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### Fields of specialization:

*Economic Development, International Economics, Political Economy,  
Migration and remittances, and Macroeconomic modeling*

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### EDUCATION

**2010 Accreditation for research supervision, HDR,** University of Sousse-TUNISIA.

**2003 Ph.D. in Economics,** Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University - FRANCE, *obtained with very high honors.*

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**1995 M.A. in Macroeconomics, Modeling and Overall Economic Situation,** Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University - FRANCE.

**1993 B.A. in Economics,** Faculté des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Tunis-TUNISIA.

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### AWARDS

- Reward for Scientific Excellence (full Scholarship), Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.
- Highest Ranking of graduates, Faculté des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Tunis.
- Appreciation Award from the UAE University in recognition for an exceptional contribution and devoted commitment to the UAE-CBE students.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE and AFFILIATIONS

<b>2020-Present</b>	<b>Associate Professor</b> , Sciences Po University, France (3rd in “politics and international studies” in QS rankings 2019).
<b>2016-Present</b>	<b>Full Professor of Economics</b> , Higher Institute of Accounting and Business Administration, ISCAE, Tunis-Tunisia.
<b>2020-Present</b>	<b>Professor of Economics</b> at ESA Business School, Paris-France.
<b>2020-Present</b>	<b>Professor of Economics</b> at ISEG Business School, Paris-France.
<b>2020-Present</b>	<b>Professor of Economics</b> at ICES, Vendée-France.
<b>2016-2020</b>	<b>Associate Professor</b> , AEI International School, Paris Est Créteil, University.
<b>2014-2016</b>	<b>Associate Professor</b> , to the department of Economics, Higher School of Economic and Commercial Sciences, ESSEC, Tunis-Tunisia.
<b>2011-2014</b>	<b>Associate Professor</b> , Faculty of Economics and Management of Sousse (FSEG), University of Sousse-Tunisia.
<b>2004-2010</b>	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Faculty of Law and Economic and Political Sciences of Sousse, University of Sousse-Tunisia.
<b>1999-2004</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Faculty of Law and Economic and Political Sciences of Sousse, University of Sousse-Tunisia.
<b>1995-1998</b>	<b>Lecturer</b> , Evry-Val D’Essonne University, France.
<b>1995-1999</b>	<b>Graduate students Advisor</b> in descriptive economics & Macroeconomics and Modeling, National School of Statistics and Economic Administration (ENSAE), France.

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

<b>2021- Present</b>	<b>Research Follow</b> , Economic Research Forum (ERF).
<b>2018-Present</b>	Member of the <b>CEPN</b> research laboratory -UMR 7234 <b>CNRS</b> - Paris 13 University, Center for Economics of the University of Paris Nord, research axis "Applied Macroeconomics, Finance and Globalization" ( <b>MAFIM</b> ), France.
<b>2017-Present</b>	Member of the Doctoral Committee of EConomics, Accounting, Finance and Management, University of Manouba "ECCOFIGES" for the Higher School of Commerce of Tunis ( <b>ESCT</b> ) and the Higher Institute of Accounting and Business Administration ( <b>ISCAE</b> ).
<b>2011-Present</b>	<b>Consultant</b> to the Institute of the African Development Bank ( <b>ADB-EADI</b> ).

