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Current Position

World Bank, Economist - Office of the Chief Economist for the MENA Region April 2022–

Previous Positions

World Bank, ETC (EC2) - Office of the Chief Economist for the MENA Region Sep.2021–Mar.2022

World Bank, Young Fellowship Program on Forced Displacement (with UK Aid & UNHCR) 2020–2021

Paris School of Economics, Post-doctoral researcher 2018–2020

University of Strasbourg, Post-doctoral researcher, Economics Department 2017–2018

University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, Teaching and research fellow in Economics 2016–2017

University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, Teaching assistant in Economics 2013–2016

Faculty of Economics & Political Science, Cairo University, Assistant Professor (on leave) 2013–2020

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne 2013–2017

- Thesis title “Gender, Migration, and the Arab Spring: Evidence from Egypt”
- Jury: Jean-Louis Arcand, Rémi Bazillier, Simone Bertoli, Sergei Guriev, and Mathilde Maurel

M.Phil. in Development Economics, University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne 2012–2013

- Summa cum laude, Ranked 1st of the Master (16 students)

M.A. in Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University 2008–2011

- Summa cum laude, Ranked 1st of the French section (34 students)
- Ranked 2nd of the Faculty (500 students)

B.A. in Economics, University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne and Cairo University 2008–2011

- Summa cum laude, Ranked 1st of the joint program (54 students)

National Qualifications

Italian National Qualification, as Assistant Professor of Political Economy (13/A1) 2022–2031

French National Qualification, as Assistant Professor of Economics 2020–2024

Short Term Consultancies

World Bank, Consultant to the Office of the Chief Economist for the MENA region 2019–2020

- Contribute to the World Bank 2020 MENA Economic Update (focus chapter on labor markets)
- Countries of analysis: Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia

International Labor Organization, Consultant to the Cairo Office 2019

- Contribute to the ILO Global Wage Report (2019/2020)
- Countries of analysis: Egypt

World Bank, Consultant to the Office of the Chief Economist for the MENA region 2018–2019

- Contribute to the World Bank 2019 flagship report on the digital economy in MENA
- Countries of analysis: Egypt

International Labor Organization, Consultant to the Cairo Office 2017–2018

- Contribute to the ILO Global Wage Report (2018/2019)
- Countries of analysis: Cape Verde, Egypt, Gambia, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, and Namibia

Teaching Experience

University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne

- **Mathematics** (Undergraduate Program in Economics, 1st year), 72 hours. 2016–2017
- **Statistics** (Undergraduate Program in Economics, 2nd year), 24 hours. 2016–2017
- **Development Policy** (Master Program in Economics), 54 hours. 2015–2016
- **Econometrics** (Undergraduate Program in Economics, 3rd year), 18 hours. 2014–2015
- **Statistics** (Undergraduate Program in Economics, 2nd year), 48 hours. 2014–2015
- **Statistics** (Undergraduate Program in Economics, 2nd year), 72 hours. 2013–2014

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

[Labor Market Transitions in Egypt Post-Arab Spring](#)

(with Jingyuan Deng, Luca Flabbi, and Roberta Gatti)

Middle East Development Journal, 2024, forthcoming.

[Fertility and Labor Supply Responses to Child Allowances: The Introduction of Means-Tested Benefits in France](#)

Demography, October 2023.

[Labor Market Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the West Bank and Gaza](#)

(with Jingyuan Deng, Luca Flabbi, and Roberta Gatti)

LABOUR, October 2023.

[Syrian Refugees and the Migration Dynamics of Jordanians: Moving in or Moving out?](#)

(with Jackline Wahba)

Economic Development and Cultural Change, July 2023.

Return Migrants and the Wage Premium: Does the Legal Status of Migrants matter?

(with Jackline Wahba)

Journal of Population Economics, October 2021.

Upward or Downward: Return Migration and Occupational Mobility

(with Jackline Wahba)

World Development, Volume 137, January 2021.

How Do Protests Affect Electoral Choices? Evidence from Egypt

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Volume 179, Pages 299-322, November 2020.

Arab Spring Protests and Women Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from the Egyptian Revolution

(with Mathilde Maurel and Biagio Speciale)

Journal of Comparative Economics, Volume 46, Issue 2, Pages 656-682, June 2018.

Book Chapters

Internal versus International Migration in Egypt: Together or Far Apart (with Anda David and Jackline Wahba), in *The Egyptian Labor Market: A Focus on Gender and Economic Vulnerability*, Eds. Caroline Krafft and Ragui Assaad, **Oxford University Press**, 2022.

