

# Nora Aboushady

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## Personal Information

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- Date of Birth: 17.08.1983, Cairo, Egypt
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## Current Affiliations and Networks

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- Senior Researcher - German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Bonn.
- Assistant Professor of Economics - Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
- Senior Research Fellow - WTO Chair Egypt.
- Research Associate - Economic Research Forum.
- Research Associate - Euro-Mediterranean and African Network for Economic Studies (EMANES).
- Social Policy Expert - MENASP Network.

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## Past Positions

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- 2015-2019: Researcher, Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES).
- 2007-2014: Associate Lecturer of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
- 2005-2007: Teaching Assistant, Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.

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## Research interests

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Trade Policy, Trade in Services, Global Value Chains, Industrial Policy, Social Policy, Energy Transition, Green Hydrogen, Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, MENA Region, Africa.

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## Education

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- 2013: Ph.D. in Economics, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris, France, *magna cum laude*. Thesis title: "Liberalization of Trade in Services and Impact on Welfare: the case of the telecommunications sector in Egypt".
- 2006: M.A. in International Economics, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris, France, *good*. Thesis title: "*La Zone Arabe de Libre Echange et les perspectives du commerce intra-arabe*".

- 2005: B.A. in Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Economics Department, French Section, Minor Political Science, Cairo University, *excellent with honors*.
- 2001: German Certificate of Secondary Education Abitur, Deutsche Schule der Borromäerinnen, Cairo, Grade: 1,2.

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## Teaching

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- **Cairo University- Faculty of Economics and Political Science**
  - Undergraduate courses in French: Microeconomics I, Microeconomics II, Public Finance, International Economics, Development Economics, Contemporary Topics in Economics, Labor Economics.
  - Postgraduate courses in English: Economic Policies of the EU, Masters of Euro-Mediterranean Studies.
- **University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne**
  - Undergraduate courses: Economic Policies of the EU- Double Degree Program (*Double Diplôme d'Economie*), Cairo University and University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **French University in Egypt**
  - International Economics (Master of International Relations).

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## Academic Supervision

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- *Licence 3* in Economics graduation thesis supervision, University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne.
- M.Sc. of Economics thesis supervision, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University (supervision of theses in English, French and Arabic).

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## Research Projects (ongoing)

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- Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains (2022-2025): Researcher and Project Coordinator. A cooperation between the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), and German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) with funding from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- Global Hydrogen Potential Atlas (HYPAT) (2022-2023)- “Green Hydrogen: What’s in it for Developing Countries?” Researcher. Project funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

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## Publications

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### Publications in Refereed Journals

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- Aboushady, Nora (2022): “Services Liberalization and global Value Chains Participation: Evidence from Egypt”, *International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies (IJEMS)*, Volume 15, No.2, pp. 245-279, December

- Aboushady, Nora, Yasmine Kamal and Chahir Zaki (2022): “Disentangling the Impact of Trade Barriers on Wages: Evidence from the MENA Region”, *Middle East Development Journal*, Volume 14, Issue 1, pp. 43-69, January.
- Aboushady, Nora and Chahir Zaki (2021): “Do Exports and Innovation Matter for the Demand of Skilled Labor? Evidence from MENA Countries”, *International Review of Applied Economics*, Volume 35, Issue 1, pp.25-44.
- Aboushady, Nora and Chahir Zaki (2019): “Investment climate and Trade Margins in Egypt: Which factors do matter?”, *Economics Bulletin*, Volume 39, Issue 4, pp. 2275-2301, October.
- Ahmed Ezzat, Riham and Nora Aboushady (2018): “Do Restrictive Regulatory Policies matter for Telecom Performance? Evidence from MENA Countries”, *Utilities Policy*, Volume 53, pp. 60-72, August.
- Harb, George and Nora Aboushady (2016): “Arab trade dynamics after the implementation of the Pan Arab Free Trade Area (PAFTA) (1998-2012)” *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, Volume 12, Issue 1, April.

