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### *Current Position*

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Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Southern Brittany, France.

### *Education*

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- Habilitation Thesis in Applied Econometrics to supervise PhD students, University of Burgundy, France, 1999.
- Ph.D. in Economics and Econometrics: University of Burgundy and CREST-INSEE, France, 1993 (Best dissertation award winner).
- M. Sc. in Mathematical Economics: University of Burgundy, France, 1988.
- B.A. in Economics: University of Tunis, Tunisia, 1986 (Laureate).

### *Professional Experience*

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- 2012-2021** Director of Research and Country Risk Assessment Department at The Arab Investment and Export Credit Guarantee Corporation. A multilateral financial development institution providing guarantee coverage to Arab and non-Arab investments in its member countries against non-commercial risks, and to Arab export credit, against commercial and non-commercial risks. It provides also activities complementary to its core business, in particular the development and dissemination of research related to the identification of investment opportunities and their conditions in the Arab countries.
- 2005-2012** Economic Advisor, Arab Planning Institute, a capacity building and research institution dealing with economic development problems and issues facing the Arab countries.
- 1995-2005** Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Southern Brittany, France, Instructor in Economics, Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers (CNAM), University of Cergy, France, and Instructor in Modern Econometrics, CEPE-INSEE, Paris, France.
- 1994-1995** Associate Professor, University of Rennes 1, France.
- 1992-1994** Assistant Professor, University of Pantheon Sorbonne, Assas-Paris II, Paris
- 1990-1992** Instructor, University of Pantheon Sorbonne Paris I, Paris

## ***Affiliation, Editorial Duties & Referee for Scientific Journals***

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- Research Fellow, the Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo.
- Senior Fellow, think tank GI4T, Tunis, Tunisia.
- Member of the editorial board of the Journal of Development and Economic Policies, Kuwait (from 2005 to 2012).
- Referee: *Economie et Prévision*, Journal of Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization, Journal of Development and Economic Policies, Middle East Development Journal, Journal of Economic Studies.

## ***Research Publications: Books and Refereed International Journals***

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- How Does Political Risk Matter for Foreign Direct Investment into Arab Economies? Forthcoming, ***Middle East Development Journal***, 2023.
- Do Default Loss Risks Matter for Arab Exports? Evidence from a Gravity Modelling Approach, ***Review of Middle East Economics and Finance***, 16(3), 2020.
- Does foreign direct investment affect growth in MENA countries? A semi-parametric fixed-effects approach, ***Middle East Development Journal***, 2020. DOI:10.1080/17938120.2020.1719700
- ***Les réformes économiques en Tunisie, une urgence en quête de leadership***, Sud Editions, 2016, Tunis, Tunisia, 248 pages.
- Determinants of Entry and Exit: Evidence from Tunisian Manufacturing Industries, in *Innovation, Globalization and Firm Dynamics*, Edited by Anna Maria Ferragina, Erol Taymaz and Kamil Yilmaz, Routledge New York, 2014, pp.195-209.
- Access to Finance Thresholds and the Finance-Growth Nexus, (with W. Abdmoulah) ***Economic Papers***, Volume 32, Issue 4, pages 522-534, December 2013.
- Revisiting the Finance-Growth Nexus: Further Evidence from Tunisia, ***Middle East Development Journal***, Volume 4, Issue 1, 2012.
- Tourism Competitiveness and Specialization in South Mediterranean Countries: A Panel Data Approach, (with A. Abdel-Azim Ebrahim) ***Journal of Development and Economic Policies***, vol.13, No.1, 2011.
- *Addressing the Unemployment Problem in the Arab States: Case Study of Egypt and Syria*, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait, (in Arabic). Editor, 2010.
- *The development gap related to gender in the Arab Countries: Exploratory Results*, (in Arabic, with A. Abdel Gadir Ali), in *Women and Youth in Arab Development*, API. Editor, 2010.
- Learning and Productivity Performance in Arab Manufacturing Industries, ***Journal of Development and Economic Policies***, vol.12, No.1, 2010, pp.7-30.
- Entry, Exit, Resource Reallocation and Productivity Growth in the Tunisian Private Manufacturing Industries, (with M. Goaid), ***Middle East Development Journal***, vol.1, Issue 2, December 2009, pp.189-208.
- Entry, Exit and Productivity in Tunisian Manufacturing Industries, (with Goaid M.) in ***Market Dynamics and Productivity in Developing Countries***, Edited by Khalid Sekkat, Springer, 2009, pp.73-108.
- Competition, Efficiency and Competition Policy in Tunisia in ***Competition and Efficiency in the Arab World***, Edited by Khalid Sekkat, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008, pp.159-202.

