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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University	Ph.D. in Economics, 2001
Johns Hopkins University	M.A. in Economics, 1998
California State University, Sacramento	M.A. in Public Management & Organizational Behavior, 1997
Claremont McKenna College (CA)	B.A. in Economics, 1992

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Certificate in Strategic Management for Leaders of NGOs, 2015
Maastricht School of Management, Certificate in Project Development and Management, 2009

AREAS OF INTEREST & SPECIALIZATION

Researcher and practitioner with over 20 years' experience working on social-economic development issues in the Middle East. I specialize in applied research, in designing, implementing, and evaluating the impact of social programs, and in designing and launching social initiatives.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brookings Doha Center – Director of Research Doha, Qatar / May 2017 - Present
Brookings Institution – Senior Fellow, Brookings Global Economy & Development Program

- Manage the research agenda of the Brookings Doha Center (BDC), including hiring and overseeing the work of the center's research staff and Visiting Fellows and identifying scholars for commissioned research.
- Supervise the editorial process of research-related publications, including analysis papers and policy briefings, ensuring that the research output achieves the highest levels of quality and professionalism.
- Produce original policy-oriented research, including analysis papers, policy briefs, and op-eds in areas of expertise, including education, youth transitions, economic diversification, and post-conflict reconstruction.
- Engage in policy dialogue with international organizations such as the World Bank and UN agencies and with governments, including Ministries of Finance, Education and Higher Education, and Foreign Affairs.
- Collaborate on projects with colleagues at the Brookings Institution's headquarters in Washington, DC, including the Metropolitan Policy, Government Studies, Foreign Policy and Global Economy Programs.
- Take an active role in conceptualizing and organizing BDC policy meetings, workshops, roundtables, seminars, and public events and support the organization of annual forums and conferences.
- Led the development of a vision, strategy, and implementation plan for BDC, as part the organization's transition to BDC 2.0, including a restructuring of the organization's approach to research programming.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Silatech Foundation - Director of Research & Policy

Doha, Qatar / March 2012 – April 2017

- Silatech is a Qatar-based private foundation that supports projects connecting Arab youth to jobs. Developed the Research & Policy unit into a 10-person team with an annual budget of 4 million USD.
- Provided leadership and strategic direction to the unit, including preparing strategic plans, annual work plans, and budgets, and overseeing the implementation of activities and reporting.
- Oversaw the preparation of over 30 internal and external reports, working papers and briefs and the conceptualization and implementation of over 10 research-driven development projects.
- Led a restructuring of Silatech's approach to research in 2014 that introduced an innovative program design approach that directly supports and contributes to the organization's impact.
- Led the preparation of Silatech's 2016-2020 Strategy, which outlined a plan for increasing the organization's impact by more than 400% over five years with little change in the overall budget.
- Served as Acting Chief Program Officer (CPO) responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of all programming in the organization between October 2015 and June 2016.
- Conceptualized and oversaw the implementation of roundtables and workshops across the Arab region, plus two international conferences on Arab youth employment and entrepreneurship.
- Oversaw the mobilization of over 3 million USD in grant funding from the Qatar National Research Fund, Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and other donors.
- Provided consultations to the Saudi Ministry of Labor and Social Development, the Amiri Diwan of Kuwait, and the Public Authority for SMEs Development (Riyada) in the Sultanate of Oman.

