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*Research Interests: Applied micro-econometrics on Food Security, Poverty, Inequality and Gender issues in Egypt and other Developing Countries.*

**Current Position:** Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University, Economics Department (since November 2017).

### **Work Experience and Consulting Assignments**

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- Assistant Professor- Economics department at Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University (2011-2017).
- Economic Research Forum (2017- 2020).
- The Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research- Baseera (November 2018). Study: “Understanding the Egyptian paradox: Why the gender gap is closing in education but not in employment?”
- UNESCO (September 2018- December 2019). Study: “Gender mainstreaming in Integrated Water Resources Management in the Arab Region”.
- OECD (August 2018- September 2018). Study: “Evidence for effectively enrolling the informal sector in Social Health Insurance in Egypt”.
- UNESCO (November 2017- December 2017). Project: Local Government and Inclusive Development of Women in the Arab Region: The case of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia.
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)- Independent Office of Evaluation (September 2016-November 2016). Project: Egypt Country Program Evaluation.
- UN-ESCWA (June 2015-July 2015). Project: Social Justice in the Arab Region.
- Food and Agriculture Organization (March 2015-October 2015). Project: Food Security in the NENA region.
- World Bank- Economic Policy, Poverty and Gender (February 2014-June 2014). Project: Poverty and Inclusion in Iraq.
- UN-ESCWA (May 2013-June 2013). Project: Pan Arab Survey for Poverty Measurement.
- CH2M HILL-International (September 2011- September 2012). USAID Project: The Water Wastewater Sector Reform Policy for the Ministry of Housing- Egypt.
- UNDP-Regional office in Cairo (August 2010- April 2011). Project: Arab Development Challenges Report 2011.
- Research Assistant, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), (April 2009- May 2009). Project: Preventing World Food Crises: Support for Information and Knowledge Management, and for Appropriate Policy Responses at Country Level.
- Research Assistant, World Bank- Washington DC, July 2008.

- Research Assistant, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Development Strategy and Governance Division. Washington, D.C. (2008)
- Toulouse Business School- France (2007-2008 and 2010)- Research Assistant,

## Education

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- **Ph.D in Economics** (April 2010), Toulouse School of Economics (TSE), France.  
Dissertation title: “*The Egyptian Food Subsidy System and Households’ Welfare: Micro Econometric Analysis of the Wheat Sector*” (Supervisor: Professor Alban THOMAS).
- **Master 2 of Mathematical Economics and Econometrics** (2005-2006), Toulouse 1 University, France.
- **Master 1 of Econometric** (2004-2005), Toulouse 1 University, France.
- **Bachelor of Arts in Economics** (2004) with a minor in Computer Sciences. Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, French Section, Cairo University (High Honors).

## Publications

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- **“Is Women’s Empowerment A Community Affair? Community Level Application on Egyptian Married Women”**. Co-authored with Hanan Nazier. International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies (2020). Volume 13. Number 1.
- **“Equity of health-care financing: a progressivity analysis for Egypt”**. Co-authored with Yara Ahmed and Mohamed Fathi Sakr. Journal of Humanities and Applied Social Sciences (2020). DOI [10.1108/JHASS-08-2019-0040](https://doi.org/10.1108/JHASS-08-2019-0040)
- **“Estimating the Welfare Costs of Reforming the Iraq Public Distribution System: A Mixed Demand Approach”**. Co-authored with Nandini Krishnan and Sergio Olivieri. Journal of Development Studies (2019). Volume 55. Issue sup1, 91-106, DOI: [10.1080/00220388.2019.1687878](https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2019.1687878)
- **“How to Protect the Poor Food Insecure in the MENA region?”** Topics in Middle Eastern and African Economies. Proceedings of Middle East Economic Association. Vol. 21, Issue No. 1, May 2019.
- **“Do Institutions Matter for Informal Employment in Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia?”** co-authored with Asmaa Ezzat and Hanan Nazier. International Journal of Economics and Business Research (2019)- Vol.18 No.4. DOI: [10.1504/IJEER.2019.103094](https://doi.org/10.1504/IJEER.2019.103094).
- **“Estimating poverty and inequality in the absence of consumption data: an application to the Middle East and North Africa”** co-authored with Caroline Krafft, Ragui Assaad, Hanan Nazier, Atiyeh Vahidmanesh and Sami Zouari. Middle East Development Journal (2019). DOI: [10.1080/17938120.2019.1583493](https://doi.org/10.1080/17938120.2019.1583493)
- **“What empowers Egyptian women: resources versus social constraints?”** co-authored with Hanan Nazier. Review of Economics and Political Science (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1108/REPS-10-2018-015>
- **“Food Subsidy or Cash Transfer: Impact of the Food Subsidy Reform on Egyptian Households”** co-authored with Rana Hosni. New Medit- A Mediterranean Journal of Economics, Agriculture and Environment (2018). Volume No. 3. DOI: [10.30682/nm1803b](https://doi.org/10.30682/nm1803b).
- **“Inter-Group Expenditure Gaps in the Arab Region and Their Determinants: Application to Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and Tunisia”** co-authored with Vladimir Hlasny and Vito Intini. Review of Income and Wealth (2018). DOI: [10.1111/roiw.12396](https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12396).