- Women and Development in the Arab States: The Case of Kuwaiti women, **API Expert Series**, (in Arabic), March 2008.
- Normative approach of Upstream-Downstream relationships in the tourism sector: implication for the Tourism policy of the South Mediterranean Countries, (with A. Hamoudi and H. Djoufelkit), **ERF Working Paper Series** N°: 200802, 2008.
- Tourism in Arab Countries: its Structure and Competitiveness, **Journal of Development and Economic Policies**, (language Arabic), vol.10, No.1, January 2008.
- Enjeux et problèmes du développement du tourisme dans les pays du Sud de la Méditerranée, **Rapport d'étude**, Agence Française de Développement, Septembre 2007.
- Mark-up Pricing and Import Competition: Has Import Disciplined Tunisian Manufacturing Firms? **Journal of Development and Economic Policies**, vol.8, No.2, June 2006.
- Technical Progress and Investment in Tunisian Manufacturing Firm: Evidence from Firm Level Panel Data, **Journal of Development and Economic Policies**, vol.7, No.2, June 2005.
- Femmes et développement régional en Tunisie (book in two volumes, with S. Cherif), Publisher : Centre de Recherches d'Etudes de Documentation et d'Information sur la Femme (**CREDIF**), Tunis, 2003.
- Transferts des migrants Tunisiens et qualification : Théorie et évidence, (with M. Jellal) **l'Actualité Economique**, vol.78, n°3, Septembre 2002.
- Rural-Urban Migration and Self-Selection in Tunisia, (with H. Mzali) **Papers in Regional Science**, vol.77, n°4, 1999.
- Rural-Urban Migration: On the Harris-Todaro Model, **Les Annales d'Economie et de Gestion**, FSEG Tunis, December 1998
- Assimilation sociale des immigrants tunisiens en Europe et décision de retour de migration : estimation d'un modèle logit ordonné, **Région et Développement**, n°6, 1997.
- Investissement et rationnement sur le marché tunisien des importations de biens intermédiaires et d'équipement : estimation par le PMVS, **Economie et Prévision**, n°119, 1995.
- Le Pseudo-maximum de Vraisemblance théorique et Simulé : application au cas des modèles de déséquilibre, (with F., MIHOUBI and S., HAMMOUCHE), **Economie et Prévision**, n°112 ; 1994.

### **Dissertation**

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Investissement et Rationnement en Tunisie : Application des méthodes semi-paramétriques simulées d'estimation. (Chair: Professors Pietro BALESTRA and Marie-Claude PICHERY), **Thesis award, University of Burgundy**, 1993.

### **Research Grants**

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- Franco-Tunisian Cooperation, French Government: Research Grant for Estimation of Dynamic Disequilibrium Models: 1986-1991.
- Centre de Recherche en Economie et Statistique (CREST/INSEE, Paris): Research Grant for Non-Linear Estimation Methods (simulated pseudo-maximum likelihood methods, static and dynamic versions): 1992-1993.
- Ministry of Education, French Government: Research Grant to study the social assimilation and return migration decision of Tunisian migrants in Europe: 1997-1998.

