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Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Davis, USA, *June 2005*.

Dissertation: “Knowledge Flows, Innovation and Multinational Firms: Evidence from US Patents”

M.A., Economics, Stanford University, Stanford, USA, *September 2000*.

M.A., Economics, The American University in Cairo, Egypt, *June 1998*.

B.A., Economics (*Summa Cum Laude*), The American University in Cairo, Egypt, *June 1995*.

Minor in Business Administration and Computer Science

Research Interests

International Economics; Economic Development; Applied Microeconomics; Econometrics

Academic Experience

Lecturer, Department of Economics, Santa Clara University, CA, USA *2010 to present*

International Economics, Development and Growth; Economic Development;

International Finance and Open Economy Macroeconomics

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, San Jose State University, CA, USA *2009*

Masters level: International Trade and Finance

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University in Cairo, Egypt *2005 to 2008*

Principles of Microeconomics; Economic Development; Economic Growth;

Economics of Poverty and Inequality (*a Community-Based Learning course*);

Masters level: Economic Growth and Development, and Development Research Workshop

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of California, Davis, CA, USA *2000 to 2005*

Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of Macroeconomics; Analysis of Economic Data

Lecturer, Department of Economics, The American University in Cairo, Egypt *1998*

Principles of Macroeconomics

Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, The American University in Cairo, Egypt *1996-1998*

Principles of Macroeconomics; Intermediate Microeconomics

Papers

- “Did Trade Liberalization Benefit Female Workers? Evidence from Egypt on Wage and Employment Effects” in Karshenas, M. & Chamlou, N. (Eds.) *Women, Work and Welfare in the Middle East and North Africa: The Role of Socio-demographics, Entrepreneurship and Public Policies*. Imperial College Press, (2016).
- “Trade liberalization, industry concentration and female workers: the case of Egypt”, *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 3 (20) September (2014).
- "Do Workers in Exporting Industries Earn Higher Wages? Evidence from Recent Trade Liberalization Episodes in Two Developing Countries," *Global Business and Economics Review* 16 (4): 369-395 (2014) (with M. Said).
- “Dynamics of Multidimensional Poverty and Trade Liberalization: Evidence from Panel Data for Egypt.” (with M. Said), in Berenger, Valerie; Bresson, Florent (Eds.) “Poverty and Social Exclusion around the Mediterranean Sea.” Part of the Springer book series: “Economic Studies in Inequality, Social Exclusion and Well-Being”, Vol. 9 (2013), New York: Springer.
- “Innovation, Productivity, and Foreign Direct Investment-Induced R&D Spillovers.” *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, 21 (5): 615-653 (2012).
- “Multinational Corporations and Knowledge Flows: Evidence from Patent Citations” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 59 (3): 649-680 (2011).
- “Knowledge Flows and Knowledge Assets in High -Technology Mergers and Acquisitions” *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics*, 21: 48-67 (2008).

Work in Progress

- “Household Asset Inequality, Labor Market Outcomes and Women’s Empowerment in MENA” (with Vladimir Hlasny)
- “How “democratic” are citizens of Muslim majority countries?” (with Mo’amen Gouda)
- “Egyptians’ Economic and Social Mobility during Reform and Revolution” (in progress)
- “Did the Cost of Living Rise Faster for the Rural Poor? Evidence from Egypt” (in progress)

Working Papers

- “Endowments or Discrimination? Determinants of Household Poverty in Egypt” ERF Working Paper 931, 2015.
- “Is there Feminization of Poverty in Egypt?” ERF Working Paper 926, 2015.
- “Did Trade Liberalization Benefit Female Workers? Evidence on Wage and Employment Effects from Egypt” (earlier version) ERF Working Paper 787, 2013.
- “Trade Liberalization and Labor Rewards in Egyptian Manufacturing: Is There a Wage-Job Quality Tradeoff?” (with M. Said), Center for Research on the Economies of the Mediterranean (CREMed) Working Paper #3, *Best Paper Award Finalist*, December 2010.
- “The Dynamics of Poverty and Inequality in an era of Economic Liberalization: The Case of Egypt” Economic Research Forum (ERF) Working Paper no.539, 2010.
- “Trade liberalization, inter-industry wage differentials and job quality in Egyptian manufacturing.” (with M. Said), Gender and Work in the MENA Region Working Paper Series, No.6 (2009), Cairo: Population Council.
- “To Fix or Not to Fix? On the Choice of Exchange Rate Regimes for Emerging Markets” Unpublished MA Manuscript, Stanford University.
- “Constructing True Cost-of-Living Indices for Egypt” Unpublished MA Thesis, American University in Cairo.
- “The Effect of the Economic Reform and Structural Adjustment Program on Poverty in Egypt” Unpublished MA Manuscript, American University in Cairo