Syrian Development Research Centre - Founding Director

Damascus, Syria / 2010 - 2011

The Syria Trust for Development - Director of Research

Damascus, Syria / 2007 - 2011

- Established the Syria Trust's Research Division, renamed the Syrian Development Research Centre in 2010. The Syria Trust is a non-governmental organization based in Damascus.
- Developed and oversaw the work of a Research Team of eight permanent staff and five project staff, which produced 50 research reports and organized 15 workshops and events over 5 years.
- Provided leadership and strategic direction to the unit, including preparing strategic plans, annual work plans, and budgets, and overseeing the implementation of activities and reporting.
- Prepared grant proposals and fundraised to help the research center become financially sustainable. By 2011, externally funded projects had reached over 70% of the center's budget
- Supported the fundraising effort of the Syria Trust. For example, worked with the World Bank on a successful 2.4 million USD grant proposal to the Japan Social Development Fund in 2008.
- Led on policy activities, including providing a technical interface between the World Bank and the government and advising on national policies from civil society to enterprise development.
- Worked with UNDP to establish a grassroots network for NGOs in Syria focusing on capacity development and advocacy. The NGO Platform became an independent legal entity in April 2011.
- Served as Acting Director of Rural Development from March - Oct 2009. Reorganized the Division and oversaw the successful relaunching of the Division's microfinance activities in rural areas.
- Other: establishment of a Young Scholars Program; Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) Syria team leader; research input into the government's 2011-2016 development plan; and more.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American University of Beirut, Dept. of Economics - Assistant Professor Beirut, Lebanon / 2002 - 2007

- Courses Taught: Introductory Graduate and Undergraduate Courses; Public Finance; Labor Economics; Intermediate Microeconomics; and Welfare Economics and Income Distribution.
- Published 12 articles in academic journals and edited volumes, including in high-impact journals such as the *Journal of Human Resources* and *Review of Agricultural Economics*.
- Worked on four external grant proposals (and was Principal Investigator on three) and supervised the work of 10 research assistants over the course of 5 years.
- Served on the university's Research Committee (2003-2006); Admissions Committee (2006-2007); Executive Committee of the Initiative for Biodiversity Studies in Arid Regions (Oct 2003 - Sept 2007); and Steering Committee for the Center of American Studies and Research (Oct 2003 - July 2004).
- Provided professional consultations for the World Bank, European Training Foundation, Finance Project (Washington, DC), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and others.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service - Economist Washington, DC / 2001 - 2002

- Economist with the Food and Rural Economics Division. Issue areas included: poverty and food security; food assistance and welfare programs; and rural employment and education programs.
- Co-authored flagship report: *Household Food Security in the United States, 2000* (FANR Report No. 21, Feb 2002) with Mark Nord and others. Developed new indicators related food security and food expenditures that were included in this and subsequent USDA publications.
- Served as member of a six-person team charged with reviewing 10 million USD worth of research grants administered through the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program.

The Finance Project - Research Consultant Washington, DC / 2000 - 2004

- In charge of developing content for MakingWagesWork.org, a public information and advocacy website managed by the Finance Project with funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- Issue areas included: unemployment insurance; food assistance programs; earned income tax credits; welfare-to-work programs; and other work support programs.

Johns Hopkins University - Research Assistant Baltimore, MD / 1997 - 2000

- Research Assistant to Dr. Karl Alexander, Professor of Sociology, on the Beginning School Study, a 15-year longitudinal study of Baltimore city school children.
- The main research area of focus included an examination of risk and resiliency factors affecting high school dropout. The research led to being included as co-author on three publications.

The Community Mediation Program - Mediator Baltimore, MD / 1995 - 2000

- Volunteer Mediator and Conflict Resolution Trainer; co-founded the program and served as Deputy Director for the first two years; prepared grant proposals; helped mediate around 40 community disputes; and assisted in conducting three mediator training sessions.

Syrian Consulting Bureau for Development & Investment - Research Associate Damascus, Syria / 1998 - 1999

- Worked on a number of research projects, including a feasibility study and a project on the impact of adopting stricter environmental regulations on textile exports. The latter study was published in 2002 as part of an article in *World Development* (assistance acknowledged in footnote).

Johns Hopkins University - Teaching Assistant

Baltimore, MD / 1995 - 1999

- Courses: microeconomics, macroeconomics and industrial organization. Also served as teaching assistant in microeconomics at the School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.