- **“Ever Married Women’s Participation in Labor Market in Egypt: Constraints and Opportunities”** co-authored with Hanan Nazier. Middle East Development Journal (2018). DOI: [10.1080/17938120.2018.1443605](https://doi.org/10.1080/17938120.2018.1443605)
- **“Determinants of Food Security in Egypt”**. Review of Economics and Political Science (2017). Vol.2. No.3.
- **“Informality and Poverty: A Causality Dilemma with Application to Egypt”** co-authored with Hanan Nazier- Advances in Management and Applied Economics (2015). Vol. 5, no.4, 31-60 ISSN: 1792-7544 (print version), 1792-7552(online).
- **“Evaluating the impact of reforming the food subsidy program in Egypt: A Mixed Demand approach”** co-authored with Alban Thomas. Food Policy (2011). Vol. 36, Issue. 5, pp. 638-646.

#### **Chapters in Books**

- **“Food Security and Its Measurement in Egypt”**. Les Objectifs de Développement Durable: Opportunités Méditerranéennes. Cosimo Lacirignola. Bibliothèque de l’iReMMO. Ed. L’Harmattan. No.25. 2016. ISBN: 978-2-343-09412-0
- **“Where Does Food Subsidy go?”** Terre et Mer: Ressources Vitales Pour la Méditerranée. Cosimo Lacirignola. Bibliothèque de l’iReMMO. Ed. L’Harmattan. No.19. 2015. ISBN: 978-2-343-05909-9.

#### **Policy Papers**

- **The Care Economy in The Arab States: Towards Recognizing, Reducing and Redistributing Unpaid Care Work (2020)**. UN Women in partnership with the Economic Research Forum. Policy Brief No.1
- **Cash Transfers and Women Empowerment. A case Study of the “Takaful” Programme in Egypt (2020)**. Middle East and North Africa Social Policy Network. Policy Innovation Case Study No.7
- **Understanding the Egyptian Paradox: Why the gender gap is closing in education but not in employment? (2019)** The Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research- Baseera.
- **Demand and Supply Challenges of Food Security in Egypt (2015)**. The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES)- Economic Literature Review No.2

#### **Policy Oriented Reports**

- **The Role of The Care Economy in Promoting Gender Equality (2020)**. UN Women in partnership with the Economic Research Forum.
- **Covid-19 in the Mediterranean and Africa. Diagnosis, Policy Responses, Preliminary Assessment and Way Forward (2020)**. EMEA-EMNES
- **Rethinking Inequality in Arab Countries (2019)**. UN-ESCWA Women in partnership with the Economic Research Forum.
- **Institutions and Labour Markets in the Southern Mediterranean Countries (2017)**. Euro Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES)
- **Arab Republic of Egypt- Country Strategy and Program Evaluation- 2017**. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Report No. 4526-EG.
- **IRAQ- The Unfulfilled Promise of Oil and Growth. Poverty, Inclusion and Welfare in Iraq, 2007-2012-** Poverty Global Practice- World Bank- Report No. 92681-IQ-2014

- **Arab Development Challenges Report 2011- Towards the Developmental State in the Arab Region.** United Nations Development Programme.

