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Current Position and Professional Affiliations

Head of the Social Planning and Development Unit and Co-Founder of the Egypt Impact Lab at the Egyptian Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, since 2020

Associate Professor of Economics in the Master's Program for Development Economics from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, Since 2020

Associate professor at London School of Economics Program (LSE) at European University in Egypt (EUE) since 2022

Invited Researcher at J-PAL Middle East and North Africa at the American University in Cairo, since 2020

Research Associate at the Economic Research Forum, since 2019

Education

PhD in Development Economics, Helwan University, Egypt, 2013

Thesis Title: "The Impact of Governance on Poverty Reduction with Special Reference to African Countries"

MA in Development Economics, Helwan University, Egypt, 2008

Dissertation Title: "Assessing the Impact of Corruption on Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries"

BA in Economics (English Section), Cairo University, Egypt, 2003

Graduation Project Title: "Explaining the Advantages and Disadvantages of the EU partnership with Egypt in the Textile sector"

Teaching and Professional Experience

2020 - 2021 Associate Professor of Economics, Universities of Canada (UOC)

2020 - 2020 Associate professor of Economics, British University in Egypt

- 2017 - 2019 Senior Economist at the “Tahya-Misr Fund.
 2010 – 2019 Lecturer in Economics (Full –Time), British University of Egypt (BUE).
The BUE was then a partner with Loughborough University, UK and currently a partner with London South Bank University, UK
 Lecturer in Economics (Part –Time), Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime, Egypt.
- 2008 - 2009 Assistant Lecturer in Economics (Full-Time), British University of Egypt.
- 2006 - 2008 Instructor of Economics in the Institute of Professional Accounting (IPA). Economics was taught as part of the Certified Management Accountants (CMA) professional qualification, Egypt
- 2005 - 2008 Instructor of Economics (Part-time), Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt.
- 2004 - 2008 Teaching Assistant in Economics (Full-time), Modern Academy for Science and Technology and Modern University for Technology and Information (MTI), Egypt.

Fellowships

- 2019 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, USA
- 2018-2019 Carnegie Fellowship on Economic Vulnerability in the Arab World, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, USA.
- 2018 Oxford Poverty and Human Development (OPHI), Multidimensional Poverty
- 2016-2017 American Political Science Association (APSA) MENA fellowship, hosted by the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship at the American University of Beirut (AUB) from May 16-20. A follow-up workshop from September 11-15 hosted by the Middle East Studies Center at the American University in Cairo (AUC).

Teaching Awards

- 2013 Certificate /Award of teaching excellence -Best Lecturer -in Intermediate Macroeconomics from the department of economics, British university in Egypt.
- 2012 Certificate /Award of teaching excellence from the department of economics, British University in Egypt in labour economics.

2011 Certificate /Award of teaching excellence from the faculty of business, economics and political science, British university in Egypt in economic development and introduction to economics – highest evaluation across the three departments.

Modules Led and Taught

Undergraduate courses

- Fiscal and Monetary Policy for 4th year undergraduate students
- Intermediate Macroeconomics for 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate students
- Introduction to Microeconomics for 1st year undergraduate students
- Intermediate Microeconomics for 3rd year undergraduate students
- Economic Development for 3rd year undergraduate students
- Introduction to Economics for 1st year undergraduate students
- Labour Economics for 2nd year undergraduate students
- Public Finance for 4th year undergraduate students
- Economic Analysis for 3rd year undergraduate students
- Money and Banking for 3rd year undergraduate students
- International Economics for 2nd year undergraduate students.
- Managerial Economics for 3rd year undergraduate students
- Research Methods for 2nd year undergraduate students
- Project evaluation for 4th year undergraduate students

Professional certificates

- Statistics for professional students pursuing the Certified Management Accountants (CMA) professional qualification.
- Economics for professional students pursuing the Certified Management Accountants (CMA) professional qualification

Masters

- Microeconomic theory -Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime.
- Inequality and impact evaluation Courses -Master in Development Economics, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Cairo University.

