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CONTACT INFORMATION

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics and Political Economy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research	School of Business, The American University in Cairo (AUC)	July 2019-present
Associate Professor	Economics Department, AUC	July 2018-present
Assistant Professor	Economics Department, AUC	July 2011-June 2018
Visiting Scholar	Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law. Stanford University	February-August 2016
Visiting Scholar	University of Chicago Center in Paris	Winter 2014
Lecturer	Economics Department, McGill University	2008-2011

EDUCATION

PhD	Economics, McGill University Thesis Title: " <i>Essays on Resource-Dependent Economies: Political Economy and Strategic Behavior</i> "	2011
M.A.	Economics, McGill University	2006
M.Sc.	Engineering, University of California at Berkeley	2002
B.Sc	Engineering, The American University in Cairo	1997

RESEARCH

RESEARCH IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Atallah, S. (2018) "Political Transitions in Resource Economies." International Journal of Economic Theory **14(3): 233-256 (B Journal)**
- Atallah, S. and Helmy, Imane (2018) "How does Access to Credit Affect Saving Behavior?" Journal of Economic and Management Perspectives **Vol. 12(2):58 (C Journal)**
- Atallah, S. (2017). "Strategic Choice of Market Instrument." Theoretical Economics Letters **Vol.07No.04: 14. (B Journal)**
- Atallah, S. (2017). "Price Shocks and Political Conflict" International Journal of Development and Conflict **2: 65-80. (B Journal)**.
- Al-Ississ, M. and S. Atallah (2015). "Patronage and ideology in electoral behavior: Evidence from Egypt's first presidential elections." European Journal of Political Economy **37: 241-248. (A Journal)**

RESEARCH WORKING PAPERS

Refereed research articles published in formal working paper series

- Al-Ississ, M. and S. Atallah (2014). "Diffusion of Dissidence in Arab Public Opinion." ERF Working Paper Series(900).

RESEARCH PAPERS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Mertzanis, Charilaos and Atallah, Samer. "Democracy, Institutions and Access to Finance in Developing Countries. Under review in European Journal of Political Economy. (A Journal)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Atallah, Samer, Economic Liberalization and Institutions: Insights from the Arab World.
- Atallah, Samer with El Komi, Mohamed, Access to Credit and Informality in Small and Medium Enterprises.

POLICY BRIEFS

- Atallah, S. (2015), "Great Expectations: The Egypt Economic Conference," Middle East Institute.
- Atallah, S. (2014), "Seeking Wealth, Taking Power," Carnegie Endowment for Peace.

ABSTRACT IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Atallah, S. "Oil Tariffs, Technological Progress and Political Change," 7th Annual International Symposium on Economic Theory, Policy and Applications, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece. July 2012.

ACADEMIC GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Arab Council for Social Sciences 2015 (value US\$ 20'000)
- Sawiris Research Fellowship 2014 (value US\$ 30'000)
- Economic Research Forum 2013 (value US\$ 8'000) joint with Mohamad Al Ississ
- J.W. McConnell Fellowship, McGill University 2010 (value US\$ 10'000)
- Economics Department Graduate Student Grant, McGill University (2005-2009)
- Onsi Sawiris Scholarship for Graduate Studies. Orascom Construction Industries (value US\$ 30'000)

ACADEMIC TEACHING

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

- Introduction to Microeconomics.
- Economic Development
- International Trade.

GRADUATE TEACHING

- The Economic Setting for Development
- Economic Growth & Development
- Graduate Research Workshop
- Graduate Practicum