### Working Papers

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- **Migration and Inequalities Around the Mediterranean Sea.** Co-authored with Björn Nilsson. Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 1390 (2020).
- **Do Institutions Matter for Informal Employment in Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia?** Co-authored with Asmaa Ezzat and Hanan Nazier. Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES) Working Paper No 3 (2018).
- **Estimating the Welfare Costs of Reforming the Iraq Public Distribution System: A Mixed Demand Approach.** Co-authored with Nandini Krishnan and Sergio Olivieri. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 8106 (2017).
- **Estimating Poverty and Inequality in the Absence of Consumption Data: An Application to the Middle East and North Africa.** Co-authored with Caroline Krafft, Ragui Assaad, Hanan Nazier, Atiyeh Vahidmanesh and Sami Zouari. Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 1100 (2017).
- **Marriage Outcomes and Women Empowerment after Marriage: Three countries stories.** Co-authored with Hanan Nazier. Economic Research Forum Working Paper. No1077 (2017).
- **Inequality Decomposition in the Arab Region: Application to Jordan, Egypt, Palestine and Tunisia.** Co-authored with Vladimir Hlasny and Vito Intini. Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 1016 (2016).
- **Women's Participation in Labor Market in Egypt: Constraints and Opportunities.** Co-authored with Hanan Nazier. Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 999 (2016).
- **Empowerment is a Community Affair: Community level Determinants of Married Women's Empowerment in Egypt.** Co-authored with Ragui Assaad and Hanan Nazier. Economic Research Forum Working Paper No.959 (2015).
- **Towards Better Measurement of Poverty and Inequality in Arab Countries: A Proposed Pan-Arab Multipurpose Survey.** Co-authored with Niranjana Sarangi, Khalid Abu-Ismael and Heba El-Laithy. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA). E/Escwa/Sd/2014/Wp.1 3 (2015).
- **Individual and Households determinants of Women Empowerment: Application to the Case of Egypt.** Co-authored with Ragui Assaad and Hanan Nazier. Economic Research Forum Working Paper No.867 (2014).
- **Rethinking Global Poverty Measurement.** Co-authored with Khaled Abu-Ismael and Gihan Abou Taleb. International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth Working Papers. Number 93 (2012).
- **Understanding the linkage between Agriculture Productivity and Nutrient Consumption: Evidence from Uganda.** Co-authored with John Ulimwengu, Saweda Liverpool-Tasie and Josee Randriamamonjy. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)- West and Central Africa Office. Discussion Paper 01128 (2011).
- **How does food price increase affect Ugandan Households?** Co-authored with John Ulimwengu. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)- Knowledge, Capacity and Innovation Division. Discussion Paper 00884 (2009).

### Conferences and Workshops Papers

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- **To Beat or Not to Beat: Determinants of Domestic Physical Violence in Egypt.** Co-authored with Perihane Badr. Presented at [2019 IAFFE sessions at the AEA/ASSA Meetings](#)- Atlanta-USA.
- **Would Taxes Decrease Tobacco Consumption in Egypt?** Co-authored with Hala Abu Ali. Presented at [Second Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University](#)- 2013- Paris- France

- **Econometric Analysis of the Wheat to Baladi Bread Chain in Egypt.** Co-authored with Alban THOMAS. Presented at the African Econometric Society- 2013- Cairo- Egypt

### **Teaching and Training**

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#### ▪ **Academic Teaching:**

- Economic Development Master – University Paris 1- Pantheon Sorbonne at Cairo University (since 2018). Courses: Inequality and Development, Economic Development, Gender and Microeconomics and Development Policies
- Visiting Professor at University Paris 1- Pantheon Sorbonne- France (since 2018). Courses: Gender and Microeconomics and Econometrics.
- Master of Gender and Development- Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences- Cairo University- Egypt (since 2017). Courses: Gender and Microeconomics.
- Joint Degree Program between Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences- Cairo University- Egypt and University Paris 1- Pantheon Sorbonne, Paris, France (since 2010). Courses: History of Economic Thoughts and Econometrics I (undergraduate)
- Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences- Cairo University (since 2011): Industrial Economics, Econometrics II, International Economics, Institutional Economics (Undergraduate). Advanced Topics in Econometrics and Quantitative Methods (Post Graduate).
- Chinese Exchange Program (Action Chine)- Toulouse 1- University- Capitole- France (2006-2007 and 2009-2010)- Teaching Assistant.
- Toulouse 1 University- Capitole- France (2005-2007)- Teaching Assistant.

#### ▪ **Training and Workshops:**

- Training Workshop on Applied Micro-econometrics and Public Policy Evaluation- Economic Research Forum (2019 and 2020).
- Violence against Women Workshop- Cairo Demographic Center (March 2017).
- Violence against Women Workshop- Ministry of Tourism (February 2015).