- Estimation des modèles de déséquilibre dynamiques : extension de la méthode du Pseudo-Maximum de Vraisemblance Simulé ; (with F. Mihoubi), Document de travail N° 9304 de l'Institut de Mathématiques Economiques (IME, Dijon), 1993.
- Tunisian Imports and Capital Formation : Disequilibrium and Dynamic Spillovers, mimeo Université de Rennes 1, 1995.
- Assimilation, attachement et migration de retour : le cas des immigrants tunisiens, (with H. Mzali), mimeo Université de Bretagne Sud, 1996.
- Migration interrégionale en Tunisie et autocorrélation spatiale, (with H. Mzali), mimeo Université de Bretagne Sud, 1997.
- Migration et paradoxe des transferts : Théorie et évidence, (with M. Jellal), mimeo Université de Bretagne Sud, 1998.
- Fondement empirique à la conjecture de sous-investissement dans les secteurs productifs non agricole et manufacturier en Tunisie, Rapport d'étude, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 1998.
- Performances et comportement d'investissement des entreprises manufacturières tunisiennes : analyse micro-économétrique, Rapport d'étude, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 1998.
- Dépenses publiques et croissance économique en Tunisie : une évaluation économétrique, Rapport d'étude, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 1999.
- Soutenabilité de la politique budgétaire, solvabilité de l'Etat et stabilité de la dette en Tunisie (1972-1996), Rapport d'étude, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 1999.
- Performances et comportement d'investissement des entreprises manufacturières tunisiennes : analyse micro-économétrique, Rapport d'étude, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 2000.
- Compétitivité des entreprises manufacturières privées tunisiennes : ce que révèle l'enquête qualitative 2000, Rapport d'étude, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 2000.
- Investment, Markup and Capacity Utilization in Tunisia, ERF Eighth Annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt January 2002, and the first European conference of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) in Cooperation with The Centre of Near & Middle Eastern Studies, London University in the summer of 2001. ERF Working Paper series N° 200132.
- Markup pricing in Tunisian manufacturing industries, Cairo-Egypt, Conference paper ERF, January 2002, Best paper award.
- Technical Progress and Investment in Tunisian Manufacturing Firm: Evidence from Firm Level Panel Data, Marrakech-Morocco, ERF Conference paper December 2003, Award best policy-oriented paper.
- Les statistiques de l'assurance en Tunisie, Rapport, Unité d'étude et de recherche sur le financement de l'économie nationale, Institut de Financement du Développement, Rapport d'étude IFID, Tunis, Mars 2004.
- Markup Pricing and Import Competition: Has Import Disciplined Tunisian Manufacturing Firms? Beirut-Lebanon, ERF Conference paper, December 2004.
- Libéralisation financière et efficience des banques de dépôts tunisiennes, (avec D. Dahmane), mimeo Université de Bretagne Sud, 2005.
- Normative approach of Upstream-Downstream relationships in the tourism sector: implication for the Tourism policy of the South Mediterranean Countries, (with A.

Hamoudi and H. Djoufelkit), Kuwait, ERF Conference paper 2006 and ERF Working Paper Series N° 200802, 2008.

- Tourism in Arab South Mediterranean Countries: The Competitiveness Challenge, API mimeo, 2006.
- Enjeux et problèmes du développement du tourisme dans les pays du Sud de la Méditerranée, Agence Française de Développement, Paris, Rapport d'étude, 2007.
- Entry, Exit, Resource Reallocation and Productivity Growth in the Tunisian Private Manufacturing Industries, Egypt, ERF Conference paper 2008 and ERF Working Paper Series N°: 477, 2009.
- The Gap in Gender Development in Arab Countries: Exploratory Results, (with A. Abdelkader Ali), API International Conference on "Women and Youth in Arab Development, Cairo, Egypt, 22-24 March 2010.
- Conventional and Corrected Measures of Gender-related Development Index (GDI): What Happens to the Arab Countries Ranking? , API/WPS 1007, 2010.
- Tourism in Arab South Mediterranean Countries: The Competitiveness Challenge (with A. E. Abdel-Azim), API/WPS 1006, 2010.
- Firm Heterogeneity and Productivity: The Contribution of Microdata, Communication ERF Expert Group and API Working Paper Series, API/WPS 1013, 2010.
- Revisiting the Finance-Growth Nexus: Further Evidence from Tunisia, Communication EBES Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2011.
- Modeling Finance-Growth Nexus Using a Piecewise Linear Approach Does Access to Finance Matter? (with W. Abdmoulah), Istanbul Finance Congress 2012, Istanbul, Turkey, June 13-14, 2012. Best paper award.
- A Development Policy Review of the Tunisian Economy: From Diagnosis to Reforms, Technical report, Strategic monitoring and forecasting unit, Presidency of the Government, Tunisia, April 2014.
- Attention à la tertiarisation prématurée : La Tunisie a plus que jamais besoin de son industrie manufacturière, Etude Jousour pour les Politiques Publiques, Octobre 2015,  
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- Réussir les réformes en Tunisie : Une question de méthode et de stratégie, Etude Jousour pour les Politiques Publiques, Novembre 2015,  
<http://jousour.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Jousour-Comment-r%C3%A9ussir-les-r%C3%A9formes-en-Tunisie.pdf>
- Vérités brutales sur le système éducatif Tunisien, ce que révèle l'enquête PISA 2015, Tome 1 : Les faits marquants, novembre 2016.  
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- Vérités brutales sur le système éducatif Tunisien, ce que révèle l'enquête PISA 2015, Tome 2 : L'environnement d'apprentissage et le climat scolaire en Tunisie et ses régions, janvier 2017.  
<http://www.iqtisadouna.com/verites-brutales-sur-le-systeme-educatif-tunisien-ce-que-revele-lenquete-pisa-2015-partie-3/>