<b>2011-2021</b>	<b>Research Associate</b> , Economic Research Forum ( <b>ERF</b> ).
<b>2011-2014</b>	<b>Member of the scientific council</b> , Faculty of Economics and Management ( <b>FSEG</b> ) of Sousse, University of Sousse-Tunisia.
<b>2010-2014</b>	<b>Director of the Master</b> , "Business Engineering and International Trade", FSEG, Sousse-Tunisia.
<b>2011-Present</b>	<b>Member of the board of directors</b> of the Center for Studies in Macroeconomics and International Finance ( <b>CEMAFI</b> ).
<b>2009-2011</b>	<b>Head of the Economics Department</b> , Faculty of Law and Economic and Political Sciences of Sousse, University of Sousse-Tunisia.  <b>Constitution and Development of SMEs in MENA Countries</b> , project leader for the Tunisian case study, a research project of the EuroArab Management School ( <b>EAMS</b> ), <b>Spanish Agency of International Cooperation</b> , European Commission and Arab League.
<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>Visiting Professor</b> , College of Business and Economics, <b>UAE University</b> , UAE.
<b>2005-Present</b>	Member of the Middle East Economic Association ( <b>MEEA</b> ).
<b>2004</b>	<b>Consultant</b> , to the EuroArab Management School, Granada-Spain.
<b>2003-Present</b>	<b>Research fellow</b> , CED-TEAM : Théories et Applications en Microéconomie et Macroéconomie (Theories and applications in Micro and Macroeconomics) - <b>CNRS</b> : UMR8059, Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University, France.
<b>2003-Present</b>	<b>Member</b> of the Global Development Network Group ( <b>GDN</b> ).
<b>1997</b>	<b>International Monetary Fund, Summer Internship</b> , 1997. Washington D.C, at the MED ( <b>Middle East Department</b> ), supervisor Mr. Henri Ghesquiere, division F director.

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## PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- « Fiscal stance, election year and 2007 crises, evidence from OECD countries (1980-2017) », with Sami Kallel, *The Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, Volume 21, e00163, 2020.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeca.2020.e00163>
- « The direct and indirect risk impacts on remittances: A cross-regional specific effects », with D. Sridi, *African Development Review*, Volume 32, Issue 3, Pages 288-302, 2020.
- « Effet de court et de long terme de la crise sanitaire Covid-19 sur la croissance économique des pays de l'OCDE » (short and long run impacts of the Covid-19, health crisis on the economic growth of OECD countries), *Les bonnes feuilles de l'assurance* Number 1, 2020.

- « The Short and Long run Causality Relationship between Public Health Spending and Economic Growth: evidence from Tunisia and Morocco », (avec A. Ifa), *Journal of economic Development*, Volume 44, Number 3, 2019.
- « Migration Perspective and their Effect for the Origin Countries», (avec W. Issa), *International Journal of Science and Research (IJSR)*, Volume 7, Issue 12, 2018.
- «How Can Public Education Spending Affects Moroccan and Tunisian GDP per Capita? ARDL Approach», with A. Ifa, *International Economic Journal*, 2018, DOI: 10.1080/10168737.2018.1517815.
- «Does public expenditure on education promote Tunisian and Moroccan GDP per capita? ARDL approach», with A. Ifa, *The Journal of Finance and Data Science*, Volume 4, Issue 4, pp 234-246, 2018.
- «Institutional Quality Effect on Remittances in the MENA Region», with D. Sridi, *Middle East Development Journal (MDEJ)*, Vol. 9, no. 1, pp 84–100, 2017.
- «Political Institutions, Corruption and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from MENA Countries», with N. Farjallah, *Revue Economie, Gestion et Société*, n°10, 2017.
- «Economic growth, government size and political instability», with M. Abdelhamid et N. Farjallah, *International Journal of Economics & Strategic Management of Business Process (ESMB)*, vol.6, pp 19-31, 2016.
- «Convergence des pays de la région MENA vers le niveau de revenu des pays du Sud de l'Europe : une évaluation empirique», with F. Serranito, *Economie appliquée*, vol. 62, n 2, pp. 33-67, 2009.
- «Income convergence within the MENA countries: a panel unit root approach», with F. Serranito, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, Volume 46, Issue 5 pp. 653-852, 2007.
- «Corruption Effect on the MENA Countries Growth performance», *Journal of Economics and Finance*, 30, 2, 2006.

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## WORKING PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- « Institutional Quality Effect on Remittances in the MENA Region», with D. Sridi, *Economic Research Forum (ERF) working paper*, n°864, 2014.
- « Convergence des pays de la région MENA vers le niveau de revenu des pays du sud de l'Europe : une évaluation empirique », (avec F. Serranito), working paper **CEPN** (centre d'économie de Paris nord) -**CNRS- Paris 13**, WP n°16-2008.
- « Convergence des revenus au sein de la région MENA: "une approche par les tests de racines unités sur données de panel », (avec F. Serranito), chapitre3 "*Le Sud de la*

*Méditerranée face aux défis du libre-échange*", Maurice Catin et Henri Regnault (dir.), **L'Harmattan ed**, Paris, 2006.