Academic Publications

- Rizk, Rostom and Vladimir. H. (2024) The impact of COVID-19 on women's labour market outcomes: Evidence from four MENA countries, International Journal of Manpower, forthcoming.
- Krafft, C.& Rizk, R. (2021),The promise and peril of youth entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa, International Journal of Manpower, Vol 42.No.28.

- Inayatullah, S., Jacob, A. & Rizk, R. (2020) Alibaba and the Golden Key: Scenarios of Manufacturing Futures in Egypt, Journal of Futures Studies and the UN platform.
- Mustafa,M, Ebaidalla,E & Rizk,R.(2020), Foreign Aid and Out-of-Pocket Health Expenditure in SSA Countries: Does Institutional Development Matter?, Int. J. Sustainable Economy.
- Badr, K., Rizk, R., Zaki, C., & Badr, K. (2019). Firm productivity and agglomeration economies: Evidence from Egyptian Data, Applied Economics.
- Rizk, R. (2018), Returns to education in MENA countries: A continuing story of under-achievement, International Journal of Education Economics and Development, Vol.10 ,No.4.
- Rizk, R. (2018), Demographic Change and Economic Growth: Evidence from Egypt, Journal of North African Studies, 1-24.
- Elamin, O., Rizk, R., & Adams, J. (2018), Private tutoring and parents' decision to work more: evidence from Egypt. Education Economics, 1-23.
- Rizk, R., & Slimane, M. B. (2018). Modelling the relationship between poverty, environment, and institutions: a panel data study. Environmental Science and Pollution Research, 25(31), 31459-31473.
- Al-Ayouty,E ;Hassaballah, H and R. Rizk (2017), Clean manufacturing industries and environmental quality :The case of Egypt, Environmental Development,21 (2017)19–25.
- Rizk, R. and Owusu-Afriyie (2014), Determinants of household expenditure on Children's education in Egypt, International Journal of Education Economics and Development, Vol. 5, No. 4.
- Rizk, R. (2012), Governance and its impact on Poverty Reduction: Is there a role for Knowledge Management? The International Journal of Innovation and Knowledge Management, 1, 1, 80-104.

Working papers

- Hendy, R., Ramadan, R., and Rizk, R. (2022). Is COVID-19 Increasing inequalities in Jordan, policy research report No. 41, ERF &UNDP.
- Rizk, R. (2022). Drivers of inequality of education during COVID-19 pandemic in Jordan, ERF working paper, forthcoming (ERF&UNDP).
- Rizk, R. and Rostom, N. (2021). Inequality of education attainment in Jordan: Patterns and trends, ERF working paper, No. 1491.
- Rizk, R., & Salemi, C. (2020). Child of war: Conflict and child welfare in Iraq, ERF working paper No.1439.

- Rizk, R. and Hawash, R. (2020). Education gap and youth: A growing challenge in the MENA region, ERF-LIZ working paper, No.1394.
- Rizk, R. (2020). Do Parents Compensate or Reinforce Child Ability Gaps: Evidence from Egypt Using Private Tutoring, ERF working paper, No.1451.
- Rizk,R. & Rashed A.(2019). Trends and patterns of women’s entrepreneurship in Egypt, ERF working paper No.1369.
- Badr, K., Rizk, R., Zaki, C., & Badr, K. (2018). Firm productivity and agglomeration economies: Evidence from Egyptian Data, ERF working paper No.1239.
- Rizk, R., & Salemi, C. (2018). Own account workers in Jordan: Profile and work characteristics, ERF working paper No.1218.
- Krafft, C. and Rizk, R. (2018). The promise and peril of youth Entrepreneurship in the MENA region, ERF working paper No.1257.
- Rizk, R and R. Nogales (2017). Revisiting the Middle-Class Myth: Evidence from Cross-Country Analysis of Social Progress, Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 1139.
- Rizk, R. and H. Abou-Ali (2016), Out of pocket Health expenditure and household budget: Evidence from Arab countries, Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 1065.
- Rizk, R. (2016), Returns to education: An updated comparison from Arab countries, Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 986.
- Rizk, R. and H. Abou-Ali (2016), Out of pocket education expenditure and household budget: Evidence from Arab Countries, Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 986.
- Rizk, R. and H. Abou-Ali (2015), Informality and socio-economic Wellbeing of women in Egypt, Economic Research Forum Working Paper No. 910.
- Abou-Ali, H. and R. Rizk (2015), MSEs informality and productivity: Evidence from Egypt, Economic Research Forum Working paper, No. 916.

