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Research Themes

Assessing the Impact of Policies and Shocks.

International Migration in crisis time.

Structural Change, Skills and Occupations.

Social Protection and Health Outcomes.

Professional affiliations

2005-Present **Associate Professor in Economics**, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University.

2019-2024 **ResRep and Research Fellow**, French Institute of Research for Sustainable Development (IRD), Tunisia.

2002-Present **Research Fellow**, Economic Research Forum, Cairo.

2019-Present **Research Fellow**, Migration Institute, Paris.

2004-Present **Research Associate**, DIAL, IRD and Paris-Dauphine University.

Other Professional Activities

2019 **Director of the Research Unit**, *Development and Society*, Institute of Research for Development and Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne.

2018-2019 **Senior Scholar**, *Carnegie Fellowship on Economic Vulnerability in the Arab World*, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota.

2017-2018 **Deputy Director of the Research Unit**, *Development and Society*.

2015-2019 **Founding Board Member**, *Middle-East and North Africa Chair*, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University.

20015-2019 **Founding Member**, *Sorbonne Sustainable Development Association*, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University.

2010-2019 **Director of the Master**, "Economic Expertise in Development Policies and projects", IEDES, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne.

2004-2019 **World Bank**, *Consultant*.

2024-Present **Editorial Board Member**, *Revue d'économie du développement*.

2008-Present **Editorial Board Member**, *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*.

2012-2018 **Lecturer**, *Master of Applied Labor Economics*, International Training Center of the ILO, ITC-ILO, Turin.

2014-2015 **Member of the Tunisian Prime Minister's Taskforce on Energy subsidies' reform**, *macroeconomic and sectoral impact assessment*.

2007-2008 **Invited Expert**, *Trade and Agriculture Directorate*, OECD.

Previous Positions

- 2004-2005 **Senior Program Officer, International Development Research Center, Dakar.**
- 2004 **Project Manager, IDDRI, Paris, Project: "Developing new methodologies for assessing the sustainability of Trade Policies".**
- 2002-2004 **Lecturer in economics, Paris-Dauphine University.**
- 1999-2002 **Research Fellow, DIAL, Paris.**
- 1997 **Trainee, European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture, Unit of Economic Analysis, Brussels.**

Published Articles in Refereed Journals

- [1.25] The Great Lockdown and the Small Business: Impact, Channels and Adaptation to the Covid Pandemic , with P.M. Le and L. Chauvet, *World Development*, vol. 182, October, 106673, [2024].
- [1.24] Social Integration of Syrian Refugees and their Intention to Stay in Germany , with C. Hannafi, *Journal of Population Economics*, vol. 36, no 2, p. 581-607, [2023].
- [1.23] Are labor markets in the Middle East and North Africa recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic?, avec Krafft, Caroline, Assaad, Ragui, Cheung, Ruby and LaPlante, Ava., *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, vol 14, no 1, [2023].
- [1.22] Structural Change in Developing Countries: Which Policies Matter? with Emad, J. and C. Zaki, *Revue d'économie du développement*, vol 31, no 2, p. 137-142, [2022].
- [1.21] Pension reform and unemployment outcomes, with M. Ben Othman, *Middle East Development Journal*, vol. 14, no 2, p. 264-281, [2022].
- [1.20] Le fardeau des travailleurs vulnérables dans les pays en développement : une évaluation des effets du confinement en Tunisie, with P. Le Minh, *Revue d'économie du développement*, Volume 29 (1), pp. 85-110 [2021].
- [1.19] The economics of the Syrian refugee crisis in neighboring countries. The case of Lebanon, with A. David, C. Nahas et B. Nilsson, *The Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, volume 28, no 1, pp. 89-109 [2020].
- [1.18] Migration Patterns and Labor Market Outcomes, with A. David, *STATECO*, N113, pp 107-118, [2019].
- [1.17] Pension Systems Contribution Determinants: a Cross Sectional Analysis on Tunisia, with M. Ben Braham, *Middle-East Development Journal*, 11:1, 30-48, DOI: 10.1080/17938120.2019.1583507 [2019].
- [1.16] The Labor Market Effects of Skill-biased Technological Change in Malaysia, with B. Nilsson, *Economic Modelling*, Volume 57, pp. 55-75, [2016].
- [1.15] Contribution of Structural Change to Productivity Growth: Evidence from Tunisia, with R. Mouelhi, *Journal of African Economics*, pp. 1–23, [2016].

