Curriculum Vitae S. E. Neaime

Personal Information

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Educational Background

Ph.D. (Macroeconomics / Applied Macroeconomics / International Monetary Economics / Financial Economics / Financial Economics / Monetary Economics / Corporate Finance) - York University, Toronto, Canada, 1997.

MA (Economics) - University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, 1993.

MMB (Master of Money & Banking) - American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, 1990.

BA (Economics) - American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, 1988.

Associate Editor

Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money-ELSEVIER Finance Research Letters- ELSEVIER Research in International Business and Finance-ELSEVIER

Academic Work Experience

Professor of Economics and Finance, (Awarded an early promotion as a result of excellence in research, teaching, and service) Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, since June 2008.

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, June 2003 - 2008.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, February 1997 - 2003.

Chair, AUB President's Council of Economic Advisers, November 2019-present.

Visiting Scholar, York University, Toronto, Canada, September 2017-2019.

Director, Institute of Financial Economics, American University of Beirut, 2007 – 2017 and 2019-present.

Chairperson, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, 2004 - 2012.

Lecturer, Department of Economics, York University, summer 1995-1997.

Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics, McMaster University, 994.

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Toronto, Canada, 1991 - 1993.

Non-Academic Work Experience

Team Leader, United Nations (UN) - Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA's)

Economic Affairs Officer. UN-ESCWA's Economic Analysis Division: August-November 2002.

Economic Affairs Officer. UN-ESCWA's EDIPD: June 2001 - Oct 2001.

Economic Affairs Officer. UN-ESCWA's EDIPD: July - August 2000.

Publications: Textbooks

- [1] **S. Neaime** and N. Colton (Editors), Money and Finance in the Middle East: Missed Opportunities or Future Prospects? *Research* in *Middle East Economics*, Amsterdam and Oxford: **Elsevier**, Vol. 6, pp. 1-249, June 2005.
- [2] S. Neaime, 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 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."

Selected and Most Recent Journal Articles

- [1] I. Gaysset, T. L.-Segot, and S. Neaime, Twin Deficits and Fiscal Spillovers in the EMU's Periphery. A Keynesian Perspective, *Economic Modelling*, 76, 101-116, 2019. (Impact Factor: 2.05, Quartile: 2).
- [2] S. Neaime, I. Gaysset, and N. Badra, The Eurozone Debt Crisis: A Structural VAR Approach, Research in International Business and Finance, 43, 22–33, 2018 (Impact Factor: 1.47, Quartile: 3).
- [3] S. Neaime and I. Gaysset, Financial Inclusion and Stability in MENA: Evidence from Poverty and Inequality, *Finance Research Letters*, 24, 230-237, 2018 (Impact Factor: 1.70, Quartile: 2).
- [4] S. Neaime and I. Gaysset, Sustainability of Macroeconomic Policies in Selected MENA Countries: Post Financial and Debt Crises, *Research in International Business and Finance*, 40, pp. 129–140, 2017. (Impact Factor: 1.47, Quartile: 3).
- [5] S. Neaime, Financial Crises and Contagion Vulnerability of MENA Stock Markets, *Emerging Markets Review*, 27, pp, 14-35, 2016 (Impact Factor: 2.10, Quartile: 1).
- [6] S. Neaime, Are MENA Stock Markets Mean Reverting? A Monte Carlo Simulation, *Finance Research Letters*, Vol., 13, pp. 74–80, 2015 (Impact Factor: 1.70, Quartile: 2).
- [7] **S. Neaime**, Sustainability of Budget Deficits and Public Debts in Selected European Union Countries, *Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, Vol.12, pp.1-21, 2015.
- [8] S. Neaime, Twin deficits and the Sustainability of Public Debt and Exchange Rate Policies in Lebanon, Research in International Business and Finance, Vol. 33, pp. 127–143, 2015. (Impact Factor: 1.47, Quartile: 3).
- [9] S. Hakim, and S. Neaime, The Demand Elasticity of Mobile Telephones in the Middle East and North Africa, *Research in International Business and Finance*, Vol. 32, pp. 1-14, August 2014. (Impact Factor: 1.47, Quartile: 3).
- [10] A. Guyot, T. L.-Segot, and S. Neaime, Foreign Shocks and International Cost of Equity Destabilization: Evidence from the MENA region, *Emerging Markets Review*, Vol. 18, pp. 101–122, March 2014 (Impact Factor: 2.10, Quartile: 1).

