

**Curriculum Vitae
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1. Personal Information

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2. Educational Background

Ph.D.(Macroeconomics /Econometrics/International Finance) **York University**, Toronto, Canada, 1997.
MA (Monetary Economics) **University of Toronto**, Toronto, Canada, 1992.
MMB (Money & Banking) **American University of Beirut**, Beirut, Lebanon, 1990.
BA (Economics) **American University of Beirut**, Beirut, Lebanon, 1988.

3. Work Experience

Chairperson, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, November 2004-present.
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, June 2003-present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, February 1997- 2003.
Teaching Graduate Courses in: Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, International and Arab Financial Markets, Financial Theory, Options and Derivative Instruments, Econometrics of Financial Markets, Financial Economics, Investment Banking and Long-Term Finance, and undergraduate Courses in Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics.
Lecturer, Department of Economics, York University, summer 1995, fall 1996, spring 1996, summer 1996.
Taught undergraduate courses in Statistics, Econometrics, Financial Econometrics, Financial Derivatives, Corporate finance, and Financial Economics.
Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics, McMaster University, Summer 1994.
Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Toronto, Canada, 1991-1993.

4. Publications

- [1] Monetary Policy Coordination and the Prospects of a Monetary Union Between GCC Countries. A Lead Article in the *Journal of Economie Applique*, Archives de L'institut de Sciences Mathematiques et Economiques Appliques, Paris, France, Vol. LIX, No. 4, pp. 5-32, December 2006. **The paper received the Best Policy-Oriented Paper Award when presented during the ERF 12th Annual Conference.**
- [2] Volatilities in Emerging MENA Stock Markets. A Lead Article in the *Thunderbird International Business Review*, Wiley Interscience Publisher, New Jersey, USA, Vol. 48, No.4, pp. 455-484, July, 2006.
- [3] Financial Market Integration and Macroeconomic Volatility In the MENA Region: An Empirical Investigation. *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, Routledge Press (Taylor and Francis) United Kingdom, Vol. 3 No.3, pp. 231-253, December, 2005.
- [4] Macroeconomic Volatility in the MENA Region: An Empirical Investigation. *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, Routledge Press (Taylor and Francis) U.K., Vol. 3 No.3, pp. 231-255, December, 2005.

- [5] Sustainability of Exchange Rate Policies and External Public Debt in Lebanon. *Journal of Development and Economic Policies*, Vol. 8, No.1, pp. 53-84, December 2005.
- [6] Money and Finance in the Middle East: Missed Opportunities or Future Prospects? *Research in Middle East Economics Series*, Vol. 6, Elsevier Science Press, June 2005.
- [7] Macroeconomic Fluctuations and Asymmetries in Selected East Mediterranean and Gulf Countries: An Empirical Investigation, *Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, Vol.1, No.2, pp.143-172, December 2004.
- [8] Income Convergence in the Asia-Pacific Region, Paper nominated for a prize for best paper of the year, *Journal of Economic Integration*, Vol. 19, No.3, September 2004 pp. 470-498.
- [6] Portfolio Diversification and Correlations in Returns and Volatilities in Emerging MENA Stock Markets, *Thunderbird International Business Review*, Wiley Publisher. Paper accepted for publication and forthcoming June 2006.
- [7] Sustainability of Budget Deficits and Public Debt In Lebanon: A Stationarity and Cointegration Analysis, *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, Routledge Press (Taylor and Francis) U.K., Vol.2 No.1, pp. 43-61 April 2004.
- [8] Economic Diversification and Gender in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries, *Journal of Social Affairs*, Vol. 20 No.80, pp.13-41, December 2003.
- [9] Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies in the MENA Region, *The Arab Bank Review*, Vol.6, No.1, pp. 33-38, April 2004.
- [10] Mean-Reversion Across MENA Stock Markets: Implications for Derivative Pricing. *International Journal of Business*, Vol.8 No.3, pp. 348-358, September 2003. Premier Press, Fresno, California, US.
- [11] Durable Goods, Habits, Time Preference, and Exchange Rates, *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, Elsevier Science Press. Vol. 14, No.1, pp. 115-130, February 2003.
- [12] Implications of the Introduction of the Euro for the Mediterranean Countries, *Thunderbird International Business Review*, Wiley Publisher, Vol. 45, No.1, pp. 31-49. February 2003.
- [13] Portfolio Management and Financial Market Integration of Emerging MENA Stock Markets. In **Global Stock Markets and Portfolio Management**, Vol. 4, pp. 37-54. Palgrave and Macmillan, London, UK, January 2006.
- [14] Portfolio Diversification and Financial Integration of MENA Stock Markets. In Money and Finance in the Middle East: Missed Opportunities or Future Prospects? *Research in Middle East Economics Series*, Vol. 6, pp. 3-21, Elsevier Science Press (May 2005).
- [15] Profitability and Risk Management in Banking: A Comparative Analysis for Selected MENA Countries, in Money and Finance in the Middle East: Missed Opportunities or Future Prospects? *Research in Middle East Economics Series*, Vol. 6, pp: 121-136, Elsevier Science Press (May 2005).
- [16] Fiscal Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies In a Small Open Economy, in Money and Finance in the Middle East: Missed Opportunities or Future Prospects, *Research in Middle East Economics Series*, Vol. 6, pp: 241-258, Elsevier Science Press, June 2005.