- « Corruption Effect on the MENA Countries Growth », Bridging the Divide: *The Role of Technology and Trade, globalization, technology and sustainable development series*, **A. Allam (ed), Inderscience**, 2005, volume 1, pp 493-502.
- «Using panel unit root tests to evaluate the income convergence hypothesis in middle east and north Africa countries», (with F.Serranito), working paper: Cahiers de la Maison des Sciences Économiques, Série Blanche, 2005-03, **TEAM-CNRS Paris I**.
- «Convergence within the MENA Countries: A Panel Unit Root Approach», (avec F. Serranito), **CEPN** working paper, Center for economics, **Paris Nord-CNRS- Paris 13**, WP n°07, 2004.

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## REPORTS, CONSULTING AND STUDIES

- **Public-Private Partnerships in Africa: Empirical Illustrations and Case Studies**, African Development Bank, 2013.
- **Public Private Partnership Workshop capacity building document for Zimbabwean officials in Government's and Financial institutions**, African Development Bank Institute, 2012.
- **PPP Public Private Partnership in Africa challenges and opportunities**, presented in Abuja Nigeria, African Development Bank Institute, 2012.
- **Incentives and Employment, (2011)**, a paper written for the Tunisian Ministry of Vocational Training and Labor, July, 2011.
- **The profitability of continuing education in Tunisia**, a study for the Tunisian Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training, 2009.
- **Local Governance in Tunisia**, African Development Bank, 2005.
- **Challenges for SMEs in Tunisia and woman business owners challenges**, EuroArab Management School (EAMS), Spanish Agency of International Cooperation, European Commission and Arab League, 2005.
- **Agriculture in Morocco: Performances, Problems, and Government Involvement**, Middle East Department, International Monetary Fund, 2004.

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## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZATION

- Member of the organizing committee of the Workshop on: "Employment in Tunisia: What do we know? Where do we go? " on behalf of the **African Development Bank Institute (EADI)**, co-organized with the United Nations **University UNU-WIDER**, April 10, 2012.

- Member of the scientific committee of the first meeting on the new challenges and perspectives of southern Mediterranean countries; organized by the Applied Economics and Finance Laboratory of **IHEC** Carthage (**LEFA**), the Center for Studies in Macroeconomics and International Finance **CEMAFI International** and the Central University of Tunis (Central School of Law and Management) September 29-30 and October 1, 2011, Hammamet- Tunisia.
- Technical consultant for the selection committee of the Resource theme “Mobilization and Financial Sector Development: Another Angle to Look at the MDGs in a Post-crisis World? For the 2011 Global Development Network (**GDN**) Best Paper Award and Medal competition.
- Member of the organizing committee of the 12th Euro-Mediterranean meeting: Consequences of the financial and economic crisis on countries to the east and south of the European Union May 20, 21 and 22, 2010, co-directed by the **CEMAFI** (Center for Studies in Macroeconomics and Finance), University of Nice Sophia Antipolis- France and the **Faculty of Law and Economic and Political Sciences of Sousse-Tunisia**.
- Member of the organizing committee of the Middle East Economic Association (**MEEA**) March 2006 conference held in Sousse Tunisia with the collaboration of the University of Sousse.
- Organizer of the International Workshop on “Economic and Financial Reforms in MENA Countries”, 3-4 December 2004 in Sousse-Tunisia, University of Nice Sophia Antipolis- France and the **Faculty of Law and Economic and Political Sciences of Sousse-Tunisia**.