- [11] N. Mora, **S. Neaime**, and S. Aintablian, Foreign Currency Borrowing by Small Firms in Emerging Markets: When Domestic Banks Intermediate Dollars, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, Vol. 37 (3), pp. 1093-1107, March 2013. (Impact Factor: 2.20, Quartile: 1).
- [12] **S. Neaime**, "The Global Financial Crisis, Financial Linkages and Correlations in Returns and Volatilities in Emerging MENA Stock Markets," *Emerging Markets Review*, Vol. 13 (2), pp. 268-282, September 2012. (Impact Factor: 2.10, Quartile: 1).
- [13] **S. Neaime,** Volatilities in Emerging MENA Stock Markets. A Lead Journal Article in the *Thunderbird International Business Review*, Vol. 48, No. 4, pp. 455-484, July, 2006.
- [14] L. Michelis and S. Neaime, Income Convergence in the Asia-Pacific Region, *Journal of Economic Integration*, Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 470-498, September 2004. Paper nominated for a prize for best paper of the year.
- [15] A. Mansoorian and S. Neaime, Durable Goods, Habits, Time Preference, and Exchange Rates, North American Journal of Economics and Finance, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 115-130, March 2003. (Impact Factor: 1.20, Quartile: 3).
- [16] S. Hakim and S. Neaime, Mean-Reversion Across MENA Stock Markets: Implications for Derivative Pricing. *International Journal of Business*, Vol. 8 No. 3, pp. 348-358, September 2003.
- [17] N. Colton and **S. Neaime**, Implications of the Introduction of the Euro for the Mediterranean Countries, *Thunderbird International Business Review*, Vol. 45, No.1, pp. 31-49, January 2003.
- [18] A. Mansoorian and **S. Neaime**, Habits and Durability in Consumption and the Effects of Exchange Rate Policies, *International Economic Journal*, Vol. 16, No. 2, pp. 97-114, 2002.
- [19] S. Neaime and J. Paschakis, The Future of the Dollar-Euro Exchange Rate, North American Journal of Economics and Finance, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 57-72, May 2002. (Impact Factor: 1.20, Quartile: 3)
- [20] A. Mansoorian and S. Neaime, Habits and Durability in Consumption and the Effects of Tariff Protection, *Open Economies Review*, Vol. 11, No.3, pp. 195-204, July 2000. (Impact Factor: 1.15, Quartile: 3).

Other Publications

- [21] R. Safadi and S. Neaime, Syria the Painful Transition towards Democracy, in Democratic Transition in the Arab World, S. Makdidi and I. Elbadawi Eds. Cambridge University Press, pp., 184-208, 2017.
- [22] **S. Neaime**, the Effects of European Austerity Measures on the South and East Mediterranean Countries, the European Institute for the Mediterranean, 12th Edition's Year Book, pp. 257-262, 2015.
- [23] **S. Neaime**, "The Global Financial Crisis and the Euro Mediterranean Partnership," in Europe and the Mediterranean Economy, Joan Costa-Font ED. Routledge, pp. 116-131, June 2012.
- [24] **S. Neaime**, Inflation Targeting in 6 MENA Countries, in Inflation Targeting, in MENA Countries, an Unfinished Journey, Mongi Boughzala Ed. pp. 100-132, August 2011.
- [25] S. Hakim and S. Neaime, Testing the Expectations Hypothesis in the Emerging Markets of the Middle East: An Application to the Egyptian and Lebanese Treasury Securities, in Financial Econometrics Modelling: Derivative Pricing, Hedge Funds and Term Structure Models, G. Gregoriou and R. Pascalau (Eds), pp.186-200, January 2010.