Working Papers

Climate Shocks, Migration, and Labor Markets: A Gender Analysis from West Africa, *submitted*.

(with Quentin Wodon)

Earlier version: GLO Discussion Paper No. 950, 2021.

Returns to Education in the Marriage Market: Bride Price and School Reform in Egypt, *submitted*.

(with Jingyuan Deng, Luca Flabbi, and Roberta Gatti)

Earlier version: World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 10288, 2023.

News Sentiment in Destination Countries and Migration Choices: Evidence from Libya

(with Michele Di Maio and Valerio Leone Sciabolazza)

World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 10754, 2024.

World Bank Reports and Policy Papers

MENA Economic Update October 2023: Balancing Act: Jobs and Wages in the Middle East and North Africa When Crises Hit (with Roberta Gatti, Daniel Lederman, Jesica Torres, Joana Silva, Rana Lotfi, and Ilias Suvanov), The World Bank, 2023.

Governance, Migration, and Forced Displacement in the Middle East and North Africa in A New State of Mind: Greater Transparency and Accountability in the Middle East and North Africa, Eds. Ferid Belhaj, Roberta Gatti, Daniel Lederman, Ernest John Sergenti, Hoda Assem, Rana Lotfi, and Mennatallah Emam Mousa, The World Bank, 2022.

MENA Economic Update April 2020: How Transparency Can Help the Middle East and North Africa (with Rabah Arezki, Daniel Lederman, Amani Abou Harb, Rachel Yuting Fan, Asif M. Islam, Ha Nguyen, and Marwane Zouaidi), The World Bank, 2020.

Internet Job Search, Employment and Wage Growth: Evidence from Egypt, World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 9196, 2020.

Research Dissemination (Blog Posts)

[How can Economies Navigate Labor Market Trade-Offs in a Downturn? The Balancing Act](#)
World Bank Blogs, December 2023 (with Roberta Gatti, Daniel Lederman, and Jesica Torres).

[Balancing Act: Jobs and Wages in MENA when Crises Hit](#)
The Forum, November 2023 (with Roberta Gatti, Daniel Lederman, and Jesica Torres).

[Labor Market Transition Over the Life Cycle in Egypt Across Two Decades](#)
The World Bank, August 2022 (with Jingyuan Deng, Luca Flabbi, and Roberta Gatti).

[Labor Market Transition Over the Life Cycle in Egypt Across Two Decades](#)
The Forum (ERF Policy Portal), April 2022 (with Jingyuan Deng, Luca Flabbi, and Roberta Gatti).

[Transparency, Data Gaps, and Labor Market Outcomes in MENA](#)
The Forum (ERF Policy Portal), May 2020.

[Has International Migration Reduced Internal Migration in Egypt?](#)
The Forum (ERF Policy Portal), October 2019 (with Jackline Wahba).

[Undocumented Migration: Egyptian Evidence of a Long-Term Wage Penalty](#)
The Forum (ERF Policy Portal), May 2018.

[Brain Gain from Return Migration: Evidence from Egypt](#)
The Forum (ERF Policy Portal), December 2017 (with Jackline Wahba).

[Did the Egyptian Protests lead to Change?](#)
The Forum (ERF Policy Portal), November 2017.

[Arab Spring Protests and Women’s Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from the Egyptian Revolution](#)
PSE Blog, December 2016 (with Mathilde Maurel and Biagio Speciale).

Conferences and Workshops

ERF-World Bank seminar, 29 November.	2023
World Bank Tokyo Online Morning Seminar, 6 November.	
World Bank Workshop for MNACE Labor and Gender Research Programs, 9-11 July.	
Economic Research Forum 29 th Annual Conference (Cairo), 4-6 May.	
World Bank MENA Chief Economist Office seminar, 2 June.	2022
Sapienza University of Rome seminar, 13 May.	
World Bank’s Young Fellows Forced Displacement workshop, 19 March.	2021
Bank of Italy, Online Seminar, 2 February.	
World Bank’s Young Fellows Forced Displacement workshop, 28 October.	2020
ERF/World Bank seminar on labor markets in MENA, 20 May.	

