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A seasoned economist with 29 years of global research, teaching and administrative experience, mostly in the GCC region, but in the US as well. Has extensive research expertise in the areas of Oil and Energy Economics, Development Economics, International Economics, Real Estate Markets, and Free Zones. Experienced in managing research projects, starting up new departments and building strong teams. Fluent in both English and Arabic, plus basic German.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Senior Economic Advisor**, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), **State of Kuwait** (2016-present).
Conducts Economic and financial evaluation of KFAED client countries and KFAED-financed projects.
- **Economic Advisor**, Economic Policy Research Center, **Dubai Economic Council (DEC), Dubai, UAE** (2010-2016) .
Led DEC's policy research projects covering Dubai, UAE and the wider GCC region.
- **Associate Professor and Dean**, College of Business, Lebanese International University Sana'a Campus-Yemen (2008-2010).
- **Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of Economics, College of Commerce and Economics, **Sana'a University, Sana'a, Yemen** (2006-2008).
- **Visiting Lecturer** (Part time): **Arab Academy for Business and Financial Sciences (AABFS)** 2006-2010.
- **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Department of Economics, College of Business and Economics, **UAE University, Al-Ain, UAE** (2000-2006).
- **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics, College of Business and Economics, **UAE University, Al-Ain, UAE**, Spring (2000).
- **Assistant Professor of Economics, Sana'a University, Sana'a** (1998-2000).
- **Instructor of Economics, Kansas State University, U.S.A** (1994-1998).
- **Instructor of Economics, U.S Military Base, Fort Riley, Kansas U.S.A** (1994-1998).
- **Instructor of Economics, Sana'a University** (1987-1994).
- **Head of Industrial Sector Division, Project Follow Up Department, Ministry of Planning, Yemen** (1983-1987)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Economics, Kansas State University, USA, 1998.
- M.S. in Economics, Iowa State University, USA, 1987.

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- B.S. in Economics and Political Sciences, Sana'a University, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, 1983.

Skills

- **Basic Computer Skills:** PC management, Windows, MS Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access)
- **Statistical and Econometric applications:** Eviews, SPSS, STATA
- **Languages:** Arabic (Native Language); English (Proficient); German (Basic)
- **Authoring:** Authored and published several articles in international journals in English
- **Managerial Skills:** Managed several departments and activities in government institutions, universities and research think-tanks.
- **Communication and Negotiation Skills:** Capable of preparing and presenting speeches and presentations in front of large audience, and writing official correspondence and email communications. Participate in official negotiations with local and foreign delegates.

RESEARCH AND THESIS TOPICS

- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud, Sami Ben Naceur, Samir Ghazouani and Mohamed Trabelsi (in progress), *Economic policy and inequality: The redistributive function of fiscal policy*.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (Forthcoming), Conflict, peace-building, and post-conflict reconstruction in Yemen, in: Raimundo Soto, ed., *Conflicts, Governance and Post-Conflict Economic Agenda in War Afflicted Arab Countries*, London: Routledge and CRC Press.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (Forthcoming), *Kuwait and Africa: Partners in Development*, A case study in: *Arab Africa Fact Book*. Addis Ababa: United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud and Eshrak Al Ma'amari (2016), *A primer on Dubai's Energy Sector*, in: Abdulrazak Al Faris and Raimundo Soto, eds., *The Economy of Dubai*, London: Oxford University Press.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud, Ibrahim Elbadawi, and Dhuha Fadhel (2016), "Economic Linkages between Free-Zones and Main Dubai", in: Abdulrazak Al Faris and Raimundo Soto, eds., *The Economy of Dubai*, London: Oxford University Press.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud and Mohamed Trabelsi (2015), *The Economic Impact of Phasing out Energy Consumption Subsidies in GCC Countries*, *Journal of Economics and Business* 87 (2015) 35–49.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud and Yahsob Al Eriani (2015), *Fiscal Institutions and Macroeconomic Management in Resource-rich Economies- The Case of Yemen*. Economic Research Forum (ERF) Working Paper (935), Cairo, Egypt.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud, (2015) "Impacts of the recent oil price collapse on the economy of Dubai and the UAE" EPRC Policy Paper, Dubai Economic Council, Dubai, UAE.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud and Mohamed Trabelsi (2015), *The Economic Impact of Energy Consumption Subsidies in the GCC Countries*, a paper presented at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), Boston, MA, January 3-6, 2015.