- [26] **S. Neaime**, Sustainability of MENA Public Debt and the Macroeconomic Implications of the US Financial Crisis. *Middle East Development Journal*, Vol. 2, pp. 177-201, December 2010.
- [27] **S. Neaime**, Sustainability of Exchange Rate Policies and External Public Debt in the MENA Region. *Journal of Economics and International Finance*, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 59-71, July 2009.
- [28] S. Hakim and S. Neaime, Recent Assessments on the Integration of Stock Markets in the MENA Region, in Stock Market Volatility, Greg N. Gregoriou (Editor), pp. 557-570, April 2009.
- [29] **S. Neaime**, Financial Governance, ARAB Financial Markets and the Basel II Accord. *Arab Economic Journal*, Vol. 14, No. 39, pp. 3-16, Summer 2007.
- [30] S. Neaime, Portfolio Management and Financial Market Integration of Emerging MENA Stock Markets. In Global Stock Markets and Portfolio Management, Vol. 4, pp. 37-54, January 2006.
- [31] S. Neaime, Monetary Policy Coordination and the Prospects of a Monetary Union Between GCC Countries. A Lead Journal Article in *Economie Appliquée*, Archives de L'institut de Sciences Mathématiques et Economiques Appliquées, Paris, France, Vol. LIX, No. 4, pp. 5-32, December 2006.
- [32] S. Neaime, Sustainability of Exchange Rate Policies and External Public Debt in Lebanon. *Journal of Development and Economic Policies*, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 53-84, December 2005.
- [33] S. Neaime, 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*, Vol. 6, pp. 3-21, June 2005.
- [34] S. Hakim and S. Neaime, Profitability and Risk Management in Banking: A Comparative Analysis of Egypt and Lebanon. In Money and Finance in the Middle East: Missed Opportunities or Future Prospects? Research in Middle East Economics, Vol. 6, pp. 121-136, June 2005.
- [35] **S. Neaime**, 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*, Vol. 6, pp. 241-258, June 2005.
- [36] S. Neaime, Financial Market Integration and Macroeconomic Volatility in the MENA Region: An Empirical Investigation. *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, Vol. 3 No. 3, pp. 231-253, December, 2005.
- [37] S. Neaime, 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.
- [38] S. Neaime, Sustainability of Budget Deficits and Public Debt in Lebanon: A Stationarity and Cointegration Analysis, *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, Vol. 2, No.1, pp. 43-61, April 2004.
- [39] **S. Neaime**, Economic Diversification and Gender in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries, A Lead Article in the *Journal of Social Affairs*, El-Sharjah, UAE, Vol. 20 No. 8, pp. 13-41, December 2003.
- [40] S. Neaime, The Euro and the Future EU-Arab Countries Trade Relations, Arab Economic Journal, Vol. 11, No.29, pp. 27-49, Autumn 2002.
- [41] S. Neaime and S. Hakim, Price Linkages and Integration of MENA Stock Markets, *International Review of Comparative Public Policy*, Vol. 13, pp. 63-86, May 2002.