California State Senate - Legislative Consultant and Senate Fellow

Sacramento, CA / 1992 - 1994

- Selected as a Fellow with the California Senate Fellows Program and worked with the State Senate Office of Research, first as a Fellow then as a Legislative Consultant.
- Issue areas included: business regulatory reform; environmental issues; and government administrative and regulatory reform initiatives.
- Contributed to a number of publications, including "Local Government Mandates", in *An Overview of the Budget Solution for 1993-1994* (July 1993.)

Claremont Graduate School - Research Assistant

Claremont, CA / May - July, 1992

- Research Assistant to Prof. Joseph Maciariello of the Peter F. Drucker Management Center. Prepared background material for a textbook on Management Control and Costing Systems.

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Founder & CEO, Legacy Social Development Advisory, Doha, Qatar, Feb 2021 - present

President, Board of Trustees, Massyr Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon, Dec 2014 - present

Research Associate, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt, Nov 2006 - present

PAST AFFILIATIONS

Guest Lecturer, Georgetown University Global Executive MBA Program, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

Non-Resident Senior Policy Fellow, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut, December 2010 - October 2014.

Technical Advisory Board Member, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait, January 2009 - January 2015.

Coordination Board Member (elected), NGO Platform Syria, March 2011 - February 2013.

Visiting Researcher, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, MA, June - July, 2011.

Advisory Council Member, United Nations Global Compact Syria, September 2008 - 2012.

Member, American Agricultural Economics Association, June 2004 - Dec 2006.

Executive Committee Member, Initiative for Biodiversity Studies in Arid Regions, AUB, Oct 2003 - Sept 2007.

Steering Committee Member, Center of American Studies and Research, AUB, Oct 2003 - July 2004.

Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, June - August 2003.

Member, American Economic Association, June 1998 - Dec 2006.

President, Economics Graduate Students Organization, Johns Hopkins University, Sept 1995 - June 1996.

Teacher's Assistant and Substitute Teacher, Webb Schools, Claremont, California, Oct 1991 - May 1992.

Legislative Assistant, National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing, Wash., DC, May 1991 - Aug 1991.

Intern, Congressman Jerry Lewis, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, Jan 1991 - May 1991.

President, International Club of the Claremont Colleges, Feb 1990 - August 1990.

Executive Committee Member, International Club of the Claremont Colleges, August 1989 - Jan 1990.

Teller, Security Pacific National Bank, Claremont, California, Oct 1989 - Dec 1990.

Mediator, Claremont Dispute Resolution Center, Glendora, CA, August 1989 - July 1992.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Swedish Research Council: "Micro-credits and Political Radicalization in Fragile Countries;" An impact evaluation of micro-lending in Somalia on wellbeing and political attitudes. January 2019 - present (\$320,000). Principal Investigator: Anders Olofsgård. Co-investigators: Raj Desai and Nader Kabbani.
- International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada: "Towards Establishing an Arab Policy Research Network," January 2014 – December 2017 (\$450,000). Co-investigators: Paul Dyer and Nader Kabbani
- Department for International Development (DfID). Grant to Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA): Graduating Micro-enterprises to SME-level Credit (\$400,000 for Egypt component). January 2013 – present. Principal Investigator(s): Dean Karlan, Gharad Bryan, Adam Osman, and Nader Kabbani.
- Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), National Priority Research Program Cycle 6. Skill-Building and Industry Development through Migration: The Role of Migrants in Qatar's Construction Industry (\$556,716). Principal Investigator: Natasha Iskander, New York University (NYU); co-investigator: Nader Kabbani.
- International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada: "Measuring Entrepreneurial Activity in Libya 2013," April 2012 – August 2013 (\$35,000). Co-investigators: Faysal Mansouri and Lotfi Belkacem (University of Sousse) and David Kirby and Hala Hattab (British University in Egypt).
- International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada: "Measuring Entrepreneurial Activity in Egypt and Tunisia 2012," March 2013 – July 2014 (\$100,000). Co-investigators: Paul Dyer (Silatech) and Fathi Ali and Dr. Ali Omar (University of Benghazi).
- International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada: "Raw Tobacco Price Subsidy: Implications for Farm Income and Natural Productive Resources," August 2005 – July 2007 (\$7,130). Co-investigators: Mohamad Ragy Darwish (AUB), Fadi Asrawi (Haigazian University), and Asma Bazzi (AUB).
- Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research: "Raw Tobacco Price Subsidy: Implications for Farm Income and Natural Productive Resources," August 2005 – July 2007 (\$4,000). Co-investigators: Mohamad Ragy Darwish (AUB), Fadi Asrawi (Haigazian University), and Asma Bazzi (AUB).
- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation: Hewlett Research Fellowship, American University of Beirut, Spring 2005 (paid research leave).
- International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada: "Wild Edible Plants: Promoting Dietary Diversity in Poor Communities of Lebanon," 2005-2006 (\$200,000). Principal Investigator: Malek Batal (AUB). Co-investigators: Shadi Hamadeh, Salma Talhouk, Nahla Hwalla, Dima Jamali, Nader Kabbani.
- Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin- Madison, IRP-USDA Small Grants Program: "The Role of Food Assistance and Employment in Helping Food Insecure Families Avoid Hunger," June 2002 – December 2003 (\$33,000).