- [17] Real Exchange Rates and Productivity Shocks in a Small Open Economy, in "Exchange Rate, Economic Integration and the International Economy", edited by L. Michelis and M. Lovewell,, Toronto, Canada: **APF Press**, April 2004, pp. 214-228.
- [18] A Unified Risk Assessment of Commercial Banks in the MENA Region. *Proceedings of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) twelfth Annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt, December 19-21, 2005.*
- [19] Monetary Policy Coordination and the Prospects of a Monetary Union Between GCC Countries. *Proceedings of The Economic Research Forum (ERF) twelfth Annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt, December 19-21, 2005. The paper received the Best Policy-Oriented Paper Award.*
- [20] Moving Ahead from Doha to Cancun: The Formulation of the Lebanese Negotiating Position. Proceedings of the Expert Group Meeting. The Center of Economic and Financial Research and Studies and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Cairo, Egypt, October 2003.
- [21] Liberalization and Financial Integration of MENA Stock Markets, in Regional Trade, Finance and Labor Markets, *Proceedings of The Economic Research Forum (ERF) Ninth Annual Conference, Al Sharjah, UAE October 26-28, 2002.*
- [22] Financial Market Integration and Macroeconomic Volatility in the MENA Region: An Empirical Investigation. In Regional Trade, Finance and Labor Markets. *Proceedings of The Economic Research Forum (ERF) Eleventh Annual Conference, Beirut-Lebanon, December 14-16, 2004.*
- [23] The Euro and the Future EU-Arab Countries Trade Relations, *Arab Economic Journal*, Vol. 11, No.29, pp. 27-49, Autumn 2002.
- [24] Habits and Durability in Consumption and the Effects of Exchange Rate Policies, *International Economic Journal*, Vol. 16, No.2, pp. 97-114, Summer 2002.
- [25] The Future of the Dollar-Euro Exchange Rate, *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, Elsevier Science Publisher, Vol. 13, No.1, pp. 57-72, May 2002. Paper nominated as best paper of the year 2002.
- [26] Price Linkages and Integration of MENA Stock Markets, *International Review of Comparative Public Policy*, Elsevier Science Press, Vol. 13, pp. 63-86, May 2002.
- [27] The Arab Economies: Monetary and Financial Implications of the Euro-Currency, *Arab Economic Journal*, Vol. 10, No. 24, pp. 3-28, Summer 2001.
- [28] Habits and Durability in Consumption and the Effects of Tariff Protection, *Open Economies Review*, Kluwer Academic Publisher, Vol. 11, No.3, pp. 195-204, July 2000.
- [29] The Macroeconomics of Exchange Rate Policies, Tariff Protection and the Current Account: A Dynamic Framework, **APF Press**, Toronto, Canada, July 2000. Excerpts from the book reviews are available on the back of the book and the review of the *Journal of Economic Literature (JEL)* Vol. **39 No. 3**, 2001-1021 reads as follows: "A graduate level textbook introduces students to the main theoretical and applied models used by monetary and international financial economists and presents the relevant empirical evidence. Discusses globalization, tariffs, and the current account; exchange rate policies; neo-classical growth and optimal control; endogenous growth; and real exchange rates; productivity shocks, and sectoral adjustment of output. Considers policy implications."
- [30] European Monetary Union and the Dollar-Euro Exchange Rate," in *Asymmetries in Financial Globalization*, edited by Bala Batavia, Nicholas A. Lash and Anastasios G. Malliaris, Toronto, Canada: **APF Press**, 2002, pp. 103-124.