- [42] S. Neaime, C.C. Paraskevopoulos and J. Paschakis, European Monetary Union and the Dollar-Euro Exchange Rate, in *Asymmetries in Financial Globalization*, edited by Bala Batavia, Nicholas A. Lash and A. G. Malliaris, Toronto, Canada: *APF Press*, 2002, pp. 103-124.
- [43] **S. Neaime**, The Arab Economies: Monetary and Financial Implications of the Euro-Currency, *Arab Economic Journal*, Vol. 10, No. 24, pp. 3-28, Summer 2001.
- [44] S. Neaime and M. Marktanner, The Role of Foreign Direct Investment for Economic Development in the MENA Region, Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economies, Volume 11, 2009. Proceedings of the Middle East Economic Association.
- [45] **S. Neaime**, Sustainability and Dynamics of MENA Public Debt and the Macroeconomic Implications of Public Insolvency. *Proceedings of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) 13th Annual Conference, December 15-18, 2006.* **The paper received the Best Policy-Oriented Paper Award**. The Award consists of an honorarium of \$3000 (\$2000 for presented papers, and \$1000 for the Award) and a Certificate.
- [46] S. Hakim and S. Neaime. A Unified Risk Assessment of Commercial Banks in the MENA Region. *Proceedings of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) 12th Annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt, December 19-21, 2005.* The paper received an honorarium of \$2000 awarded for presented papers.
- [47] S. Hakim and S. Neaime, A Model for Evaluating the Failure of Lebanese Banks, in Regional Trade, Finance and Labor Markets, *Proceedings of The Economic Research Forum (ERF) 6th Annual Conference*, pp. 308-324, October 1999. The paper received an honorarium of \$2000 awarded for presented papers.
- [48] S. Andary, S., Hakim, and S. Neaime, 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)* 5th Annual Conference, pp. 141-151, September 1998. The paper received an honorarium of \$2000 awarded for presented papers.
- [49] **S. Neaime**, The Euro and the Arab Region: Eight Years After its Introduction, *Union of Arab Banks*, pp. 129-134, June 2006.
- [50] **S. Neaime**, Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies in the MENA Region, *Arab Bank Review*, Vol.6, No.1, pp. 33-38, April 2004.
- [51] S. Neaime, "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.
- [52] S. Hammami, and S. Neaime, Measurement of Financial Integration in the GCC Equity Markets: A Novel Perspective. Institute of Financial Economics Working Paper, September 2007.
- [53] S. Neaime, Twin Deficits in Lebanon: A Time Series Analysis. Institute of Financial Economics Working Paper, January 2008.
- [54] S. Neaime and Marcus Marktanner, On the Role of Capital Flows for Economic Development in the MENA Region, Institute of Financial Economics Working Paper No. 2, 2015.

International/Regional Academic Conferences and Workshops

- Financial Inclusion and Stability in the MED Region: Evidence from Poverty and Inequality. A paper presented at the 2019 Paris Financial Management conference, 16-18 December 2019, IPAG Business School, Paris, France.
- Financial Inclusion and Stability in the MED Region: Evidence from Poverty and Inequality. A paper presented during the FEMISE Annual Conference, 13-14 June 2019, in Brussels, Belgium, on Sustainable Development: Drawing an Impactful EU-MED Roadmap.
- Invited to present a paper on Twin Deficits and Fiscal Spillovers in the EMU's Periphery. Université Paris II Sorbonne- Panthéon-Assas, Paris-France, May 23-25, 2019.
- Participated in the Canadian Econometric Study Group Conference, October 19-21, 2018, University of Ottawa, Toronto, Canada.
- Invited to attend and present some preliminary results of the paper titled: Income Convergence and the Impact of the Euro-MED Trade and Financial Integration on Macroeconomic Volatility at the FEMISE Annual Conference, 7-9 February 2018, Valetta, Malta.
- Invited to attend and present a paper titled: Twin Deficits and the Sustainability of Macroeconomic Policies in Selected European and Mediterranean Partner Countries: Post Financial and Debt Crises, at the FEMISE one-day workshop to launch the FEMISE Euro-Med 2017 Report, Brussels, Belgium, November 23rd, 2017.
- Participated in the Canadian Econometric Study Group Conference, October 20-22, 2017, York University, Toronto, Canada.
- Invited to attend the Canadian Macroeconomic Study Group Conference, November 10-11, 2017, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.
- Sustainability of Debt and Exchange Rate Policies in MENA: An Empirical Investigation. A paper presented at the 8th International Research Meeting in Business and Management, 5-6 July 2017, IPAG Business School, Nice, France.
- Invited to attend and present a paper titled: Twin Deficits and the Sustainability of Macroeconomic Policies in Selected European and Mediterranean Partner Countries: Post Financial and Debt Crises, at the FEMISE Annual Conference in Casa-Blanca-Morocco, April 29-30, 2017.
- Invited by the Economic Research Forum (ERF) to attend and act as Session Chair at the ERF's 23rd Annual Conference, Amman, Jordan, March 18-20, 2017.
- Invited by the Central Bank of Jordan to chair a session in a workshop on "Monetary Policy: Post Financial and Debt Crises," February 18, 2017.
- Invited by the Central Bank of Italy, International Economic Analysis and Relations Department, to participate in a panel on the Italian Debt and Banking Crises, Rome, Italy, January 24, 2017.
- Invited by the University of Verona as guest speaker on Debt and Financial Crises: Implications for the Sustainability of Macroeconomic Policies, January 26-27, 2017.
- Greek Debt Crisis: A Structural VAR Approach" A paper presented at the Paris Financial Management Conference, December 12-14, 2016, Paris, France.
- Sustainability of EU-Med Macroeconomic Policies and the Role of the Private Sector: Post Financial and Debt Crises. A paper presented at the joint Institute of Financial Economics and FEMISE Conference, December 5, 2016, AUB.