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

- Kabbani, Nader. "Economic Dimensions of the Social Contract and How to Address Them" in *The Modern Arab State: A Decade of Uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa*, edited by Youssef Cherif. Berlin: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (Forthcoming).
- Valant, Jon, Nader Kabbani and Nejla Ben Mimoune. "School Choice Around the World." Brookings Governance Studies Report (Forthcoming).
- Kabbani, Nader and Nejla Ben Mimoune. 2021. "Economic diversification in the Gulf: Time to redouble efforts," Policy Brief, Brookings Doha Center, January 31, 2021.
- Kabbani, Nader and Nejla Ben Mimoune. 2020. "The Role of Families in Supporting Youth Employment in Qatar," in *Families and Social Change in the Gulf Region*, Ed. J. Lansford, A. Ben Brik, and A. Badahdah. NY: Routledge.

- Kabbani, Nader. 2019. "Youth Employment in the Middle East and North Africa: Revisiting and Reframing the Challenge," Policy Brief, Brookings Doha Center, February 26, 2019.
- Bouchet, Max, Sifan Liu, Joseph Parilla, and Nader Kabbani. 2018. *Global Metro Monitor 2018*. Brookings Institution: Washington, DC.
- Kabbani, Nader. 2017. "Why Young Syrians Prefer Public Sector Jobs" in *The Imperative of Development: The Wolfensohn Center at Brookings*, edited by Geoffrey Gertz, Homi Kharas, and Johannes Linn. Brookings Institution Press, Washington, DC (September 2017).
- Member of Core Author Team. 2016. *Arab Human Development Report 2016: Youth and the prospects for human development in changing reality*, UNDP: NY (November 2016).
- Mehchy, Zaki and Nader Kabbani. 2013. "Empowerment and Poverty in Rural Syria: A Case Study of Twenty-Four Villages" in *Poverty and Social Exclusion around the Mediterranean Sea*, edited by Valerie Berenger and Florent Bresson, Springer Press: 2013.
- Kabbani, Nader and Siba Salloum. 2011. "Implications of Financing Higher Education for Access and Equity: The case of Syria," *Prospects* (March 2011), 41:97–113.
- Kabbani, Nader and Siba Salloum. 2010. "Financing Higher Education in Syria," in *Financing Higher Education in Arab Countries*, edited by Ahmed Galal and Taher Kanaan, ERF Policy Research Report (PRR No. 34), Cairo: Economic Research Forum: July 2010.
- Kabbani, Nader and Noura Kamel. 2009. "Tapping into the Economic Potential of Young Syrians: Ensuring Economic Inclusion during a Time of Transition," in *Generation in Waiting: The Unfulfilled Promise of Young People in the Middle East*, edited by Navtej Dhillon and Tarik Yousef, Brookings Press: 2009.
- Hunter, Elizabeth, Malek Batal, and Kabbani, Nader. 2007. "Eating on the Wild Side: Wild Edible Plants and Food Security in Rural Lebanon," *Epidemiology*, September 2007.
- Street, Richard, Nader Kabbani and Yamama Al-Oraibi, "Responding to Weak Labor Market Conditions Facing Youth: The Case of Syria," in *Youth in the Middle East and North Africa: Expanding Economic Prospects in Urban Areas – Technical Papers*, edited by Osman Nour, Rabat: Rabat Municipality, 2006.