- [31] A Model for Evaluating the Failure of Lebanese Banks, in Regional Trade, Finance and Labor Markets, *Proceedings of The Economic Research Forum (ERF) Sixth Annual Conference*, pp. 308-324, October 1999.
- [32] Using the Yield Curve to Predict Inflation in the Emerging Economies of the ERF, Regional Trade, Finance and Labor Markets, *Proceedings of The Economic Research Forum (ERF) Fifth Annual Conference*, pp. 141-151, September 1998.
- [33] A Note on The Design and Effects of Monetary Policy in the Middle East, Regional trade, Finance and Labor Markets in Transition. *Proceedings of the Economic Research Forum Fourth Annual Conference*, September 1997.
- [34] A Note on the Economies of Currency Boards: the Case of the Palestinian Economy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Regional Trade, Finance and Labor Markets, *Proceedings of The Economic Research Forum Sixth Annual Conference*, October 1999.
- [35] A Note on Assessing Cost and Technical Efficiency of Banks in Kuwait, Regional trade, Finance and Labor Markets in Transition. *Proceedings of The Economic Research Forum Eighth Annual Conference*, January 2002.

5. Academic Conferences

- [1] Sustainability and Dynamics of MENA Public Debt and the Macroeconomic Implications of Public Insolvency. *Proceedings of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) Thirteenth Annual Conference, Kuwait, December 15-18, 2006. The paper received the Best Policy-Oriented Paper Award.*
- [2] Monetary Policy Coordination and the Prospects of a Monetary Union Between GCC Countries. Paper presented at the *Economic Research Forum (ERF) twelfth Annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt, December 19-21, 2005. The paper received the Best Policy-Oriented Paper Award.*
- [3] A Unified Risk Assessment of Commercial Banks in the MENA Region. Paper presented at the *Economic Research Forum (ERF) twelfth Annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt, December 19-21, 2005.*
- [4] South-South Trade Monetary and Financial Integration and the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership: An Empirical Investigation.” Paper presented at the 4th Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes, Marseille France, July 28-29, 2005.
- [5] Public Investment, Twin Deficits and Economic Growth: The Case of Lebanon.’ Paper presented at Nice University, France, August 2-3, 2005.
- [6] Country Profile, Lebanon. Monetary and Finance Policy Issues, In Regional Trade, Finance and Labor Markets, Paper presented at the *Economic Research Forum (ERF) Eleventh Annual Conference, Beirut-Lebanon, December 14-16, 2004.*
- [7] Financial Market Integration and Macroeconomic Volatility In the MENA Region: An Empirical Investigation. In Regional Trade, Finance and Labor Markets, Paper presented at the *Economic Research Forum (ERF) Eleventh Annual Conference, Beirut-Lebanon, December 14-16, 2004.*
- [8] The Assessment of Implementation of Regional Trade Agreements in the Arab Countries and the Economic and Regulatory Policy Implications of Their Overlapping: Case study Jordan. Paper presented at the *Economic Research Forum (ERF) Eleventh Annual Conference, Beirut-Lebanon, December 14-16, 2004. Funded by IDRC, Canada.*