### **Book Chapters**

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- Aboushady, Nora, Devesh Roy and Chahir Zaki: “The three great stimulants: An analysis of cocoa, coffee, and tea value chains in Africa”, in Bouët, A., S. Odjo and C. Zaki (Eds.) (2022): *Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor: Leveraging Data to Improve Intra-African Food Trade*, IFPRI and AKADEMIYA2063, September.
- Aboushady, Nora and Chahir Zaki: “On EU-Middle East Trade Relations: Patterns, Policies and Imbalances” in Bouris, D., Huber, D. and Pace, M. (Eds.) (2021): *Routledge Handbook of EU–Middle East Relations*, Routledge, Taylor and Francis, ISBN 9780367330767, December.

### **Policy Papers/ Policy Briefs**

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- Aboushady, Nora and Chahir Zaki (2021): “Firms’ Political Connections and Global Value Chains: Evidence from Egypt”, *Emerging Economies No.20*, Turin Centre on *Emerging Economies*, December.
- Aboushady, Nora and Chahir Zaki (2021): “Trade and SDGs in the MENA Region: towards a more inclusive trade policy”, *Policy Brief No. 56*, *Economic Research Forum*, April.
- Aboushady, Nora, Chahir Zaki, Jean-Yves Moisseron and Khaled Guesmi (2019): “Assessing EU- Mediterranean Policies in the Fields of Industry and Energy from a Bottom-UP Perspective “MEDRESET *Policy Paper No.7*, *Istituto Affari Internazionali*, January.
- Aboushady, Nora and Nadia Aboushady (2018): “The Social contract undermined through Economic Reforms: The End of an Era for the Egyptian Middle Classes”, *MENA direkt Kurzanalyse*, *Center for Near and Middle East Studies (CNMS)*, Philipps Universität Marburg, July.
- Aboushady, Nora and Chahir Zaki (2018): “Politics affect Exports in Egypt”, *Policy Brief No.30*, *Economic Research Forum*, March.

## Reports

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- Aboushady, Nora and Sebastian Silva Leander (2022): “Shifting the paradigm: in-depth study of the social security system Lebanon”, *ISSPF Working Paper Series*, Issue 8, December.
- Jawad, Rana, Nora Aboushady, Hicham Ait Mansour, Adam Coutts and Nidhal Bencheikh (2018): “New Directions in Social Policy in the MENA Region: Country Cluster Study of Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Oman and Tunisia”, *Research report prepared for the UNRISD Project: New Directions in Social Policy: Alternatives from and for the Global South*, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, November
- Helmy, Omneia, Nora Aboushady and Chahir Zaki (2018): “The Impact of Egypt- EU Free Trade Agreement on Egypt’s Manufacturing Exports and Employment”, *Report published by the Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung*, March
- Alcidi, Cinzia, Matthias Busse, Chahir Zaki, Nora Aboushady, Nooh Alshayeb, Abdelkader Ait El Mekki, Abdessalam Abbassi, Raoudha Hadhri and Hela Ayari (2017): “Trade and Investment in the Mediterranean, Country and Regional Perspectives: Evolution and Impact of EU-MED Trade Integration in the South- Med”, *EMNES Studies, Volume 2, the Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies*, November
- Aboushady, Nora, Anirudh Shingal, Anna Markitanova, Ben Shepherd and Farhad Mohammad (2016): “Strengthening the Compliance of OIC Member States with International Standards”, *report prepared for the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) Trade Working Group, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation*, March.

## Work in progress

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- “Aid-for-Trade and Exports Promotion: The moderating role of institutions.”, with Georges Harb and Chahir Zaki, *submitted*
- “Are GVCs for Sale? On Business-State Relations in the MENA Region”, IDOS Discussion Paper, with Chahir Zaki
- “Trade Policy and Food Security in Turbulent Times”, *Mediterranean Economies 2023*, Edward Elgar Publishing, with Chahir Zaki
- “Does Services Liberalization matter for Global Value Chains Integration?”, in Cipollina, M. and Bruno, R.L. (eds.), *Handbook of the Economics of Global Value Chains*, Cambridge University Press, with Chahir Zaki.
- “Which Agreements boost Trade in Agriculture in Africa?”, *Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor 2023*, IFPRI and AKADEMIYA2063, with Myriam Ramzi and Chahir Zaki.
- “Does Aid-for-Trade promote countries’ traditional trade structures or upgrade their participation in GVCs?” with Georges Harb
- “EU Green Deal and application to Mediterranean Partners: the external dimension of green transition”, *IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook 2023*, with Alexia Faus-Onbargi
- Political settlements and green transition: how do business-state relations affect the green hydrogen roadmap in MENA countries?, IDOS Discussion Paper