- Financial Development and Stability in MENA: Evidence from Poverty and Inequality. A paper presented at the Lebanese Econometric Group Conference, December 2, 2016, AUB.
- The Global Financial Crisis and Regional and International Financial Integration of Arab Financial Markets, a paper presented at the Expert Group Meeting on Regional Financial Integration, 24 November 2016, United Nations, ESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Financial Exclusion and Stability in MENA: Evidence from Poverty and Inequality. A paper presented at the Financial Development and Economic Stability Conference, 29-30 September 2016, Durham University, UK.
- A talk delivered on the Future of European Integration and the Limits of Stabilization Policies, in a Roundtable Discussion. A joint Institute of Financial Economics and Athenian Policy Forum Conference, Athens, Greece, July 7-9, 2016.
- Invited by the Economic Research Forum to attend and act as a discussant at ERF's 22nd Annual Conference, held in Cairo, Egypt, March 19-21, 2016.
- Invited to attend the FEMISE Annual Conference and Chair a session on "Two Decades after Barcelona: Rethinking the EU-Med Partnership, Athens, Greece, February 13-14, 2016.
- Energy Finance in the Middle East: Uncertainties and Opportunities, Session Moderator: Investors and Markets, American University of Beirut, January 22, 2016.
- Invited by the Central Bank of Italy, International Economic Analysis and Relations Department, to participate in a panel and present a paper on the Greek Debt Crisis, Rome, Italy January 11-12, 2016.
- Invited by the University of Verona to participate in a workshop on Debt and Financial Crises and give a talk on the sustainability of European Public Debts, January 13-16, 2016.
- Invited to attend the 11th Rendez-vous économique de la Méditerranée: Reinforcing the Partnership Between the European Union and the Maghreb through Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship. November 7, 2015.
- Debt Sustainability in Selected European Union Countries, A paper presented at the Third Paris Financial Management Conference, 14-15 December 2015, IPAG Business School, Paris, France.
- Habits and Durability in Consumption and the Effects of a Currency Devaluation, A paper presented at the 6th International Research Meeting in Business and Management, 2-3 July 2015, IPAG Business School, Nice, France.
- Invited by the University Nice Sophia Antipolis to present the paper: Are MENA Stock Markets Mean Reverting? A Monte Carlo Simulation, July 1, 2015.
- Invited by the Central Bank of Jordan to present a paper titled: "Twin deficits and the Sustainability of Public Debt and Exchange Rate Policies in Lebanon, Amman-Jordan, February 29-30, 2015.
- Presented the Syria Case study at the Institute of Financial Economics' International Conference on Deconstructing Arab Transitions: Regional Overview and Case Studies, AUB, January 29-30, 2015.
- Financial Crises and Contagion Vulnerability of MENA Stock Markets, A paper presented at the 2nd Paris Financial Management Conference, 15-16 December 2014, IPAG Business School, Paris, France.
- Invited by the Central Bank of Italy, International Economic Analysis and Relations Department, to participate in a panel and present a paper on the Sustainability of Budget Deficits and Public Debts in Selected European Union Countries, Rome, Italy, October 7-10, 2014.