- Kabbani, Nader and Zafiriz Tzannatos, "Labor and Human Resource Development," in *Syrian Country Profile*, edited by Samir Aita. Cairo, Egypt: Economic Research Forum, 2006.
- Kabbani, Nader and Myra Yazbeck, "The Role of Food Assistance in Helping Food Insecure Households Escape Hunger," *Review of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 27(3), 2005, pp. 439-445.
- Kabbani, Nader and Yassin Wehelie, "Survey Results on Hunger and Food Insecurity in Yemen," *Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economics: Proceedings of the Middle East Economic Association*, Volume 7 (September 2005).
- Sattout, Elsa, Salma Talhouk and Nader Kabbani, "Lebanon," in *Mediterranean Forests and People: Towards the Total Economic Value*, edited by Maurizio Merlo and Lelia Croitoru. Padua: Padua Univ. Press, 2005.
- Kabbani, Nader and Ekta Kothari, "A Situational Assessment of Youth Employment in the MENA Region," in *Urban Children and Youth in the MENA Region: Addressing Priorities in Education – Statistical Papers*, edited by Osman Nour, Dubai: Dubai Municipality, 2005.
- Alexander, Karl, Doris Entwisle, Susan Dauber and Nader Kabbani, "Dropout in Relation to Grade Retention: An Accounting of the Beginning School Study," in *Can Unlike Students Learn Together? Grade Retention, Tracking, and Grouping*, edited by Herbert Walberg, Arthur Reynolds, and Margaret Wang. Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing, 2004.
- Makdisi, Samir, Yusuf Shibl and Nader Kabbani, "Prospects for Arab Economic Development: Major Issues" (in Arabic), in *History of the Arabs and the World*, Vol. 28 No. 206 (May/June 2004).

- Kabbani, Nader and Parke Wilde, "Short Recertification Periods in the U.S. Food Stamp Program," *Journal of Human Resources*, Supplement 2003, Vol. 38(S), pp. 1112-1138.
- Makdisi, Samir, Yusuf Shibl and Nader Kabbani, "Prospects for Arab Economic Development: Major Issues," (in Arabic) in *Proceedings of the Second Conference on Prospects for Arab Development*, organized by the Arab Thought Foundation, Beirut, December 2003, pp. 265-279.
- Alexander, Karl, Doris Entwisle, Susan Dauber and Nader Kabbani, "Dropout in Relation to Grade Retention," in *On the Success of Failure: A Reassessment of the Effects of Retention in the Primary School Grades, Second Edition*, by K Alexander, D Entwisle, and S Dauber. NY: Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- Nord, Mark, Nader Kabbani, Laura Tiehen, Margaret Andrews, Gary Bickel and Steven Carlson, *Household Food Security in the United States, 2000*. Washington, DC: Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Report No. 21, February 2002.
- Alexander, Karl, Doris Entwisle and Nader Kabbani "The Dropout Process in Life Course Perspective: Early Risk Factors at Home and School," *Teachers College Record*, October 2001, Vol. 103(5), pp. 760-822.