Book Chapters

- Rizk,R. and Rashed,A.(2022) “Trends and Determinants of Women’s Entrepreneurship in Egypt”, in “*The Egyptian labor Market: A focus on gender and economic vulnerability*”, edited by Ragui Assaad and Caroline Krafft, Oxford University Press.
- Rizk,R. and Abd el Moniem, M (2020). “Egypt and the Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic”, in “*Good Public Governance in a Global Pandemic* ”,edited by Paul Joyce, Fabienne Maron, & Purshottama Sivanarain Reddy, The International Institute of Administrative Sciences, Brussels.
- Rizk,R., and Colette,S. (2019) “Own account workers in Jordan: Profile and work characteristics”, in “*The Jordanian Labor Market: Between Fragility and Resilience*”, edited by Ragui Assaad and Caroline Krafft, Cambridge University Press.

Work in progress

- Unpacking Employment Support: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment with Adam Osman and Bruno Crépon with J-PAL MENA
- National Multidimensional Poverty Index for Egypt with *Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, UNESCWA and UNICEF*.
- Egypt Development Portal with *UNDP* to promote open data, access to information, informed decision-making and analysis, and data-driven innovation, entrepreneurship and advocacy that aims to improve the scope, depth, reliability, and availability of high-quality development knowledge to support development progress in Egypt.
- Fiscal Incidence Analysis Tool for Egypt with *the World Bank*.
- Two years into the pandemic – Egypt’s labour market response and recovery with *the World Bank* team (Camila Cortes Rodriguez, Maria Eugenia Genoni, Imane Helmy and Frederic Aubery)
- Occupational outlook of Egypt with **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**.

Research Grants

- Economic Research Forum and Ford foundation, Egypt, 2019
 - Trends and patterns of women’s entrepreneurship in Egypt.
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Egypt with the Ministry of planning, monitoring and administrative reform, 2019
 - Analysing the Multidimensional poverty in Egypt
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Egypt, 2019
 - Job mobility and labour market turnover in Egypt.
- Ford Foundation, Cairo, Egypt with Economic Research Forum (ERF), 2019
 - The promise and peril of youth Entrepreneurship in the MENA region
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), 2018
 - Agglomeration and productivity: Evidence from Egypt
- Global Development Network (GDN), 2017
 - Foreign Aid and Out-of-Pocket Health Expenditure in SSA Countries: Does Institutional Quality Matter.
- Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), 2016
 - Unpacking Employment Support: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment.
- Global Development Network (GDN), 2016
 - Out of pocket Health expenditure and household budget: Evidence from Arab Countries.
- Egyptian centre for economic studies (ECES), 2016
 - Demographic change and economic growth: Evidence from Egypt.