- Invited by Aix-Marseille University, School of Economics to present a paper on the Sustainability of Budget Deficits and Public Debt in Lebanon, Marseille, France, September 23-25, 2014.
- Sustainability of Budget Deficits and Public Debts in the European Union: A Time Series Analysis. Paper presented at the 12th Biennial Athenian Policy Forum Conference on the Economic and Financial Asymmetries, National Debts and Government Policies. Ryerson, University, Toronto, Canada, June 13-15, 2014.
- Invited by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to participate as Panelist in an Expert Meeting on the Impact and Implications of the Global Financial and Economic Crises on Sustainable Development, Geneva, Switzerland 3-6 February 2014.
- Presented the Syria Case study at an International Conference on Deconstructing Arab Transitions: Regional Overview and Case Studies, Institute of Financial Economics, AUB, November 8-9, 2013.
- Invited by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly as Key Note Speaker to give a talk on the Fiscal Crisis of the State in the MENA Region, in a Seminar on the Political and Security Changes in North Africa: Implications for Peace and Cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean and Transatlantic Regions, Marrakesh, Morocco, April 3-5, 2013.
- Invited by the Economic Research Forum to participate in its 17th Annual Conference, March 3-5, 2013 Kuwait City, Kuwait. Chaired a session on Macroeconomic Developments in the MENA Region and attended the Economic Research Forum Advisory Committee Meeting, March 2, 2013.
- Invited by the International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, US, to present two papers on the Economies of the Middle East, February 4-7, 2013.
- Invited by the Economic Research Forum to participate in a large policy Workshop on "The Efficiency and Equity of Utilities in the ERF Region," Cairo, Egypt, October 11, 2012.
- Invited by the Economic Research Forum to participate in a large policy conference on "Structural Transformation and Industrial Policy in MENA," Istanbul, Turkey, September 30, 2012.
- Invited to present the Syria Case study at a Workshop on Transition from Autocracy to Democracy in the Arab World and Lessons from Other Regions, AUB, September 28-29, 2012.
- Presented a paper in a workshop on the Recent Economic Trends and Developments, Global Financial Crises and the Pharmaceutical Sector, Beirut-Lebanon, April 6-7, 2012.
- Invited to attend the Economic Research Forum 18th annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt, March 25-28, 2012. Also invited to attend the ERF's Advisory Committee meeting on November 23rd, 2012.
- Invited by the Economic Research Forum to participate in a large policy conference on "Understanding and Avoiding the Oil Curse in the Arab World," Kuwait City, Kuwait, January 15-16, 2012.
- Invited by the London School of Economics to present a paper on the Implications of the Euro Sovereign Debt Crisis on the Economics of the MENA Region, January 19-20, 2012.
- Invited to present a paper titled: "Financial Integration, Shock Vulnerability and Dominant Foreign Investors: Implications for the Cost of Capital in Emerging Markets," at the Euro Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes, FEMISE Annual Conference, in Marseilles, France, December 14-15, 2011.
- Participated in a workshop on "Transition from Autocracy to Democracy in the Arab World, and presented a paper on Syria as Case Study, December 2-3, 2011, AUB.

- Presented a paper titled The Global Financial Crisis, Financial Linkages and Correlations in Returns and Volatilities in Emerging MENA Stock Markets, at an International conference on "Institutional, Corporate, and Individual Behaviors in Emerging and Subsistence Marketplaces" Aix-en-Provence, France, 1-2 September, 2011.
- Invited by the Carnegie Middle East Center as a speaker at a conference on "Inclusive Growth: The IMF's Economic Outlook for the MENA region", May 4, 2011.
- Invited to participate in a conference and present a paper titled: Assessment of Trade Policy Trends and Respective Impact on Economic Performance in Arab Countries in the Seventh Arab Conference of the World Trade Organization, Challenges and Opportunities of Arab Member Countries, April 26-28, 2011, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Invited to participate in a Workshop on Poverty, Growth and Inequality in the MENA Region. This workshop was organized by the Economic Research Forum (ERF), Antalya Turkey, March 19, 2011.