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## Consulting Assignments

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- **2022:** Consultant to the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn, Germany. *Assignment:* Evaluation of applications to the German Sustainability Award for Global Corporate Partnerships.
- **2022, 2023:** Consultant to the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). *Assignment:* Contribution to the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM 2022 and AATM 2023).
- **2021-2022:** Consultant to ILO and Development Pathways, August-June. *Assignment:* Lead author of a report on Lebanon's social security system. Inclusive Social Security Policy Forum with support from a Ford Foundation grant.
- **2020:** Consultant to the Upper Egypt Local Development Program, The World Bank, Egypt, February-June. *Assignment:* 2 policy reports on "Identifying Firms' Constraints in Egypt" and "Analysis of Productivity and Lack of Agglomeration Economies in Egypt".
- **2018:** Consultant to the project: "Authorized Economic Operator Programs in the Islamic Countries: Enhancing Customs-Traders Partnership" Project prepared by the TED University Trade Research Center for the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) Trade Working Group, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, October. *Assignment:* Co-authoring 1 Policy Report
- **2017:** Consultant to the research project: "Improving research infrastructure on social assistance in low- and middle-income countries", Global Development Institute/ University of Manchester. *Assignment:* update of database on cash transfer programs in MENA countries 2005-2015.
- **2016:** Local expert at the Trade and Domestic Market Enhancement Program, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt, May-June. *Assignment:* mapping quality infrastructure in Egypt, identifying challenges and providing recommendations for future reorganization scenarios to facilitate the implementation of the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products with the EU.

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## Sponsored Research and Project Coordination

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- Financial support from the WTO chairs program for the establishment of the WTO Chair in Cairo University, 2022-2024. Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator of the program component on outreach and dissemination: 2022-2024.
- Financial Support from the European Commission to the Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES). Research Coordinator of Research Area No.RA6 on regional integration and inclusive economic liberalization policies: 2015-2019.
- Financial support from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation for the project: "Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements and Social Justice", in cooperation with the Centre for Economic and Financial Research and Studies (CEFRS), Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University: 2017-2018.

- MEDRESET project: “Re-invigorating the partnership between the two shores of the Mediterranean” funded by the Horizon 2020 Program, the European Commission. Research Manager of the Work Package No.WP6 on industry and energy: 2016-2019.

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## **Presentations**

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- Briefing on the Egyptian Economy: Informality and Agri-business Sector, internal briefing, Istituto Affari Internazionali and Intesa Sanpaolo, April 22, 2021.
- “Gulf States Investments in Egypt: Facts, Challenges and Prospects”, presentation prepared for the DGAP Experts Conference: “The Arab Gulf States’ Engagement in Egypt and Tunisia: Rationale and Implications”, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, Berlin, May 26, 2015.

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## **Courses and Training Workshops**

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- **2022:** Macroeconomic Modelling for Sustainable Development course, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and Egyptian Ministry of Planning and Economic Development.
- **2021:** ERF Training Workshop on Applied Micro-econometrics and Public Policy Evaluation, Economic Research Forum, March-April.
- **2014:** ERF Training Workshop: “How to write a winning proposal and paper”, Economic Research Forum, Tunis, September 29-30.
- **2010:** “Financial and ICT/ITES Services Trade: A Training of Trainers and Executive Course for MENA Countries”, The World Bank Institute and The Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna, June 28 - July 2.
- **2009** Faculty Training Course “Advanced Econometrics”, Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Cairo, November 15-26.

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## **Other**

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### **Administrative**

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- Coordinator of the Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains (*Phase II: 2022-2025*), German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS).
- Coordination of outreach and dissemination, WTO Chair Egypt.
- Member of the FEPS academic committee supporting the Higher Education Partnership Program (HEPP), Cairo University and USAID, 2015.
- Coordinator of the Students Mobility Program, French Section, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 2014-2018.

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## **Languages**

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- Arabic: native
- German: fluent
- English: fluent
- French: fluent

## **Software Skills**

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Microsoft Office, E-Views, STATA

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## **References**

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