- Déséquilibres régionaux et inégalités sociales en Tunisie ; axes et actions prioritaires, 2018, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Editeurs, Tunis, Tunisie  
<http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/tunesien/14418.pdf>
- Does Foreign Direct Investment Affect Growth in Developing Countries? A Semi-Parametric Analysis, Dhaman Working Paper Series, February 2018  
<http://dhaman.net/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/12/Dhaman-WP-2018-01.pdf>  
Has Export Credit Guarantee Any Role in Promoting Exports in Arab Countries? Dhaman Working Paper Series, October 2018  
<http://dhaman.net/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/12/Dhaman-WP-2018-02.pdf>
- Does FDI Affect Growth in MENA Countries? A Semi-Parametric Fixed-Effects Approach, Dhaman Working Paper Series, December 2018  
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- How Does Political Risk Matter for Foreign Direct Investment into Arab Economies? A Gravity Model Analysis, December 2019  
<http://dhaman.net/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/11/Dhaman-WP-2019-02.pdf>

### **Teaching**

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- Regression Theory and Econometrics, University of Pantheon-Sorbonne, Paris I and II
- Advanced Econometrics, University of Rennes 1
- Probability and Statistical Inferences, University of Southern Brittany
- Growth and Development Economics, University of Southern Brittany
- Industrial Economics, University of Southern Brittany
- International Economics, University of Southern Brittany
- Macro and Microeconomics, CNAM and University of Southern Brittany
- Unit Roots and Error Correction Models, CEPE-INSEE
- Measurement and Analysis of Poverty and Inequality, API (Training program in Arabic)
- Return to Education: Estimation and Analysis, API (Training program in Arabic)
- The Millennium Development Goals, API (Training program in Arabic)
- Inequality and Development, API (Training program in Arabic)
- Development and Institutional Reforms, API (Training program in Arabic)
- Competitiveness Policies, API (Training program in Arabic)

### **API Development Bridge Series (language Arabic)**

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- Small and Medium Enterprises Competitiveness: Characteristics and Challenges, Vol.9, N. 93, May 2010.
- Policies for Enhancing Competitiveness, Vol.8, N.83, May 2009.
- Institutional Reform Programs, Vol.7, N.77, November 2008.
- Women Empowerment: Indicators and Development Issues, Vol.7, N.72, April 2008.
- Millennium Development Goals Gap, Vol.6, N.65, July 2007.

### ***Consulting Experience: (sample of recent involvement)***

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- Competitiveness of Tunisian economy, Ministry of Development and International Cooperation, Tunis, Tunisia, 1997-2001.
- Women and Regional Development in Tunisia, CREDIF, Tunis, Tunisia, 2002-2003.
- Competition, Competition Policy and Economic Efficiency in the MENA Region, IDRC project, Canada, 2003-2005.
- Tourism and Development in South Mediterranean Countries, French Development Agency project, Paris, France, 2005-2006.
- Economic policies, firm's entry and exit and economic performance in the Middle East and North Africa, IDRC project, Canada, 2006-2009.
- The Kuwait vision 2035 and quantitative targets of the development plan 2009/2010-2013/2014, General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, State of Kuwait, 2008-2009.
- Assessment of training needs in planning process in Kuwaiti Public Administrations, General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, State of Kuwait, 2009-2011.
- Evaluating the strategic planning process in the Kuwaiti public administration, General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, State of Kuwait, 2011-2012.
- Policy report titled: Trade Finance in Kuwait: A Springboard for Successful Diversification, Contract No: 2500275698, ESCWA, September 2021.
- Building and providing Training material for Trade Finance under DA Transport and Trade connectivity, Contract No: 2500280632 and 2500290945, ESCWA, February 2022.

### ***Further Qualifications and Personal Information***

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Languages:

- French (fluent written and spoken),
- Arabic (fluent written and spoken),
- English (fluent written and spoken).

Computer Skills: Stata, EViews and SPSS.

Citizenships: French and Tunisian.

Married, two children.