 Also invited to attend the ERF's Advisory Committee meeting on March 18, 2011.
- Participated, organized and presented two papers in a conference on (1) the Recent Economic Trends in the ESCWA Region and Post Financial Crisis Situation; and (2) Arab Economic Integration and Macroeconomic Exit Strategies, 24-25 February 2011, UN-ESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Invited as Key Note Speaker to the Euro Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes, FEMISE Annual Conference, in Rome-Italy, November 23-24, 2010, and gave a talk on the Implications of the Global Financial Crisis on Mediterranean Partner Countries.
- Invited to participate in a Workshop on "the Economics of the Mediterranean and the Euro Mediterranean Process" organized by the Center for Research on the Economies of the Mediterranean, the European Institute, and the London School of Economics in Barcelona, Spain, July 16-17 2010, and to present a paper titled: "Sustainability of Exchange Rate Policies and External Public Debt in the Mediterranean Region: Implications of the Current Financial Crisis."
- Invited by UNCTAD to participate as Panelist in an Expert Meeting on the Contribution and Effective Use of External Resources for Development, in Particular for Productive Capacity Building, held in Geneva, Switzerland 22-24 February 2010. A presentation in the Panel on ensuring debt sustainability in the wake of the financial crisis.
- Finance with a Focus on Dollar Debt: Evidence from a Survey of Lebanese Firms. A paper presented at the Allied Social Science Associations/ Middle East Economic Association 30th Annual Conference, in Atlanta, Georgia, US, January 3-5, 2010.
- Invited to participate in a Workshop on Poverty, Growth and Inequality in the MENA Region. This workshop was organized by the Economic Research Forum, Cairo-Egypt, November 6, 2009. Also invited to attend the ERF's Advisory Committee meeting on November 5th, 2009.
- Invited to present a paper titled: "Financial Systems in Mediterranean Partners and the EURO-Mediterranean Partnership," at the FEMISE Annual Conference in Brussels, Belgium, November 14-15, 2009.
- Role of Capital Flows in Economic Development in the MENA Region. A Paper presented in Workshop No. 20: "Finance and Economic Development in the Mediterranean Area: The Role of Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation", of the tenth Mediterranean Research Meeting, 21-25 March 2009, organized by the Mediterranean Program of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute in Florence.