COMMISSIONED RESEARCH AND REPORTS

- "Investing in Rural Youth in the Near East, North Africa, Europe and Central Asia (NEN) Region" IFAD Research Series 60 / IFAD-Papers of the 2019 Rural Development Report, December 2019.
- "The Role of Youth in Post-Conflict Stability and Reconstruction in the MENA Region" Background Paper Prepared for the World Bank Project on Building for Peace in MENA: Reconstruction for Security, Sustainable Growth and Equity, March 2019.
- "A Robust Regional Economy for Improved Labour Market Outcomes," background paper produced for the International Labour Organization's Future of Work Centenary Initiative, May 2017.
- "Young People in Syria's Attitudes towards Future Development and Success: The Exploratory Study – A Descriptive Snapshot of Young People" (with Masa Al Kurdi). Project funded by UNDP, UNFPA, and UNICEF, March 2012.
- "A Study of the Private Returns to Education in Syria" (with the MILES National Team). Background Paper Prepared for the World Bank, July 2011.
- "The Medium-Term Impact of Know About Business (KAB) on the Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes of Intermediate Institute Students in Syria" (with Majd Haddad). Project funded by the ILO, January 2011.
- "A Guide to Assessing Labor Market Conditions in Developing Countries: Syria Case Study, 1997-2004" (with Zaki Mehchy); Report Prepared for the Population Council and the World Bank, October 2008.
- "Issues in Rural/Urban Migration in Theories of Development" (in Arabic) (with Zaki Mehchy), Report prepared for the League of Arab States, March 2008.
- "Raw Tobacco Price Subsidy: Implications for Farm Income and Natural Productive Resources" (with Asma Bazzi, Fadi Asrawi, and Mohamad Ragy Darwish). Technical Report Number 103454-002. Ottawa: International Development Research Center, 2008.
- "Wild Edible Plants: Promoting Dietary Diversity in Poor Communities of Lebanon," (with Malek Batal, Shadi Hamadeh, Nahla Hwalla, and Salma Talhouk). Final Project Report submitted to IDRC, March 2007.
- "Income Support to the Poor in Syria: Simulating Targeting Options" (with John Blomquist), report submitted to the World Bank, February 2007.
- "Employment Among Youth in West Asia & North Africa Countries" (with Mansour Omeira), background paper prepared for the 2007 UN World Youth Report, October 2006.

“Reducing Extreme Poverty in the ESCWA Region: Towards Achieving the First Millennium Development Target and Goal,” submitted to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut, Lebanon, July 2006.

“Investment in Education, Employment and Economic Performance in Syria” (with Henrik Huitfeldt and Jean-Pierre Jallade), European Training Foundation Report, 2006.

WORKING / DISCUSSION PAPERS

- Kabbani, Nader and Leen Al-Habash, “Raising Awareness of Alternatives to Public Sector Employment among Syrian Youth,” ERF Working Paper 387 (March 2008), Cairo, Egypt: Economic Research Forum.
- Kabbani, Nader and Noura Kamel, “Youth Exclusion in Syria: Social, Economic and Institutional Dimensions,” Wolfensohn Center for Development at the Brookings Institution and the Dubai School of Government, Middle East Initiative Working Paper Number 4 (September 2007), Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.
- Huitfeldt, Henrik and Nader Kabbani, “Returns to Education and the Transition from School to Work in Syria,” Institution of Financial Economics Working Paper Series, No. 2007-1 (February 2007), American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
- Kabbani, Nader and Ekta Kothari, “Youth Employment in the MENA Region: A Situational Assessment,” Social Protection Discussion Paper No. 534 (September 2005), the World Bank, Washington, DC.
- Kabbani, Nader and Yassin Wehelie, “Measuring Hunger and Food Insecurity in Yemen”, Economic Research Forum, Working Paper 0419, September 2004.
- Kabbani, Nader and Myra Yazbeck “The Role of Food Assistance Programs and Employment Circumstances in Helping Households with Children Avoid Hunger,” Discussion Paper No. 1280-04, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin – Madison, May 2004.