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- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud and Fatima Al Shamsi (2007) "*FDI and Economic Growth in the GCC Countries*," Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economies, Volume 9, Middle East Economic Association and Loyola University Chicago, September, 2007.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (2007) "*Household Electricity Consumption and Income: An Application using a Heterogeneous Panel*," with Nasri Harb. Journal of the Faculty of Commerce and Economics, Sana'a University, Vol. 28, September 2007.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (2007) "*Energy–GDP relationship revisited: An example from GCC countries using panel causality*". Energy Policy, Vol. 17/34, pp 3342-3350.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (2005) "*Climate-Related Electricity Demand Side Management In Oil- Exporting Countries: The case of the United Arab Emirates*", Energy Policy, 33/18 pp. 2350-2360.
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- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (1987), "*Migration and Economic Development in Yemen*", (M. S. Thesis), Iowa State University, 1987.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

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- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud, "Economic and other Factors Affecting Human Behavior", in: "Individual and the Society," UAEU, August 2005.

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (2017), Kuwait and Africa: Partners in Development, A case study. Presented at the Validation Workshop on "Arab-Africa Fact Book", October 22-23, 2017, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (2014), *Fiscal Institutions and Macroeconomic Management in Resource Rich Economies: The Case of Yemen*, presented at the "Workshop on Monetary and Fiscal Institutions in Resource Rich Arab Economies", October 25-26, 2014, Cairo, Egypt.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (2014), *Highlights on Dubai Economy*, presented at Djibouti High-Level Development Exchange, World Bank Group and the Government of Djibouti, Djibouti, June 20th to 23rd, 2014.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud and Mohamed Trabelsi (2013), *The Economic Impact of Energy Consumption Subsidies in the GCC Countries*, presented in the 6th Annual Research Symposium in Business & Economics – May 08, 2014, Al Ain, UAE.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud, Ibrahim Elbadawi, and Dhuha Fadhel (2012), "Assessing the Backward Economic Linkages between Free Zones and Dubai Main", Presented at the International conference on Excellence in Business, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, 09-10 May 2012.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (2011), *Oil Curse in Yemen: The Role of Institutions and Policy*. Presented at the ERF Workshop on "Understanding and Avoiding the Oil Curse in the Arab World". Cairo, Egypt October 7-8, 2011.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud (2007), *The Malaysian and Southeast Asian Miracle: An Example to follow?* Presented at the Defense College, Sanaa, February 2007.
- Al-Iriani Mahmoud "The Science of Economics and the Economic Problem", Joint Command and Staff College, Abu Dhabi, UAE, October 2005.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud' "Energy Conservation in the GCC countries: Has the time come yet?" Presented at the "Conference on Economics and International Finance", Labuan, Malaysia, 26/530-5, 2005.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud' "Electricity Demand Side Management In Oil-Exporting Countries: The case of the United Arab Emirates." Presented at the "4th Annual UAE University Research conference", April 27-29th, 2003.
- Al-Iriani Mahmoud "Economics and Economic Theories", Joint Command and Staff College, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2002/2003.

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- Al-Iriani Mahmoud, "*Emiratization and the Labor Market in the UAE*", presented at the UAEU Maqam Campus, October, 2004.
- Al-Iriani, Mahmoud "*The Nature of Money*", presented at the UAEU Maqam Campus, October, 2001.