World Bank workshop on the New Economy Agenda for MENA (Washington D.C.), 15 July. ERF Workshop on the Egyptian Labor Market: Gender and Economic Vulnerability (Cairo), 3-4 July. Carnegie Social Science Innovation and Policy Development Workshop (Aswan), 9-11 January.	2019
Rencontres d'Aussois, Paris School of Economics (Aussois), 17-19 December. Research Initiative on the Economics of the Middle East, University Paris 1 (Paris), 5-6 November. Economic Research Forum 24 th Annual Conference (Cairo), 8-10 July. ERF seminar on the Syrian refugee influx in Jordan (Amman), 13-14 May.	2018
ERF workshop on the Syrian refugees in Jordan (Cairo), 15-17 December. Workshop on the Political Economy of Middle East, University of Oxford (Oxford), 27-28 October. Economic Research Forum 23 rd Annual Conference (Amman), 18-20 March. Carnegie Centennial workshop (Naples), 12-14 January. 37 th Middle East Economic Association, ASSA Annual Meeting (Chicago), 5-9 January.	2017
Journées doctorales du développement, University of Orléans (Orléans), 8-9 December. 6 th GREThA International Conference, University of Bordeaux (Bordeaux), 16-17 June. 19 th Applied Economic Meeting, University of Seville (Seville), 9-10 June. CEPR and EBRD 1 st Annual Symposium on the Economics of MENA, EBRD (London), 2-3 June. Economic Research Forum 22 nd Annual Conference (Cairo), 19-21 March.	2016
4 th Joint Research workshop, Paris 1 & FESP, University of Paris 1 (Paris), 7-8 September. ERF workshop on Labor and Human Development (Cairo), 26-28 July. 3 rd Ph.D. meeting in Economics, University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki), 19-20 June. New Configurations of the Mediterranean, Università della Svizzera italiana (Lugano), 28-29 May. Young Economists' Meeting, Masaryk University (Brno), 21 May. Economic Research Forum 21 st Annual Conference (Tunis), 20-22 March. INEQUO seminar, Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne (Paris), 9 March.	2015
Journées doctorales du développement, UPEC (Paris), 4-5 December. Doctorissimes VIII, University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne (Paris), 20 November. 3 rd Joint research workshop, Paris 1 & FESP, Cairo University (Cairo), 7-8 September.	2014
2 nd Joint research workshop, Paris 1 & FESP, University of Paris 1 (Paris), 11-12 September.	2013

Scholarships and Research Grants

Research grant from the Institut Convergences Migrations (€106,000)	2019–2021
– Research Project on Refugee Integration Policies in France (PI Hillel Rapoport)	
– With Sarah Schneider-Strawczynski, Biagio Speciale, Sorana Toma, Ilka Vari-Lavoisier and Liam Wren-Lewis	

Research fellowship from the Carnegie Corporation of New York (\$10,000)	2018–2019
– Visiting researcher at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota	
– Carnegie Corporation of New York Fellow (July-August 2018, July-August 2019)	
Research grant from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) (\$2,000)	2019
– Research on the linkages between international and internal migration in Egypt	
Research grant from the British Academy (\$3,500)	2017
– Research on the impact of the refugee crisis in Jordan	
Research grant from the Economic Research Forum (ERF) (\$2,500)	2015
– Research on migration and labor market dynamics in the Middle East and North Africa	
Research grant, Fondation pour les Etudes et Recherches sur le Développement International 2014	
– Research on the Arab Spring in Egypt and the gender gap in the labor market	
Doctoral Scholarship from the French Ministry of Research (€91,000)	2013–2017
– Full funding to pursue the Ph.D. Program at the University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne	
Eiffel Scholarship from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (€15,000)	2012–2013
– Full funding to pursue the Master Program at the University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne	

Organization of Seminars and Workshops

Organizer of the Paris Migration Seminar, Paris School of Economics	2018–2020
– Monthly seminar series, with Hillel Rapoport and Biagio Speciale	
Organizer of the Institut Convergences Migrations Migration Workshop	Jan 2020
– Campus Condorcet, with Hillel Rapoport	
Organizer of the JASI–PSE–ICM Workshop on the Economics of Immigration	June 2019
– University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, with Grégory Verdugo and Hillel Rapoport	
Organizer of the Institut Convergences Migrations Migration Workshop	Jan 2019
– Collège de France, with Hillel Rapoport	

Languages, Skills, and Other Affiliations

Languages

- Fluent in English, French, and Arabic
- Intermediate knowledge of Italian

Softwares

- *Excellent command*: Stata, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office
- *Working knowledge*: R, E-views, Minitab, SPSS, GAMS

Other affiliations

- Research Associate of the Economic Research Forum (ERF)
- International Fellow of the Institut Convergences Migrations (ICM)
- Fellow of the Global Labor Organization (GLO)

Refereeing Activity

Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Labour Economics, International Migration Review, International Journal of Educational Development, Population and Development Review, GeoJournal, Middle East Development Journal, Routledge.