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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- **26th Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum (ERF)**, Cairo, Egypt (online), 2020.
- “The cyclicity of fiscal policy, election year and 2007 crises”, with A. Ifa, 5th applied economic and financial days (**JEFA'19**), published in a special JEFA'19 issue of the African Journal of Science, Technology, Innovation and Development Eds. Taylor & Francis, April 26-27, Mahdia-Tunisia, 2019.
- “The determinants of South-North international migration”, with W. Issa, **International Symposium** “Economies in transition: economic performance, institutions and social dimensions”, April 20 and 21 in Djerba-Tunisia, 2019.
- “The cyclicity of fiscal policy, election year and 2007 crisis, the case of OECD countries (1980-2017)”, with S. Kallal, Annual conference of the association of Tunisian economists, **ASECTU**, 21- June 23, Hammamet, Tunisia, 2018.
- “Financing regional development: What prospects for Tunisia? ”, **Workshop** organized by the Higher School of Economic and Commercial Sciences of Tunis (**ESSECT**), the Financial Development and Innovation (**DEFI**), research team and the Association for Reflection on Economic and Social Development (**ARDES**) ) ”, February 20, Tunis, Tunisia, 2018.

- “The cyclical policy of fiscal policy and the sustainability of public debt: Cases of Tunisia and Morocco”, **MASE seminar**, November 16, Beit El Hekma, Tunis-Tunisia, 2016.
- Developments Enriching the Middle East's Economic Future Conference, **UCLA Center for Middle East**, 30 May-1 June, Doha, Qatar, 2016.
- **21th annual Economic Research forum (ERF)** conference: Democracy and Economic Development, March 20-22, Gammarth, Tunisia, 2015.
- **20th annual Economic Research forum conference (ERF)**, “Institutional Quality Effect on Remittances in MENA region”, with D. Sridi, March 22-24, Cairo-Egypt, 2014.
- **ERF Workshop and political seminars**, "The Political Economy of Transformation in The ERF Region", Tunis, October 27 and 28, 2013.
- **19th Annual Conference, Economic Research forum (ERF)**, Economic Development and the Rise of Islamist Parties, Kuwait at the Arab Fund for Economic & Social Development, March 3-5, 2013.
- “International Remittances and Institutional Quality: The Case of MENA Region”, with D. Sridi, presented at **International Istanbul Finance Congress**, May 30-31, Kadir Has University, Cibali Campus, Istanbul-Turkey, 2013.
- PPP Public Private Partnership in Africa, 14-16 November, Abuja Nigeria, representative of **African Development Bank Institute**, (EADI), 2012.
- Public Private Partnership Workshop Zimbabwe, Harare-Zimbabwe, on behalf of the **African Development Bank Institute**, (EADI), 2012.
- **Public Private Partnership Days 2012**, Geneva-Switzerland, February 21-24, mission on behalf of the Institute of the African Development Bank, (EADI), 2012.
- **GDN's 12th Annual Conference**: “Financing Development in a Post-Crisis World: The Need for a Fresh Look”, University of Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, January 13-15, 2011.
- “Institutions, Governance and Economic Efficiency: Evidences from the MENA Region”, with I. Drine, Challenges and Opportunities in Emerging Markets, July 16-18, 2010, Milas, Turkey, organized by **Society for the Study of Emerging Markets, EuroConference**, 2010.
- “The Information and Communication Technologies impact on the MENA countries growth performance”, with I. Drine and “Does Corruption Matters for the MENA Countries Growth Performance? », Presented at the international conference "**Inequalities and development in the Mediterranean countries**", Galatasaray University, May 21-23, Istanbul-Turkey, 2009.
- **GDN's 10th annual conference**, Global Development Network, “Natural Resources and Development”, rapporteur, February 1-5, Kuwait-City-Kuwait, 2009.