RELEVANT SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED (A complete list is available upon request)

- The Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq, Kuwait City, Kuwait, February 12-14, 2018.
- Economic Research Forum (ERF) and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), a *Policy Conference on "Arab Oil Exporters: Coping with a New Global Oil Order"*. Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Kuwait City, Kuwait. November 26-27, 2017.
- Arab Monetary Fund and World Bank Group, *A training workshop on Development of Islamic Sukuk Markets, Abu Dhabi*, April 19 – 23, 2015.
- *Annual 14th International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA): Inclusive growth for Transitional MENA Countries*, Hammamet, Tunisia, March 23-25, 2015.
- Economic research Forum (ERF) 21st Annual Conference: *Democracy and Economic Development*, Tunisia, March 20-22, 2015.
- *IMF Regional Economic Outlook, Panel* -Organized by Dubai Economic Council, Dubai, UAE, 7 May, 2014.
- *World Future Energy Summit*, Dubai Supreme Council of Energy, Dubai, UAE, 15 April, 2014.
- *SME World Summit, 2014*-Organized by Dubai Economic Council, Dubai, UAE, 26-27 March, 2014.
- Economic research Forum (ERF) 20th Annual Conference: *Economic Development and Social Justice* Cairo, Egypt, 22-24 March 2014.
- *Global Financial Markets Forum 2014*, National Bank of Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 4-5 March, 2014.
- *International Trade and Finance for Sustainable Economic Development*-Organized by Dubai Economic Council, Dubai, UAE, 26 January, 2014.
- *Global Islamic Economy Summit*, Dubai Chamber of Commerce, Dubai, UAE, 25-26 November, 2013.
- *International Conference on 'Labor Mobility-Enabler for Sustainable Development'*, Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), Abu Dhabi, UAE, 14-15 May, 2013.
- *First ESCWA Arab Economics Forum*, 23-24 November 2012, UN-House, Beirut – Lebanon.
- International Development Research center (IDRC) conference : '*From Arab Spring to Economic Spring: A forward-looking research agenda for a more inclusive, sustainable growth* - 29-30 October 2012, Residence Hotels, Gammarth, Tunis, Tunisia.

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- *Economic research Forum (ERF) Workshop on "Understanding and Avoiding the Oil Curse in the Arab World"*. Cairo, Egypt October 7-8, 2011.
- *Economic research Forum (ERF) Conference on "Understanding and Avoiding the Oil Curse in the Arab World"*. Kuwait, January 13-15, 2012.
- *DEC Policy Conference on "Business Environment and the Future of Development in Dubai"* (Dubai, 23-24 November, 2011).
- *Energy Challenges and Opportunities – Sustainable Future*”, DUBAI Global Energy Forum, Dubai, 17th - 19th April 2011 (I was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Conference).
- *CBE's "International Conference on Globalization, Technology and Sustainable development"*, AlAin , UAE. 21-23 November 2005.
- *Conference on Economics and International Finance, Labuan Malaysia, 26/5-30-5, 2005.*

AWARDS AND HONORS

- ERF: Research grant for the project on Fiscal Institutions and Macroeconomic Management in Resource Rich Economies: The Case of Yemen, 2014.
- ERF: *Research grant for the project on Fiscal Institutions and Macroeconomic Management in Resource Rich Economies: The Case of Yemen, 2014.*
- DEC Best Researcher Award, Dubai Economic Council, 2013
- ERF: *Research grant for the project on Oil Curse in Yemen: The Role of Institutions and Policy, 2012.*
- UAE University: *Research Grant for the research on the household energy conservation in the UAE, 2005.*
- UAE University: *Research Grant for the research on the electricity sector in the UAE, 2002.*
- UAE University: *Best Research Award for the academic year 2002/2003. College of Business and Economics.*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Economic Research Forum (ERF), research fellow.
- Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), member.
- American Economic Association (AEA), member.

REFERENCES

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