GRADUATE THESIS SUPERVISION

- Master's Thesis Supervisor, "On the Determinants of Riots, Coups and Civil Wars: The Effect of Youth Bulges" (February 1, 2018 - January 1, 2019).
Advised: Hosam Ibrahim.
- PhD Thesis Committee Member "Trade and Foreign Direct Investment in the Middle East and North African Region: addressing the role of Institutions and Political Instability." Esmat Kamel. Departamento de Análisis Económico. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. July 2017.
- Master's Thesis Committee Member, "The Impact of Remittances on Children's Educational Attainment in Egypt," School of Business. (September 1, 2016 - January 1, 2017).
Advised: Aliaa Abdel Aziz
- Master's Thesis Committee Member, "Does the Trade-Off between Trade Liberalization and Pollution Abatement Incentivize Developing Countries to Specialize in Dirty Industries? A CGE Assessment for Kenya," School of Business. (September 1, 2016 - January 1, 2017).
Advised: Charles Muthuthi
- Master's Thesis Committee Member, "Consumption Inequality and inflation differentials among different income groups in Egypt," School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. (September 1, 2016 - January 1, 2017).
Advised: Dina Abdallah
- Master's Thesis Committee Member, "Pollution from Agriculture A Case Study Egypt," School of Business. (September 1, 2016 - January 1, 2017).
Advised: Ragiaa AbdelGhafour
- Supervisor, "Examining Intra-household Allocation. The Case of Egypt," School of Business. (January 1, 2014 - December 16, 2015).
Advised: Fadila Noureldin
- Supervisor, "The impact of access to credit on the saving behavior of the poor: Evidence from Egypt," School of Business. (January 1, 2014 - December 16, 2015).
Advised: Imane Helmy
- Master's Thesis Committee Member, "Assessing the Socio-Economic Characteristics of Higher Education Subsidies' Beneficiaries in Egypt: Problem of Subsidizing the Rich," School of Business. (September 1, 2012 - January 1, 2013).
Advised: Sarah AlSawi
- Supervisor, "Catastrophic Health Expenditure and Poverty in Egypt: an Analysis of Household Survey Data," School of Business. (September 1, 2011 - February 1, 2012).
Advised: Ahmed Rashad

ACADEMIC SERVICE

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- Committee Chair, Academic Affairs Committee. (January 2017 – September 2018).
- Co-Chair, Academic Affairs Committee. (July 2016 - December 2016).
- Committee Member, Research and Graduate Studies Committee. (September 2011 - September 2016).
- Faculty Advisor, Model Egypt Economy Initiative. (January 2015 - December 2015).
- Committee Member, Academic Affairs Committee. (September 2011 - September 2014).
- Committee Member, ECID Task Force. (September 5, 2012 - December 31, 2012).
- Committee Member, Academic Committee. (September 2011 - 2012).
- Committee Member, Research and Graduate Studies Committee. (September 2011 - 2012).

SCHOOL SERVICE

- Co-Chair, Council of School of Business. (September 1, 2014 - Present).
- Committee Chair, Department of Economics Hiring Committee. (December 1, 2015 - July 1, 2016).
- Committee Member, Ad-hoc committee on alleged violation of academic integrity. (October 1, 2015 - December 1, 2015).
- Committee Member, Department of Management Hiring Committee. (January 2015 - March 2015).
- Coordinator, E3kne3ny Shokran Series of Debates. (September 2013 - April 2014).
- Committee Member, Equis Accreditation Task Force. (September 2012 - December 2013).
- Committee Member, School of Business Internship Task Force. (June 26, 2012 - December 2013).
- Committee Member, Academic Governance and Policy Committee. (January 23, 2012 - December 2013).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Session Chair, Egypt's Economic Challenges: Implications and Recovery. (November 21, 2016).
- Guest Speaker, Egypt Economy after the Floatation. (November 6, 2016).
- Committee Member, Entrepreneurship, Responsible Management, and Economic Development CIK-AUC Conference. (July 7, 2015 - December 31, 2015).
- Student Org Advisor (Professional Org), Model Egypt Economy Initiative/Economics Association. (September 1, 2014 - November 24, 2015).
- Committee Member, Development Studies Steering Committee. (April 11, 2012 - December 2013).
- Committee Member, 25th of January Award Selection Committee. (June 2013 - July 2013).
- Conference-Related, Transforming Egypt Lecture Series and Ekne3ny Shokran Public Debates. (September 2011 - May 2013).
- Guest Speaker, Ekne3ny shokran Public Debates. (October 17, 2012).

OTHER SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Committee Member, AUC Annual Research Conference. (March 16, 2015 - March 18, 2015).
- Committee Member, AUC Annual Research Conference. (September 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014).
- Reviewer, European Journal of Political Economy. (July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014).
- Committee Member, Arab Council for Social Sciences. (February 1, 2014 - May 31, 2014).

