

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2006 – 2012: PhD in Economics (Full Scholarship) from University of Siena - Italy; Three Essays on Monetary Policy and Banking System:

1. Analyzing the Transmission Mechanisms of Monetary Policy in the Absence of a National Currency: The Palestinian Case
2. The Efficiency of The Banking System in Palestine 2000 – 2009
3. Micro credit in Palestine (1995-2008): a business history perspective

2006 – 2007: MSc in Economics, University of Siena, Italy, 2007.

2003 – 2006: Master Degree in Economic Science (Awarded with Distinction), Birzeit University, West Bank – Palestine.

1995 – 2001: Bachelors Degree in Mathematics Applied to Economics, Birzeit University, West Bank - Palestine.

1994 – 1995: High School Certificate, Scientific Stream, Secondary Bedyia Boys School, West Bank – Palestine.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2008 – present: Full time Senior Researcher, Research and Monetary Policy Department, Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA):

- Carry out the functions of supervision and administrations of the research division in research and monetary policy department.
- Represent PMA in conferences and workshops at the local and international levels.
- Performing and conducting the research work of the Research department at the Palestine Monetary Authority.
- Data analysis and forecasting tasks
- Reports and proposal writing

July 2007 – October 2007: Part time Economic consultant, Palestine Monetary Authority: Conduct a paper entitled “Forecasting Inflation in Palestinian Territory”.

July 2003 – Sept. 2004 & Apr. 2005 – Sept. 2006: Full time Research Assistant, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS):

- Participate in questionnaire designing, coding, and analysis.
- Conducting fieldwork, analyzing data, and testing hypothesis
- Reports and proposal writing

Jul. 2006 – Oct. 2006: Part time Lecturer - Principles of Microeconomics, Birzeit University, West Bank – Palestine.

Sep. 2005 – Jan. 2006: Part time Assistant Teacher – Principles of Microeconomics (*Scholarship*), Birziet University, West Bank - Palestine.

Sep. 2004 – April 2005: Full time Economic consultant, International Organization of Labor (ILO):

- Enhancing and creating the necessary economic policy formulation and modeling capacity in the Palestinian Authority.
- Coordinating and facilitating project activities review and analyze with the project team the identification of labour policies and conditions.
- Assisting policymakers in formulating alternative strategies for Palestinian future economic relations and labour policies
- Developing and integrating with the project team the analytical framework for Palestinian labour force policies.

Oct. 2001 – July 2003: Full time Teacher of Mathematics, Ramon Boys School, West Bank – Palestine.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

A. CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- **2011:** (*with Al-Wazir J. and Atallah M.*), “From occupation to an independent monetary policy: achievements and aspirations in Palestine”. Published by The Routledge political economy of the Middle East and North Africa.
- **2011:** (*with Awartani B.*), “The structure of the financial system and the absence of the Palestinian Pound”, Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR).

B. PUBLISHED PAPERS

- Sarsour S., (**2012**). “Analyzing the Transmission Mechanisms of Monetary Policy in the Absence of a National Currency: The Palestinian case”, Middle East Development Journal, vol. 4 (2).

- Di Martino P., and Sarsour S., (2012). "Microcredit in Palestine (1995 – 2008): A business history perspective", Business History Journal, vol. 54 (3), pp 441 - 461.
- (From occupation to an independent monetary policy: achievements and aspirations in Palestine, Al-Wazir J., Sarsour S., and Attalah M.), Money in the Middle East and North Africa: monetary policy frameworks and strategies. Edited by Cobham D., and Dibeh G., Published by Routledge: Oxon, (2011), pp. 106 – 124.

C. PRESENTED PAPERS

- "The economic and social effects of foreign aid in Palestine", with Reem Naser, presented in a workshop held in Malta University, "Transitional social and public policy: the future in Europe and the MENA", March 2012.
- "Banking under local and global stresses," with Saed Khalil presented at the European Central Bank (ECB) – Frankfurt, Nov. 2009.
- "Analyzing Transmission Mechanism of Monetary Policy in Absence of a National Currency: Case of Palestinian Territory," presented at the Annual meeting of University of Siena – Italy, Jun 2009.

D. WORKING PAPERS

- Daoud Y., **Sarsour S.**, and Shanti R. (2008). "Forecasting inflation rate behavior in Palestine: A time series analysis", Palestine Monetary Authority.
- Makhool B., Muhannad H. and **Sarsour S.** (2006). "Dynamic of the Palestinian Industrial Sector (1994 – 2004)". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).
- Daoud Y., and **Sarsour S.**, (2005). "Disengaging the Gaza Economy and Palestinian Policy Options: A simulation Framework". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).
- Makhool B., and others, (2004). "Integrated Framework for Palestinian: Macroeconomic, Trade and Labour Policy (Phase I) Preliminary Results". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).
- Abdelrazeq O., and others, (2004). "Social and Economic Characteristics of the Informal Sector in the West Bank and Gaza Strip". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).
- Abdelrazeq O., and others, (2004). "Evaluation of the Performance of the Ministry Of Finance". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).
- El-Jafari M., and others, (2004). "Matching Higher Education Graduates with Market Needs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

- Arabic: mother tongue
- English: Excellent reading, writing and speaking skills
- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft office applications (Word, Excel, Access, and power point)
- Excellent knowledge of E-views, SPSS, and STATA.

TRAINING COURSES

- **October 22 – 26, 2011.** Training course on *"Macro stress testing seminar"* conducted by IMF in cooperation with the Central bank of Oman, Muscat – Oman.
- **June 28 – 30, 2011.** Training course on *"Developing debt management strategies"* conducted by Middle East Regional Technical Assistant Center of the IMF, Amman – Jordan.
- **April 17 – 28, 2011.** Training course on *"Macroeconomic management and fiscal policy issues"* conducted by Arab Monetary Fund in cooperation with IMF, Abu Dhabi – United Arab Emirates.
- **Nov. 23 – Dec. 1, 2010.** Training course on *"the Financial Instruments and Markets, Primary and Secondary Markets and Debt Management"* conducted by Middle East Regional Technical Assistant Center of the IMF, Ramallah – Palestine.
- **July 12 – 16, 2010.** Attending a seminar on *"Formulation and implantation of monetary policy in the euro area"*. European Central Bank, Frankfurt – Germany.
- **Dec. 7 – 18, 2009.** Training course on *"Financial Programming and Policies for Palestinian Officials"* conducted by Middle East Regional Technical Assistant Center of the IMF, Beirut – Lebanon.
- **July 21- 23, 2009.** Training course on *"Communication Skills"*. Palestine Monetary Authority, West Bank - Palestine.
- **April 10 – 21, 2005.** Training course on *"The Integrated Simulation Framework for Palestinian Macroeconomic, Trade and Labour"*. UNCTAD and ILO, West Bank – Palestine.
- **16 May – 4 June, 2000.** Training course on *"SPSS"*. Birzeit University – Palestine.