

Curriculum Vitae
Zeki Fattah
2004-2009

I. Current Occupation

-Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister, Kurdistan Regional government (KRG), (Since 2004);

-Anjoman, Prime Minister's Office, KRG, Erbil, Iraq.

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-Director of the Project: Kurdistan- Engineering Design and Contracting Organizations; (K-CEDO). (Since 2008)

Working on restructuring the engineering body in the Region, outsourcing engineering functions from government departments, setting up private engineering and design companies, establishing industrial city, science and technology parks, quality control labs, IT centers, and a Construction bank..

Site of KRG: www.krg.org

II. Publications

-The Law of Foreign Direct Investment in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (2004-2005)

Head of the team preparing the law. This Law has been passed by the Region's Parliament and enacted in 2005. It has been rated as "the most liberal law in the Middle East" by the Economist Intelligence Unit. It made a land mark change in the Region's economy.

-The Law of Competition and Anti Monopoly in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (2008-2009)

Prepared this Law for the Kurdistan Regional Government. It was per reviewed by two leading authorities in the field; Dr.Dato Sothi Srachagan, Consultant, Malaysian Consumer Protection Authority, and Mr. Charles Bridge, Consultant United Kingdom Competition Authority, and was subjected to extensive discussions inside and outside the Region. It is currently under consideration for promulgation by the Regional Parliament.

-The Law of Consumer Protection in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (2007-2008)

Prepared this Law for the Kurdistan Regional Government. It was per reviewed by the two leading authorities mentioned above and was subjected to extensive discussions. It is currently under consideration for promulgation by the Regional Parliament.

** The last two Laws constituted also the material for two extensive training courses organized by the Department of Competition and Consumer Protection in UNCTAD in Geneva in 2009, for 18 participants from the Kurdistan Region.

*Work on the latter two Laws was supported by funds from the United Nations Development Program for Iraq in 2008.

-'Determinants of Growth in the MENA Countries'. (2007)

A joint article written with Samir Makdisi and Imed Limam, published in the Book entitled 'Explaining Growth in the Middle East' edited by Jeffrey Nugent and Hashem Pesaran, in the series 'Contribution to Economic Analysis' published by Elsevier in 2007.

-'The Future of Trade and Investment Relations between Iraq and Turkey',

Paper presented in the Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies; International Turkish Asian Conference on 'Future of Turkey', May, 2004. Published in the book 'Proceedings of the Conference on the Future of Turkey', Istanbul, 2006.

-'The Experience of East Asian Countries in the Transfer of Technology and Development of Technological Capabilities', 2005. (In Arabic)

Contribution to UNESCO's Arabic Encyclopedia in Social Sciences. (Forthcoming)

-'The Regional Dimension: Creating Regional Investment Authorities', section contributed to the 'National Development strategy, Iraq 2005-2007', Strategic Review Board, Ministry of Planning and Development, Republic of Iraq, June ,2005

II. Papers presented in Regional and International Conferences

-'A Strategy for the Development of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq', a paper presented in the Conference on 'Cooperation for the Development of Kurdistan Region of Iraq'; held in London, Spring , organized by the Ministry of International Trade and Development, U.K and The British-Iraq Trade Committee and the Kurdistan Regional Government. London, 2004.

-'The Global Industrial Scene and the MENA Region', Lecture delivered in the American University at Beirut, Lebanon, 2004; An updated version of the original paper presented in the Sectoral Session, ERF Conference, Cairo, 2004.

-'The Global Industrial Scene and the MENA Region', (updated) paper presented in the Workshop by the United Nations Economic And Social commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) on 'Networking in Science and Technology for Development', Beirut, Lebanon, 2005.

--The Development Strategy in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and Prospect for Investment and Economic Cooperation with the Arab World: an invitation to Arab Investors'. Panelist presentation in the Jordan Economic Forum. Organized by the Jordanian Government, November, 2005

- Prospect of Investment and Trade between Austria and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq' presentation made in the Conference on Cooperation between Austria and Iraq'. A Conference organized by the Chamber of Commerce in Vienna, June 2006.

-Management of New Natural Resources in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq', Paper by George Yacu and Zeki Fattah presented in the workshop "Iraqi Oil Industry", Organized by Iraq Revenue Watch (IRW) Beirut 2006

-Reform of Iraqi Government: Issues and Challenges'. 'Comments from the economic point of view'; Meeting organized by the World Bank and Dubai School of Government, Dubai, July 2006.

-Iraq's National Development Strategy: A critical assessment' Presentation made in ISIK University, The Middle East Study Program, 1st annual Conference, 'The Future of Iraq: Politics, Security, and Foreign Policy', November, 2006, Istanbul.

-Intergovernmental Fiscal and Financial Management', Presented 'comments from a Federal perspective' in this meeting organized by OECD in Amman, Jordan, July 2007.

-Kurdistan Economy: Its progress and business potential for the European countries' Presentation made in the sixteenth European Forum, Poland, Kryncia, September, 2006. (And in 2007)

The Dynamics of Industrial Development in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: The Arrat Industrial City'. Presentation made in the conference "Promoting Investment in the Kurdistan of Iraq", organized by the joint American and Iraqi Chamber of Commerce and the Ministry of Planning in KRG, Dubai, 2007.

-Policy Framework for Sustainable Development of the Economy in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq', Presentation made in the meeting organized jointly by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and American Chamber of Commerce, Iraq. Seoul, June 2008.

-The Role of Engineering and Construction in Modern Economy' Presentation made in the Conference on 'Engineering, Design and Contracting Organization in Kurdistan, held in Erbil, May 2008

-The Main Characteristics of the New Foreign Investment Law in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq', Presentation made in the Iraq-Holland conference on Economic Cooperation, held in Hague, April, 2008.

-'Limitation of Iraq's New Development Plan'. Paper presented in the meeting organized by Turkish Center for Strategic Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara, September 2008.

-'Governance and Transparency in the Municipalities in the Kurdistan Region', A Project Proposal, presented to the World Bank in 2009, for funding and for implementation by Regional NGOs. (Preliminary approval received).

-'Prospects for Investment in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq', Panelist presentation made in the Milken Institute Global Conference on 'Shaping the Future', Los Angeles, USA, April 2009.

III Review of articles

-The Politics of Sustaining Growth in the Arab World: Getting Democracy Right' Review and Comments. Journal of World Development. 2005. (Internal review)

III. ERF Activities

-Member of the Advisory Board

-Chairperson and member of the Sectoral Theme including evaluation of all the papers and chairing the Sectoral Theme's sessions:

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ERF 11, 2004
ERF 12, 2005
ERF 13, 2006
ERF 14, 2007

-Presented Papers on Industrial Development in ERF sessions, 12, 13, and 14 under the title:

'The Global Industrial Scene and the MENA Region'.

-Prepared summary of several Sectoral Theme sessions for the ERF journal.

-Refereed selection of projects and research studies for ERF Funding.

-Reviewed and acted as discussant of numerous papers in industrial development, technology, capital stock measurement and productivity analysis as well as country papers.

-Selected winning research papers in several ERF conferences.