PUBLIC SERVICE

- Committee Member, Yousriya Loza-Sawiris Scholarship Interviewing Panel Inbox x. (November 1, 2015 - November 11, 2015).
- Member, Egypt Campaign for Debt Audit. (January 2012 - December 2013).

CONSULTING

- Lead Author, Egypt's National Voluntary Review of SDGs, United Nations Development Program, Cairo (January 2017-May 2018)

- Lead Consultant, Integrated Migration Information System III, International Organization for Migration, Cairo, Egypt. (June 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015).
- Economic Advisor, Abdel Monein Abou El Fetouh Presidential Campaign, Cairo. (January 2012 - June 2012).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Comments and appearances in several international and regional and national outlets such as the New York Times, BBC News, Blomberg Business, Associated Press, NPR, BBC Arabic, ONTV, Al Shorouk, Al Ahram Weekly and Ahram Hebdo.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

- The Egyptian Labor Market: Facts and Prospects – A Focus on Gender and Economic Vulnerability, Economic Research Forum. Cairo, Egypt October 2019.
- The New Normal in the Global Economy: Challenges and Prospects for MENA, Economic Research Forum, 22nd Annual Conference. Cairo, Egypt March 2016.
- Wealth and Educational Inequality: Evidence from Egypt, Arab Council for Social Sciences Annual Conference. Algiers, Algeria June 2, 2016.
- Economic Liberalization and Institutions: Insights from the Arab World, CDDRL, Stanford University, Stanford University, CA April 21, 2016.
- Economics of Power Consolidation and Dissolution AUC School of Continuing Education Community Lecture Series. Cairo October 26, 2015.
- Determinants of Educational Transmission: Evidence from Egypt, Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada May 29, 2015.
- Priorities of Economic Policy: Between Economic Recovery and Restructuring, Carnegie Middle East/Economic and Business and History Research Center/Partners in Development, Cairo. December 2, 2014.
- "Rethinking the Rentier Curse: Leading Experts, Fresh Perspective," Tahrir Dialogue, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, Cairo. October 27, 2014.
- "Diffusion of Dissidence in Arab Public Opinion," The Pulse of Arab Streets, Economic Research Forum, Paris. October 11, 2014.
- The Socio-Economics of Transition in the Middle East, Carnegie Middle East/FRIDE/Hivos, Beirut. April 3, 2014.
- "The Arab World Where from? Where to?," University of Chicago - Sciences Po Paris, Paris. March 7, 2014.
- "It's the economy, stupid! - How political conflict effects economic development in Egypt - and reverse", " Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change, DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), Cairo. December 10, 2013.
- "Patronage and Electoral Behavior: Evidence from Egypt First Presidential Elections," Western Economic Association 88th Annual Conference, Western Economic Association, Seattle. July 1, 2013.
- February 7, 2014.
- "Egypt: Future Prospects and Recommendations," Eight AUC Annual Forum On The Economic and Business History of Egypt and the Middle East, AUC School of Public Policy and Public Affairs, Partners in Development, AUC Economic and Business History Research Center, Cairo. March 21, 2013.
- "Egypt: Two Years after the Revolution," AUC Faculty Panel, AUC, Cairo. March 17, 2013.

- "Oil Tariffs, Technological Progress and Political Change," 7th Annual International Symposium on Economic Theory, Policy and Applications, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece. July 2012.
- "Oil Tariffs, Technological Progress and Political Change," Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference, Canadian Economic Association, Calgary, Alberta. June 2012.
- "Economic Foundation of Dictatorship in Resource Exporting Economies," Seminar, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK. February 2011.
- "Economic Foundation of Dictatorship in Resource Exporting Economies," Royal Economic Society, City University of London, London UK. January 2011. Sherbrooke, Quebec. January 2011.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum
- Member of the Canadian Economics Association
- Member of Middle East Economic Association
- Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Économie Quantitative (CIREQ)

LANGUAGES

- Perfect command of Arabic, French and English.
- Fair command of Spanish.