Presentations and Workshops

- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA meetings, San Francisco, CA, January 3-6, 2016.
- IARIW-CAPMAS Special Conference “Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income, Wealth, Poverty and Inequality in the Middle East and North Africa” Cairo, Egypt November 23-25, 2015
- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA meetings, Boston, MA, January 3-6, 2015.
- ERF Workshop on “Women Economic Empowerment in the MENA Region”, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, November 29, 2013.
- IZA Workshop on “Labor Markets and Labor Policy in MENA Countries”, Tunis, Tunisia, March 15 to 16, 2013.
- Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA) Annual Meeting, The World Bank, Washington DC, June 24-25, 2012.
- GERPA “Middle East and North Africa Gender and Economics Symposium II: Translating Research into Action”, Gleacher Center, University of Chicago, October 16-19, 2010.
- Workshop on "Economics of the Mediterranean and the Euro-Mediterranean Process", Barcelona, Spain, July 16-17, 2010.
- African Econometric Society International Conference, Cairo, Egypt, July 7-9, 2010.
- Workshop on “Inequality of Income and Inequality of Opportunity”, ERF, Cairo, Egypt, June 21-24, 2010.
- Western Economic Association International Conference, Hawaii, USA, June 29-July 3, 2008.
- American University in Cairo Annual Research Conference, May 12-14, 2008.
- “*Community-Based Learning (CBL): Principles, Practices, and Assessment*” Training Workshop, March 2008, John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement, the Center for Learning and Teaching, and the Department of Rhetoric and Composition, American University in Cairo.
- Western Economic Association International Conference, Seattle, USA, June 29-July 3, 2007.
- Conference on “Philanthropy and Development” organized by the Center for Development Services and the Near East Foundation, Cairo, Egypt, February 28, 2007.
- Western Economic Association International Conference, San Diego, California, June 29- July 3, 2006.
- “*Teaching Economics with Computerized Experiments*”, Experimental Economics Center, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, held in San Diego, California, June 28, 2006.
- International Industrial Organization Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, April 7-9, 2006.
- UNDP conference on the launch of Egypt Human Development Report 2005 “Choosing our Future: Towards a New Social Contract”, Cairo, February 12, 2006.
- Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco, California, July 5-8, 2005.

Awards and Honors

- Winner, ERF Research Competition on “Household Asset Inequality in the Arab countries, Iran and Turkey” grant to study “Household Asset Inequality, Labor Market Outcomes and Women’s Empowerment in MENA” (with Vladimir Hlasny), *April 2016*.
- Winner, ERF Research Competition on “Rural Poverty, Rural-Urban Migration and Rural Development in the ERF Region” grant to study “Did the Cost of Living Rise Faster for the Rural Poor? Evidence from Egypt”, *July 2015*.
- Economics Department Travel Grant, Santa Clara University, January 2015.
- Professional Development Grant, SCU Sustainability Initiative, June 2014.