- British University in Egypt (BUE), 2015
- Catching Up or Standing Still? An Integrated Paradigm for National Innovative Productivity among Developing Countries.
- Global Development Network (GDN), 2014
- Out of pocket education expenditure and household budget: Evidence from Arab Countries.
- Global Development Network (GDN), 2013
- Informality in Egypt

Conference Papers

- ERF-UNICEF Consultation Workshop on "Inclusive Social Protection for Refugees and Asylum Seekers" on February 14, 2024 (forthcoming), Cairo.
- ERF 30th Annual Conference - The Impact of COVID-19 on Women's Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Four MENA Countries, Morocco, March, 2024 (forthcoming).
- ERF Hybrid Conference: "Reimagining Social Protection in MENA" will be held on November 19 and 20, 2023, Cairo.
- World Bank Global Knowledge Forum of the Partnership for Market Implementation (PMI) 5-7 July 2022, Madrid, Spain.
- Expert Group Meeting on Poverty Projections: Amman, 20-21 June 2022
- Arab Human Development Status 2022- Challenges and Potentials, 11th – 12th May 2022, University of Southern Denmark
- Capacity building workshop, Ministry of migration and manpower, Data Analysis Department, focus on labour market turnover in Egypt, 2020
- ERF annual conference, Knowledge, research networks and development policies, 2020
- ERF policy conference, The Egyptian Labor Market: Facts and Prospects- A Focus on Gender and Economic Vulnerability, 27-28 Oct. 2019, Cairo.
- Allied Social Science Association, Atlanta, USA, Jan. 4-6 2019
- Research Initiatives on the Economics of the Middle East Conference, Paris, 5-6 Nov. 2018
- The sixth Joint Research Workshop Ecole d'Economie de la Sorbonne, Université Paris 9-10 Nov. 2018
- ERF Training and Workshop on "Structural Change, Resource Misallocation and Growth Dynamics in the MENA Region", World Bank, Luxor, Egypt Feb. 27-28, 2018
- International Conference on Applying Quantitative Analysis to Development Issues- Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt Feb 18-19, 2018
- 24rd Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Luxor, Egypt March 2-4, 2018
- UNU-WIDER conference on "Migration and Mobility", Accra, October 5-6, 2018
- 23rd Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Amman, March 18-20, 2018

- Research workshop organized by Professor Ragui Assaad for the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota as part of the Andrew Carnegie Centennial Fellowship in Support of Visiting Scholars in the Social Sciences from Arab Universities, 12-14 January, Naples, Italy (travel grant).
- American Economic Association (AEA), in conjunction with Allied social science meeting (ASSA), Chicago 6-8 January 2017.
- Global Development Network's 17th Annual Global Development Conference entitled Education for Development: Quality and Inclusion for Changing Global Human Capital Needs, Lima, Peru, on 17-18 March 2016 (Travel Grant).
- United Nations University (UNU), World Institute for Development Economics and Research (WIDER), 30th anniversary conference, 17-19 Sep. 2015, Helsinki.
- 21st Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Tunisia, March 20-22, 2015
- Annual Research Conference, American University in Cairo, March 16-18, 2015
- Workshop about writing policy brief in the ERF region, Cairo, Egypt, 2015
- Workshop about informality in the ERF region, Cairo, Egypt, 2014
- The fifth Euro-African Conference in Finance and Economics, Agadir, Morocco, 2014
- 17th Conference of the research network macroeconomics and macroeconomic Policies (FMM), Berlin, Germany, 2013
- 18th Annual conference of the African Econometric Society, Accra, Ghana, 2013
- Mentoring/Technical workshop, AAAWE, University of Gimpa, Ghana, 2013
- Analysis of Panel and Retrospective Household Survey Data, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt, 2013
- 18th Annual Conference, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt, 2012
- Workshop on Economics of the Mediterranean, CREMed, Barcelona, Spain, 2012
- Workshop on Quantitative Methods, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 2012
- Workshop on Applied Econometrics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 2012
- Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) Barcelona, Spain, 2011
- Training workshop "writing winning research proposals", Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt, 2011

Membership in Professional Bodies:

- 2016- Member of the American Political Science Association.
- 2012- Member of the Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists (AAAWE).

2011- Member in the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA).

Language Skills

- Arabic Native
- English Excellent
- French Fair

Computer Skills

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