique», (Convergence between two countries and economic growth model), forthcoming working paper: Cahiers de la Maison des Sciences Économiques, Série Blanche, TEAM-CNRS Paris I.
- R. Meddeb and I. Guetat, «Les Besoins des Chefs d'Entreprises et les Conditions de Travail des Femmes dans l'industrie du textile habillement en Tunisie», (Firm manager needs and the women work conditions in the textile industry in Tunisia), I.L.O (International Labor Organization), with Mr. Riad Meddeb, 2000, I.L.O Working paper.
- I. Guetat, Agriculture in Morocco: Performances, Problems, and Government Involvement, Principal draft for the division F, Middle East department, IMF, October 1997, Washington D.C-USA.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

- I. Guetat and I. Drine, « Institutions, Governance and Economic Efficiency: Evidences from the MENA Region », Challenges and Opportunities in Emerging Markets, July 16-18, 2010, Milas, Turkey, organized by the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets, EuroConference, 2010. (<https://editorialexpress.com/conference/sssem2010>)
- I. Guetat and I. Drine, «The Information and Communication Technologies impact on the MENA countries growth performance», presented at the International Conference "Inequalities and development in the Mediterranean countries" Galatasaray University, May 21-22-23, 2009, Istanbul-Turkey. (<http://www.gdri.dreem-euromed.org>).

- I. Guetat, «Does Corruption Matters for the MENA Countries Growth Performance? », International Conference "Inequalities and development in the Mediterranean countries" Galatasaray University, May 21-22-23, 2009, Istanbul-Turkey. (<http://www.gdri.dreem-euromed.org>).
- Tenth GDN (Global Development Network) Annual Conference on «Natural Resources and Development» participant, February 1-5, 2009, Kuwait-City-Kuwait.([http://www.gdnet.org/cms.php?id=annual\\_conference](http://www.gdnet.org/cms.php?id=annual_conference)).
- I. Guetat and I. Drine, «The Information and Communication Technologies impact on the MENA countries growth performance», with Imed Drine, presented at the Middle East Economic Association MEEA's 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference, March 14-16, 2007, Zayed University-United Arab Emirates, author presenter of refereed paper. (<http://www.zu.ac.ae/meea>).
- I. Guetat, « Corruption Effect on the MENA Countries Growth », presented at the Third International Conference, World Association for sustainable Development (WASD) and College of Business and Economics (CBE), United Arab Emirates University, November 21-23, 2005, Al Ain-united Arab Emirates. (<http://www.worldsustainable.org/conferences>).
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, « Convergence des pays de la région MENA vers le niveau de revenu des pays du Sud de l'Europe : une approche en termes de clubs de convergence », presented at the International Conference: « Colloque RINOS (Réseau Intégration Nord Sud), Intégration Régionale et stratégies de développement: Les relations Nord-Sud dans l'Euromed, les Amériques et l'Asie », June 1-3, 2005, Montreal-Canada. ([www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/ieim/evananterieurs.php3](http://www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/ieim/evananterieurs.php3)).
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, « The Euro-South East Mediterranean Countries Convergence, an Empirical Study », presented at the International Conference: "the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, ten years after Barcelona", April 19-20, 2005, Cairo-Egypt. ([www.eg.ird.fr/eng/activities](http://www.eg.ird.fr/eng/activities))
- I. Guetat, « The Corruption Effect on the MENA Countries Growth », presented at the Economics of Corruption Workshop of the Sixth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, organized by the Mediterranean Programme of the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, March 16-20, 2005, Florence-Italy. ([www.iue.it/RSCAS/Events/](http://www.iue.it/RSCAS/Events/)).
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, «Convergence between southern Europe and middle east and north Africa countries», presented at the First International Workshop on Economic and Finance reforms in MENA, December 3-4, 2004, Sousse-Tunisia, (organizer, presenter, and session chair).
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, « Evaluating the income convergence hypothesis in middle east and north Africa countries», presented at EMMA conference, 4-5 June 2004, Madrid-Spain.([web.univ-pau.fr/RECHERCHE/GDRI-EMMA/activites/Coll2004/Colloque2004-2.htm](http://web.univ-pau.fr/RECHERCHE/GDRI-EMMA/activites/Coll2004/Colloque2004-2.htm) or [www.unice.fr/CEMAFI/travaux04-13prog.pdf](http://www.unice.fr/CEMAFI/travaux04-13prog.pdf)).
- I. Guetat and F. Serranito, «Income convergence within the MENA countries: a panel unit root approach», presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Economic Research Forum (ERF) conference, December 16-18, 2003, Marrakech-Morocco.

([http://www.erf.org.eg/Annual\\_conference](http://www.erf.org.eg/Annual_conference)).