- Winner, ERF Research Competition on “Female Economic Empowerment in the MENA Region”, grant to study “Economic Reforms and the Feminization of Poverty: Evidence from Egypt”, *July 2013*.
- Winner, Second Round of the Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA) Research Competition, grant to study “Importing Equality? Trade Liberalization and Gender Discrimination in Egypt”, *May 2009*.
- Winner, Eighth Round of the Global Development Network’s Regional Research Competition, grant to study “The Dynamics of Poverty and Inequality in an Era of Economic Liberalization: The Case of Egypt”, *September 2008*.
- Faculty Support Grant, The American University in Cairo, *April 2008*.
- Faculty Support Grant, The American University in Cairo, *February 2007*.
- Faculty Support Grant, The American University in Cairo, *February 2006*.
- Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship, University of California, Davis, *Fall 2001 to Spring 2005*.
- UC Davis Graduate Studies Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, *Summer 2003*.
- Economic Policy Initiative Consortium/USAID Ph.D. Fellowship for study in USA, *1998 to 2000*.
- Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, Union of Commerce Practitioners, Egypt, *1998*.
- Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Department of Economics, American University in Cairo, *1996-1998*.
- Graduate Student Merit Fellowship, American University in Cairo, *1996-1997*.
- Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship, American University in Cairo, *1991-1995*.
- Deans Honors List, American University in Cairo, *1991-1995*.

Professional Experience

- Research Assistant, Professor Giovanni Peri, Department of Economics, UC Davis *2002-2004*
- Exploring the intensity of inter-regional knowledge flows, R&D spillovers and innovation.
- Research Investigator, Professor Heba Nassar, Social Research Center, AUC *1998*
- Investigating the Socio-Economic Status of Women in Egypt.

Professional Service

Refereeing

IZA Journal of Labor and Development, IZA Journal of Labor Policy, World Development

Discussions

- Nuha Mohamed Elamin Ahmed (Central Bureau of Statistics of Sudan), “Fighting Poverty in Sudan”. 2015 IARIW-CAPMAS Conference: "Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income, Wealth, Poverty and Inequality in the Middle East and North Africa," Cairo, Egypt November 23-25, 2015
- Racha Ramadan (Cairo University), Vladimir Hlasny (Ewha Womans University, Seoul and UN-ESCWA) and Vito Intini (UN-ESCWA), “Inequality Decomposition in the Arab Region: Application to Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Sudan and Tunisia”. 2015 IARIW-CAPMAS Conference: "Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income, Wealth, Poverty and Inequality in the Middle East and North Africa," Cairo, Egypt, November 23-25, 2015
- Fernando Torres, “Trademark Values in Corporate Restructuring”, Western Economic Association International Conference, Seattle, USA, June 29- July 3, 2007.
- Francesc Trillas, Daniel Montolio and Néstor Duch, “Productive Efficiency Measurement and Recent Developments in the Theory of Regulation: The Case of Vehicle Inspection Concessions.” International Industrial Organization Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, April 7-9, 2006.
- Tzzy-Jane Lay, Seng-Su Tsang, and Meng-Hsuan Wu “Does R&D Strategy Affect a Firm’s Patent Renewal Decision? Insights from the Fuel Cell Technology”, Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco, California, July 5-8, 2005.

Supervised Graduate Work

- "Economics of Semiconductor Industry in Taiwan and South Korea: Lessons for Developing Countries": Spring 2006, MA.
- "The Impact of the September 11 Attacks on the US and Egyptian Economies", Summer 2008, MA.

Service and Committee Membership

- Lead Committee member, Poverty and Inequality Program Committee, 37th Annual Meetings of Middle East Economics Association (MEEA), January 2017
- Academic Advisor, Santa Clara University, undergraduate students.
- Academic Advisor, AUC, graduate and undergraduate students.
- Member, AUC Economics International Development Graduate Program Committee (charged with developing and improving the program and curriculum for the Masters Program in International Development).
- Member, Institutional Planning, Assessment, Research and Testing Task Force (charged with evaluating the degree to which AUC's programs are monitored and supported by qualified professionals, in preparation for the Middle States Re-accreditation in 2008.)
- Member, AUC Development Studies Group (addressed issues pertaining to development in Egypt and the region and organized conferences and seminars.)
- Volunteer, International Students Mentorship Program.

Affiliations

- Research Fellow, Economics Research Forum (ERF)
- Member, American Economic Association (AEA)
- Member, Middle East Economics Association (MEEA)
- Member, Western Economic Association International (WEAI)
- Member, International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW)

Skills

Computer: SAS, Stata, E-Views, GAUSS, Matlab.
Languages: Proficient in English and Arabic.