- “The Information and Communication Technologies impact on the MENA countries growth performance”, with I. Drine, presented at the 6th international conference of Middle East Economic Association **MEEA's** March 14-16, Zayed University-United Arab Emirates, author and reviewer, 2007.
- “Corruption Effect on the MENA Countries Growth”, presented at the 3rd International Conference, World Association for Sustainable Development (**WASD**) and College of Business and Economics (**CBE**), University of the United Arab Emirates, November 21-23, Al Ain-Emirates United Arabs, 2005.
- “Convergence of the countries of the MENA region towards the level of income of the countries of southern Europe: an approach in terms of convergence clubs”, with F. Serranito presented at the International Conference: “**RINOS Colloquium**, Regional Integration and Development Strategies: North-South Relations in Euromed, the Americas and Asia ”, June 1-3, Montreal-Canada, 2005.
- “The Euro-South East Mediterranean Countries Convergence, an Empirical Study”, with F. Serranito, presented at the International Conference: “**the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, 10 years after Barcelona**”, April 19-20, Cairo- Egypt, 2005.
- “The Corruption Effect on the MENA Countries Growth”, presented at: Economics of Corruption Workshop of the Sixth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, organized by: the Mediterranean Program of the **Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute**, 16 -20 March, Florence-Italy, 2005.
- “Convergence between southern Europe and middle east and north Africa countries”, with F. Serranito, presented at the **International Workshop on Economic and Finance reforms in MENA**, December 3-4, Sousse-Tunisia, 2004.
- “Evaluating the income convergence hypothesis in middle east and north Africa countries”, with F. Serranito, presented at the **EMMA conference**, June 4-5, Madrid-Spain, 2004.
- **10th annual Economic Research forum (ERF)** conference, “Income convergence within the MENA countries: a panel unit root approach”, with F. Serranito, December 16-18, Marrakech-Morocco, 2003.
- "Convergence of Developing Countries and Shocks on Returns to Scale", presented at the **15th Days of the Third World Association: Infrastructure and Development**, May 27-28, Béthune-France, 1999.
- "The Determinants of Growth in Middle Eastern and Maghreb Countries", presented on the **14th Days of the Third World Association**, "Europe - Mediterranean: towards what development? », May 27-29, Bandol-Ile de Bendor-France, 1998.
- “The Determinants of Growth in Arab Countries”, presented at the **Colloquium on Growth in an Open Economy**, October 30-31, Tunis-Tunisia, 1996.



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## Ph.D. THESIS SUPERVISION

- **H. Sékrafi**, "Energy consumption and its effect on sustainable growth: is renewable energies a solution? », defense in June 2015.
- **D. Sridi**, "Institutional quality and transfers of immigrants", defense in April 2017.
- **O. Ben Abdallah Golli**, "Corporate Social Responsibility: A lever for ecological sustainability: validation for the Mediterranean" (by, University of Sousse-Tunisia and University of Côte d'Azur; co-supervision with Damien Bazin, defense in December 2017.
- **H. Hassen**, "Effect of Institutional Quality on Informal Sector Development and Impact on Employment and Economic Growth", defended in July 2019.
- **H. Bouhajeb**, Agriculture, Poverty and Food Security: Comparative Study between Developing Countries and Emerging Countries, defended in July 2019.
- **N. Farjallah**, "Effect of political instability on economic growth", defended in July 2019.
- **M. Barhoumi**, "The economic performance of companies and the evolution of the governance system: case of French companies listed in the SBF120 index", defended in July 2020.
- **A. Ifa**, "Public expenditure and inclusive growth case of Mediterranean Basin countries", defended in July 2020.
- **W. Issa**, "International migration and the brain drain, causes and consequences for the countries of departure", defended in July 2020.
- **M. Abdelhamid**, "The contribution of national innovation capacities to economic growth by strengthening structural competitiveness: theoretical analysis and comparative study", defended in July 2020.
- **O. Fatnassi**, "Institutional environment, private sector and economic growth", forthcoming to be defended in 2021.
- **S. Kallal**, The Cyclicity of Fiscal Policy, Public Debt Sustainability, and Economic Growth, Analysis for OECD Countries, in progress, to be defended in 2022.

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## REFEREE

Journal of Economics and finance; Journal of Economic Modelling; Emerging Markets Finance and Trade journal; Journal of Economic Studies; African Development Review

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Arabic/French: Bilingual.  
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