- I. Guetat, «Convergence des Pays en Voie de Développement et Chocs sur les Rendements d'Echelle», (Convergence of Developing Countries and Chocks on the Scale Random), presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> conference of the third world association (Journées de l'Association Tiers-Monde : infrastructure et développement), 27-28 May 1999, Béthune-France.
- I. Guetat, «Les Déterminants de Croissance des Pays du Moyen Orient et du Maghreb», (Growth determinants of the MENA countries), presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> conference of the third world association (Journées de l'Association Tiers-Monde, « Europe - Méditerranée : vers quel développement ? »), 27-29 May 1998, Bandol- Ile de Bendor-France. (<http://sceco.univ-tln.fr/creri13.htm>).
- I. Guetat, «Les Déterminants de Croissance des Pays Arabes», (Growth Determinants of Arab countries), Presented in the Colloquium of growth in open economy (croissance en économie ouverte), 30-31 October 1996, Tunis-Tunisia.

## LECTURES NOTES AND STUDIES

- **Study draft:** Small and Medium Enterprises in Tunisia prepared for the EuroArab Management School (EAMS), Granada-Spain.
- **Lectures note:** «Croissance économique I: la théorie néoclassique» (neoclassical economic growth theory) for students in licence of economics, Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques et Politiques publication, 2002.
- **Lectures note:** «Croissance économique II: la théorie endogène» (endogenous economic growth theory) for students in BA of economics, Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques et Politiques publication, 2002.
- **MA thesis** «Croissance Endogène, Dynamique des Avantages Comparatifs et Processus de Développement» (Endogenous growth, Dynamic of comparative advantages and development process), supervisor: Professor Antoine D'Autume, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and director of research center MAD (Macroeconomy, Disequilibria analyses), January 1995.
- **MA Study draft** «Salaires Synchronisés, Salaires Imbriqués», (Synchronized and overlapped wages), supervisor: Professor Pierre Cahuc, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, June 1994.

## PARTICIPATION TO RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **Member of the organisation committee of the 12th Euro-Mediterranean Meeting: Consequences of the Financial and Economic crises on the countries in East and South European Union** May 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2010, codirected by The CEMAFI (Center of Studies in Macroeconomics and International Finance), University of Nice Sophia Antipolis and the Faculty of law, Economics and political sciences of Sousse in Tunisia organize the ".
- **Responsible of the proposal of the Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques et Politiques de Sousse for the program of the education quality improvement** of the Tunisian ministry of high education and scientific research with the financial support of the World Bank, 2009.
- **Organizer of a formation on STATA 10** statistical and econometric package with professor Mohamed Gouaed, 2009.
- **Economic integration and Economic convergence** research project, client: the Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes, FEMISE, (member of the research team since June 2007).

- **Member of the organization committee of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) conference of Mars 2006** hold in Sousse Tunisia with the collaboration of Sousse University.
- **Foreign Direct Investment in Middle East and North Africa countries**, Multidisciplinary Research Grant UAE University (task leader), 2005.
- **Constitution and Development of SMEs in MENA Countries**, project leader of the Tunisian case, research project for the EuroArab Management School (EAMS), Spanish Agency of International Cooperation, European Commission and Arab League, from October 2004.
- **Euro-Mediterranean integration and migration to European Union: incidence on the destination and the origin countries** research project, for the Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes, FEMISE, (task leader since June 2004).
- **Tourism and sustained development**, research program launched by la Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques et Politiques de Sousse (Tunisia) in collaboration with UMR 063 IRD (Development Research Institute, France), (member of the research team since may 2004).
- **Organizer and Director of the First International Workshop on Economic and Financial Reforms in MENA Countries** on December 3-4, 2004 in Sousse-Tunisia.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Responsible of the master on affairs engineering and international trade from July 2010.
- Referee for the Journal of Economics and finance.
- Referee for the Journal of Economic Modelling.
- Referee for Emerging Markets Finance and Trade website: <http://www.mesharpe.com/mall/results1.asp?ACR=ree> Thomson ISI 2008 journal citation impact factor: 0.70
- Member of the global Development Network Group, 2003-present.
- Member of the Middle East Economic Association, 2005-present.
- Two cooperation programs were set up between Sousse University-Tunisia (2005) and :
  - EuroArab Management School (EAMS) of Granada-Spain.
  - Tourism Institute of Paris 1 Sorbonne-France.
- An internship program on entrepreneurship for junior businessmen was set up jointly with EuroArab Management School (EAMS) of Granada-Spain (2006).
- A project was prepared for Sousse University in Tunisia to create Tourism Institute in Sousse (2005).

## **LANGUAGES AND COMPUTING SKILLS**

**Languages:** Arabic/French : Bilingual.  
English :Fluent  
Italian : Good Knowledge.

**Computing skills:** e-learning (blackboard), word-processing (Word, WordPerfect, Scientific WorkPlace), database management (Excel), statistical packages (Rats, E-views, TSP, STATA), presentation application (PowerPoint), Mathematical application (Mathlab), Netscape, Internet Explorer.

## **REFERENCES**

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