SELECTED OTHER RESEARCH

- “Analysis of the Characteristics of Five Villages Near Ebla” (with Zaki Mehchy), Internal Syria Trust Report, October 2007.
- “Assessing the Effect of Know About Business (KAB) on the Knowledge and Attitudes of University Students” (with Leen Al-Habash and Dania Dania Achi), Internal Syria Trust Report, August 2007.
- “Assessing the Effect of Know About Business (KAB) on the Knowledge and Attitudes of Secondary School Students” (with Leen Al-Habash and Dania Dania Achi), Internal Syria Trust Report, August 2007.
- “Conceptualising Community Empowerment” (with Zaki Mehchy), Internal Syria Trust Report, June 2007.
- “Assessing the Effect of Business SHABAB on Young People’s Attitudes and Behaviours” (with Leen Al-Habash), Internal Syria Trust Report, May 2007.
- “Short Recertification Periods in the U.S. Food Stamp Program: Causes and Consequences,” in *Focus*, the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Vol. 22(2), Summer 2002.
- The Effect of Public Sector Training Programs on the Employment and Earnings of Non-participant Workers.* Dissertation, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, May 2001.
- Alexander, Karl, Doris Entwisle and Nader Kabbani, “Grade Retention, Social Promotion, and 'Third Way' Alternatives,” *The CEIC Review*, published by Temple University, Vol. 9(3), June 2000.
- “Local Government Mandates”, in *An Overview of the Budget Solution for 1993-94*, California Senate Office of Research, Sacramento, CA, July 1993.

OP-EDS & SHORT POLICY PIECES

- “How Will Digitalisation Affect Youth Employment in MENA?” in *G20 Dossier: Going Digital: The Future of Work*, ed. by Alberto Guidi. Rome: Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), 6 May 2021.
- “The Blockade on Qatar Helped Strengthen Its Economy, Paving the Way to Stronger Regional Integration,” *Order From Chaos*, Brookings Institution, January 19, 2021.
- “Covid-19 Requires Arab Governments to Improve Foreign Aid Management” (with Theodosia Rossi), in *Governance in The Arab Region: Experts Discuss Public Responses to COVID-19*, Brookings Doha Center, September 3, 2020.
- “How GCC Countries Can Address Looming Fiscal Challenges”, COVID Project, Georgetown University Qatar, June 16, 2020.
- “GCC Countries Must Redouble Their Efforts to Reduce Oil Dependence”, BDC Snapshots Series, Brookings Doha Center, May 14, 2020.
- “Does the Coronavirus Pandemic Signal China’s Ascendancy to Global Leadership?” Pandemic Politics Series, Brookings Doha Center, May 6, 2020.
- “How Gulf States Can Lead the Global COVID-19 Response”, (with Theodosia Rossi), Brookings Doha Center, April 30, 2020.
- “GCC Discord Could Exacerbate the Pandemic’s Economic Fallout,” in *Brookings Experts on The Implications Of COVID-19 For the Middle East and North Africa*, Brookings Doha Center, March 26, 2020.
- “MENA States Must Do More to Address the Legitimate Aspirations of Their Citizens,” in *The Middle East and North Africa Over the Next Decade: Key Challenges and Policy Options*, Brookings Doha Center, March 3, 2020.
- “High Unemployment Rates Among Rural Youth Are Destabilizing the Near East and North Africa Region,” Brookings Doha Center, July 4, 2019.
- “Syria At a Crossroads: Decisions Taken In 2018 Will Determine the Future of The Country and The Region,” in *The Middle East and North Africa In 2018: Challenges, Threats, and Opportunities*, Brookings Doha Center, December 21, 2017.
- “The High Cost of High Stakes: Economic Implications of the 2017 Gulf Crisis,” Markaz, The Brookings Institution, June 15, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCIES

Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes (FEMISE)
European Training Foundation of the European Union (EFT)
Finance Project (Washington, DC)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
International Labour Organization (ILO)
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Programme on Youth
World Bank