- [9] Portfolio Management and Financial Market Integration of Emerging MENA Stock Markets. A Paper presented at the International Conference on Emerging Markets and Global Risk Management, The Westminster Business School, London, UK, June 2004.
- [10] Exchange Rates, Trade and FDI Flows and the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. Paper presented at the **FEMISE and ERF** Second Annual Conference on Euro-Mediterranean Economic Relations, Marseille-France. December 6-8, 2003. Funded by the European Community.
- [11] Liberalization and Financial Integration of MENA Stock Markets. Paper presented at an international conference titled: Economic Integration, Financial Markets and Cooperation: Experiences and Perspectives of Europe and the Arab Islamic World in the 21st Century. The Institute of Development Research and Development Policy, Ruhr-University, Bochum, Germany December 13-14, 2003.
- [12] Correlations in Returns and Volatilities in MENA Stock Markets. Paper presented at the **Economic Research Forum (ERF) Tenth Annual Conference**, Marrakech, Morocco, December 16-18, 2003. Funded by ERF.
- [13] Financial Liberalization and Domestic Savings in MENA Countries: A Comparative Analysis. Paper presented by co-author (M. Kabir Hassan) at the Allied Social Science Association, and the Middle East Economic Association Meetings. January 3-5, 2003. Washington D.C. US.
- [14] Liberalization and Financial Integration of MENA Stock Markets. Paper presented at the **Economic Research Forum Ninth Annual Conference**, Al-Sharjah, UAE, October 26-28, 2002.
- [15] Co-organized and attended a Seminar on the Macroeconomic and Exchange Rate Management in Developing Countries: A Comparative Analysis of Turkey and Lebanon, a joint Seminar of the **Institute of Financial Economics and the Department of Economics** at the American University of Beirut, June 6, 2002. Presented a paper on Fiscal, Monetary and Exchange Rate Developments in Lebanon: 1992-2001.
- [16] Real Exchange Rates and Productivity Shocks in a Small Open Economy. Paper presented at the International Conference on **Exchange Rates, Economic Integration and the International Economy**, held at Ryerson University, Toronto Canada, May 17-19, 2002.
- [17] Risk and Efficiency in Banking: A Comparative Study for Egypt and Lebanon. Paper presented at the **Economic Research Forum Eighth Annual Conference**, Cairo-Egypt, January 15-17, 2002.
- [18] Economic Diversification and Gender in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries. Paper presented at the Expert Group Meeting on Economic Diversification in the Arab World, **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia**, Beirut, 25-27 September 2001.
- [19] Real Exchange Rates and Productivity Shocks in a Model with Habits and Durability in Consumption. Paper presented at the **Canadian Economics Association Meetings**, Montreal, Quebec, June 1-4, 2001.
- [20] The Euro and the Mediterranean Region. Paper presented at the **FEMISE and ERF** Second Annual Conference on Euro-Mediterranean Economic Relations, Marseille-France. March 29-30, 2001. Funded by the European Community.
- [21] Price Linkages and Integration of Middle East Stock Markets. Paper presented at the **American Economic Association Meetings** in New Orleans, January 2001, January 4-7 2001.
- [22] The Implications of the Euro Currency for the Mediterranean Economies. Paper presented at a conference on the **Global Economy: Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century**, Athens, Greece, August 2000.

- [23] Estimating the Effects of Real Interest Rates and Real Exchange Rates Changes on Aggregate Supply. Paper presented at the *Canadian Economics Association Meetings*, Vancouver, BC. June 1-5, 2000.
- [24] A Perspective on the Future Dollar-Euro: Implications for the Peripheral Mediterranean Countries. Paper presented at the *FEMISE and ERF* First Annual Conference on Euro-Mediterranean Economic Relations, Marseille-France. February 17-18, 2000. Funded by the European Community.
- [25] A Logistic Model for Evaluating the Performance of Lebanese Banks. Paper presented at the *Economic Research Forum Sixth Annual Conference*, Cairo, Egypt, October 17-19, 1999.
- [26] A Perspective on the Future Euro-Dollar Exchange Rate: Implications for the International Financial Markets. Paper presented at a conference on *Asymmetries in Financial Globalization*, Loyola University, Chicago, May 14, 1999.
- [27] Emerging MENA Equity Markets: Integration and Diversification. Paper presented at *The Athenian Policy Forum* International Conference on Economic Integration and Transformation: Structural Change, Equity and Efficiency. Toronto, Canada, May 1998.
- [28] Using the Yield Curve to Predict Inflation in the Emerging Economies of the ERF. Paper presented at *The Economic Research Forum Fifth Annual Conference*, Tunisia, September 1998.

6. Professional Seminars

- [29] Participated in a *World Bank Seminar*: "Global Integration and the New Trade Agenda," June 29-July 10, 1998. Washington D. C., U. S. Funded by the FAS.
- [30] Participated and lectured in a ten days training seminar for managers of commercial banks and insurance companies on *Assets/Investments and Strategic Management*. Nicosia, Cyprus. August 1997.

7. Refereeing for Academic Journals

The Canadian Journal of Economics
 Open Economies Review
 The Review of Middle East Economics and Finance
 The Review of Middle East Economics
 The Journal of Development and Economic Policies
 The Journal of Macroeconomics
 Thunderbird International Business Review
 North American Journal of Economics and Finance
 The Journal of Comparative Economics
 Economie Applique
 Referee for various ESCWA publications
 The Economic Research Forum

8. Research Fellowships

Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum, Cairo Egypt
 Athenian Policy Forum Research Fellow, Toronto Canada
 Member, Canadian Economic Association
 Member, North American Economics and Finance Association
 Member, Middle East Economic Association
 Research Fellow, Institute of Financial Economics, American University of Beirut