### **Master and Ph.D Thesis Supervision**

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#### ▪ **Master**

- Aida Ramadan: Master thesis titled “*Assessing the employment of people with disabilities in the labor market: the case of Egypt*” (2020-present)- Faculty of Economics and Political Science - Cairo University- Egypt
- Noha El-Sayed: Master thesis titled “*Impact of Geographic Allocation of Public Investment on the Economic Sectors on Multidimensional Poverty Rates in Egypt*” (2019-present)- Faculty of Economics and Political Science - Cairo University- Egypt
- Salma Eissa: Master thesis titled “*Why women and children are responsible for collecting water in Africa?*” - with Professor Celine Nauges (2016-2017)- Toulouse School of Economics- France.
- Rabab Abu El-Einein: Master thesis titled “*Public Spending on Social Protection Programs and Economic Growth: With application on the Egyptian case*” in Arabic- with Professor Sherine El Shawarby (2015- 2017) - Faculty of Economics and Political Science - Cairo University- Egypt

- Eman Taha: Master thesis titled “*Methodologies for Forecasting Labor Market Conditions: With application on the Egyptian case*” in Arabic- with Professor Alya EL Mahdi (2010-2012)- Faculty of Economics and Political Science - Cairo University- Egypt

#### ▪ **Ph.D**

- Israa Sakr: Ph.D thesis titled “*Inequality of Opportunities: An Empirical Study on Labor Returns in Egypt*”- in Arabic-with Professor Laila El Khawaga (since 2015)- Cairo University- Egypt.
- Heba El Nasharty: Ph.D thesis titled “*The Impact of Micro- Finance on Poverty Alleviation: Developing Countries Experiences*”-with Professor Hanan Nazier (since 2015)- Cairo University- Egypt.
- Yara Mahmoud: Ph.d Thesis titled “*Equity in the Finance of Health Care: An Analysis of Progressivity of Health System Financing in Egypt*”- with Professor Mohamed Sakr (2014-2020)- Cairo University- Egypt.
- Nesma Ali: Ph.D Thesis titled “*Towards a better integration of the informal sector: Three empirical essays on the interaction between formal and informal firms in Egypt and beyond*”- with Manon Domingues Dos Santos and Boris Najman (2013-2017)- University Paris Est- France.

#### **Referee Reports**

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Food Security Journal, Economics Bulletin, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Middle East Development Journal, New Medit- A Mediterranean Journal of Economics, Agriculture and Environment.

#### **Postdoctoral Fellowships**

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- Fellow of the Summer Program in Social Science (SPSS) at the Institute for Advanced Study- Princeton- United States of America (2018-2019).
- Carnegie Centennial Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs- University of Minnesota – United States of America (February 2014- May 2014).
- Postdoctoral Fellow at the Chicago University Center in Paris – France (April 2013-June 2013).
- Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Law and Economics- University of Hamburg- Germany (October 2012).

#### **Membership in Committees and Professional Association**

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- Country Deputy Director for the Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES) for Egypt (since July 2019).
- Member of the Poverty Committee at the Egyptian Ministry of Planning (2019)
- Member of the Committee of selection of *Labcitoyen programme*- Institut Français en Egypte (2018 and 2019)
- Associate Editorial Board of NEW MEDIT Journal (since December 2017).
- Member of the Economic Committee of the Supreme Council of Culture in Egypt (December 2017- December 2019).
- Member of Comité de Correspondents Internationaux (CCI)- Club de Déméter- France (since August 2017).
- Member of the scientific council of the Egyptian Center for Advances in sciences, Technology and Innovation (ECASTI) (since 2014).

- Member of the African Growth and Development Policy Modeling Consortium (AGRODEP) (since 2012).
- Research Fellow- Economic Research Forum (ERF)- (since 2019)
- Research Associate- Economic Research Forum (ERF)- (2011 to 2018).
- Co-Founding Member of Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID/El Nidaa)-(since 2011).

### **Publication Awards**

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- Cairo University Award for International Publication in 2016 and 2019.
- Best Paper Award- Faculty of Economics and Political Science and UNICEF Egypt Joint Conference “Children and Adolescents’ Well Being”- 2019. Paper Titled: “***Gender Norms and Gender Malnutrition in Egypt and Jordan***”- Co-authored with Sarah Wahby.
- Best Policy Brief Award- Faculty of Economics and Political Science Conference for Youth, Cairo University- 2017. Paper Titled: “***Cash Transfer: Is it the Magic Solution for Poverty and Food Security in Egypt***”- In Arabic. Co-authored with Rana Hosni.
- Most effective Policy Brief Award- Training Workshop on How to write an Effective Policy Brief. Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo, Egypt, December 2014. Paper titled: “***What’s the Role of the Community context in Empowering Women in Egypt?***”

### **Honors and Scholarships**

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- Lauréate Femme d’Avenir en Méditerranée- Sciences Po Paris- 2016.
- Toulouse School of Economics Scholarship, October 2009- April 2010.
- French Government Scholarship, October 2004- September 2007, October 2008- December 2008.