- Invited by the Central Bank of Italy, International Economic Analysis and Relations Department, to codirect the workshop on "Finance and Economic Development in the Mediterranean Area: The Role of Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation", within the framework of the 10th Mediterranean Research Meeting, organized in Florence by the European University Institute in March 2009.
- The Role of Foreign Direct Investment for Economic Development in the MENA Region. A Paper presented in a workshop on Capital Flows and Emerging Countries, at the Allied Social Science Associations/ Middle East Economic Association 29th Annual Conference, in San Francisco California, January 3-5, 2009.
- Invited to participate in a Workshop on Inequality and Regional Integration in the Arab World. This workshop was organized by the Economic Research Forum, Cairo-Egypt, November 20-25, 2008.
- Sustainability of Foreign Debt in the MENA Region: An Empirical Investigation." A Paper presented at the 9th Biennial Athenian Policy Forum Conference on The Global Economy in a Changing Environment, Athens, Greece, 9-12 July 2008.
- Sustainability of Exchange Rate Policies and External Public Debt in the MENA Region". A Paper presented at the 7th International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association at Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus, May 29-31, 2008.
- Monetary Policy Transmission and Targeting Mechanisms in the MENA Region. Paper presented at the Economic Research Forum 14th Annual Conference, Cairo, Egypt December 28-20, 2007. The paper received an honorarium of \$2000 for accepted paper.
- Participated in Workshop on "Analysis of the Impact of Growth on Poverty and the Identification of Growth Strategies Beneficial to the Poor: Case Study Lebanon," June 28-29, 2007. This workshop was organized by the Center of Macroeconomics and International Finance (CEMAFI) Studies, at Nice University, Nice, France.
- Measurement of Financial Integration in the GCC Equity Markets: A Novel Perspective. A paper presented at the 6th Middle East Economic Association Conference, Zayed University, Dubai 14-16 March 2007.
- Invited to present a paper at a Workshop organized by UN-ESCWA on Econometrics Forecasting with Composite Lead Indicators, Amman-Jordan, March 12-13, 2007.
- Monetary Policy Transmission and Targeting Mechanisms in the MENA Region: An Empirical Investigation. A Paper presented in a Workshop on Monetary Policy and Central Banking in the Middle East and North Africa: Policies, Politics, and Prospects, of the Eight Mediterranean Research Meeting, 21-25 March 2007, organized by the Mediterranean Program of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute in Florence.
- Sustainability and Dynamics of MENA Public Debt and the Macroeconomic Implications of Public Insolvency. A Paper presented at the ERF's 13th Annual Conference, Kuwait, December 16-18, 2006. Paper received the Best Policy-Oriented Paper Award. The Award consists of an honorarium of \$3000 (\$2000 for presented paper, and \$1000 for the Award) and a Certificate.
- Invited to participate in a WTO Regional Workshop, Cairo-Egypt, April 30-May 1, 2006.
- Invited to participate in a roundtable on Regional Integration Agreements: What do they Mean for MENA? Cairo-Egypt, March 30th, 2006.
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- 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 10-12, 2004.
- Exchange Rates, Trade and FDI Flows and the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. Paper presented at the FEMISE and ERF 2nd Annual Conference on Euro-Mediterranean Economic Relations, Marseille-France. December 6-8, 2003.
- 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.
- Correlations in Returns and Volatilities in MENA Stock Markets. Paper presented at the ERF's 10th Annual Conference, Marrakech, Morocco, December 16-18, 2003.
- Financial Liberalization and Domestic Savings in MENA Countries: A Comparative Analysis. Paper presented at the Allied Social Science Association, and the Middle East Economic Association Meetings, January 3-5, 2003, Washington D.C. US.
- Liberalization and Financial Integration of MENA Stock Markets. Paper presented at the Economic Research Forum 9th Annual Conference, Al-Sharjah, UAE, October 26-28, 2002. The paper received an honorarium of \$2000.
- 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.
- 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.

- Risk and Efficiency in Banking: A Comparative Study for Egypt and Lebanon. Paper presented at the ERF's 8th Annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt, January 15-17, 2002.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Euro and the Mediterranean Region. Paper presented at the FEMISE and ERF 2nd Annual Conference on Euro-Mediterranean Economic Relations, Marseille-France. March 29-30, 2001.
- Price Linkages and Integration of Middle East Stock Markets. Paper presented at the American Economic Association Meetings in New Orleans, January 4-7, 2001.
- 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.
- 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.
- A Perspective on the Future Dollar-Euro: Implications for the Peripheral Mediterranean Countries. Paper presented at the FEMISE and ERF 1st Annual Conference on Euro-Mediterranean Economic Relations, Marseille-France, February 17-18, 2000.
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- 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.
- 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.
- Using the Yield Curve to Predict Inflation in the Emerging Economies of the ERF. Paper presented at The Economic Research Forum 5th Annual Conference, Tunisia, September 1998. The paper received an honorarium of \$2000.

Professional seminars

- Participated in a World Bank Seminar: "Global Integration and the New Trade Agenda," June 29- July 10, 1998. Washington D. C, US, Funded by the FAS.
- 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.

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- Financial Impact of the International Financial Crisis on the Mediterranean Partner Countries. Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institute, April 2010.
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