### **Selected Trainings, Workshops and Conferences**

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- **Trainings and Summer programs**
  - UN Women Egypt- Gender and Economic Training (2019).
  - Summer Program for Social Science- WISER Institute- Johannesburg- South Africa (2019).
  - WFP Food Security Indicators Training- World Food Programme Egypt Country Office (2018).
  - Summer Program for Social Science- Institute for Advanced Studies- Princeton- USA (2018).
  - Training Workshop on How to write an Effective Policy Brief. Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo, Egypt (2014).
  - Building Capacity Program: Poverty and Inequality measures and Poverty Targeting. Planning Institute of Egypt, Cairo, Egypt (2012).
  - Financial Econometrics Training Course. Georgia State University- Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Cairo, Egypt (2012).
  - Public Economics Training Course, Georgia State University- Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Cairo, Egypt (2012).
  - Training Workshop on Measurements of Inequality of Opportunity and Inequality of Outcomes. Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo, Egypt (2011).

## ▪ Workshops

- Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 - Pantheon Sorbonne University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences Cairo University. Cairo, Egypt (2011-2019).
- Structural Change, Resource Misallocation and Growth Dynamics in the MENA Region Workshop- Economic Research Forum- Luxor-Egypt (2018).
- Opinion Poll Data Analysis Using Multilevel Models- Economic Research Forum (ERF) - Beirut- Lebanon (2016).
- The Economics of Life Course Transitions- Economic Research Forum (ERF)- Cairo-Egypt (2016).
- Poverty Mapping in Arab Countries, Workshop organized by the League of Arab States, Beirut, Lebanon (2013).
- Methodological Advances in the Study of Political Economy Workshop- Warwick University, England (2012).

## ▪ Conferences

- The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual MEEA Meeting in conjunction with the Allied Social Sciences Association - San Diego-USA (2020).
- The Economic Research Forum Annual Conferences (2015- 2019).
- AFD 13th International conference on Development -Inequality and social cohesion- Paris-France (2018)
- Union for Mediterranean Conference on Women Empowerment-Lisbon- Portugal (2018).
- ERF 24th Annual Conference: “The New Normal in the Global Economy: Challenges and Prospects for MENA” - Cairo- Egypt (2018).
- Applying Quantitative Analysis to Development Issues Conference. Bibliotheca Alexandrina- Egypt (2018).
- Annual Conferences of the Euro Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES), (2015-2019).
- Faculty of Economics and Political Science Conference for Youth- Cairo University-Egypt (2018).
- The 36th Annual MEEA Meeting in conjunction with the Allied Social Sciences Association- San Francisco-USA (2016).
- The 5Th Conference of the Groupement de Recherche International CNRS DREEM EUROMED of Paris Dauphine University- Paris (2014).
- The 14th EBES conference- Barcelona, Spain (2014).
- The 4th GRETHA/GRES International Conference on Economic Development, Bordeaux, France (2012).
- Second International Conference, Innovation and Economic Development in the Mediterranean Countries- Cairo, Egypt (2010).
- African Econometric Society Fifteenth Annual Conference- Cairo, Egypt (2010).
- The 8th INRA-IDEI Conference on Industrial Organization and the Food Processing Industry- Toulouse, France (2010).
- Far East and South Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society- Tokyo, Japan (2009).



### **Cairo University Campus Activities**

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- Scientific coordinator and member of the Euro- Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES) at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FEPS)- Cairo University (2015-2019).
- Member of Faculty of Economics and Political Science- Post Graduate Studies Committee (Since 2019).
- Academic Advisor of TedX Cairo University (2014-2018).
- Member of the International Accreditation Committee of the Economics department- Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FEPS) (2016).
- Coordinator of the Anti-Harassment Unit at Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FEPS)- Cairo University (2014-2016).
- Economic Coordinator of the Third Annual Conference of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science- Cairo University (2015).

### **Others**

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- Fluent in Arabic (Native), French and English.
- Skillful in Statistical Software Packages: STATA, SAS, POVMAP and XLSTAT.

### **References**

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- Available Upon Request.