- [1.14] Migration and Employment Interactions in a Crisis Context: the case of Tunisia., with A. David, *Economics of Transition*, Volume 23, Issue 3, pp. 597-624, [2015].
- [1.13] Foreign Workers in Malaysia: Labor Market and Firm Level Analysis., with X. Del Carpio, B. Nilsson, C. Ozden, M. Testaverde and M. Wagner, *Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies*, Vol 52 No 1, [2015], pp. 1-19.
- [1.12] Assessing interactions among education, social insurance and labor market policies in Morocco, with D. Robalino, *Applied Economics*, volume 44, N° 24, pp. 3149-3167, [2012].
- [1.11] Poverty Reduction and Growth Interactions: What Can Be Learned from the Syrian Experience?, with A. David, *Development Policy Review*, volume 30(6), pp. 773-787, [2012].
- [1.10] Service sectors restrictiveness and economic performance: An estimation for the MENA region, with N. Bottini and L. Munro, *The World Economy* volume 34(9), pp. 1652-1678, [2011].
- [1.9] More jobs for university graduates: some policy options for Tunisia, *Applied Economics Letters*, 1466-4291, volume 17, N° 10, pp. 933-937, [2010].
- [1.8] The distributive impact of Vietnam's accession to the WTO, with J.P. Cling, M. Razafindrakoto, A. S. Robilliard et F. Roubaud, *International Economics* 118, pp. 43-71, [2009].
- [1.7] Is the end of the MFA a threat?, *Review of Development Economics*, volume 13, N° 1, pp. 99-110, [2009].
- [1.6] Ouverture commerciale, réformes fiscales et chômage en Tunisie: une analyse en équilibre général intertemporel, *Revue Economique*, volume 59, N°8, pp. 119-148, [2008].
- [1.5] Croissance et réduction de la pauvreté au Mali : quelques éléments de réflexion, with M. Raffinot, *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. XXVII, N°4, [2006].
- [1.4] Recherche économique et prise de décision publique en Afrique : quel rôle de la coopération ?, avec E. Ayuk, *STATECO*, N°100, pp. 131-139, [2006].
- [1.3] Conséquences du démantèlement de l'AMF sur les PVD : le cas de la Tunisie, with J.P. Cling and J.R. Chaponnière, *Revue Française d'Économie*, volume XX, N°2, pp. 151-196, [2005].
- [1.2] Are PRPSs Making a Difference? The African Experience: Mali, with I. Dante, J.F. Gautier and M. Raffinot, *Development Policy Review*, vol. 21, N°2 (mars), [2003].
- [1.1] Ouverture commerciale et emploi : un modèle d'équilibre général avec salaires d'efficience appliqué à la Tunisie, *Revue Economique*, vol 51, N°3, pp. 557-569, [2000].

Books and Book Chapters

- [2.12] Tunisia , Hassen, M., and E. Wojcieszynski, chap. in: *Covid-19: Mitigation and Policy Responses in Africa*, Altaf, A., Tsikata, D., Torvikey, G.D.and Dekker, M. eds, EADI Global Development Series. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, pp. 323-355. [2024].
- [2.11] Tunisia: employment and inequality trends , with P. Le Minh and Michelle Marshalian, chap. 7 in: *Tasks, Skills, and Institutions: The Changing Nature of Work and Inequality*, Gradín, Lewandowski, Schotte, and Sen eds., Oxford University Press, [2023].
- [2.10] Access to social protection by immigrants, emigrants and resident nationals in Tunisia , with L. Gelb, chap. 22 in : *Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond (Volume 3)*, Lafleur and Vintila eds, Springer, pp. 363-375, [2020].
- [2.9] The Labor Market Effects of Skill-biased Technological Change in Malaysia, with B. Nilsson, chap. 9 in : *Internal Migration, Urbanisation and Poverty in Asia: Dynamics and Interrelationships*, Jayanthakumaran, Verma, Wan and Wilson eds., Springer, [2019].
- [2.8] Migration Patterns and Labor Market Outcomes, with A. David, chapter 10 in: *The Tunisian Labor Market in an Era of Transition*, Assaad and Boughzala eds., Oxford University Press [2018].
- [2.7] Tunisia: Jobs to combat high youth unemployment, with A. El Lahga and R. Ben Ayed, chapter in: *Jobs and Development: Diverse Challenges, Diverse Solutions*, Betcherman eds., Oxford University Press, pp.217-254, [2016].
- [2.6] Immigration in Malaysia: Assessment of its effects and a Review of the Policy and System, with X. Del Carpio, R. Karupiah, C. Ozden, M. Testaverde and M. Wagner, The World Bank, 240 p., [2013].
- [2.5] Trade-induced changes in economic inequalities: Assessment issues and policy implications for developing countries, with S. Chabe-Ferret, J. Gourdon and T. Voituriez., chap. 1 in: *Trade, Globalization and Sustainability Impact Assessment*, Ekins and Voituriez, Earthscan, pp. 19-44, [2009].
- [2.4] *The Policy Paradox in Africa*, with E. Ayuk, Africa World Press, 320 p., [2007].
- [2.3] Poverty reduction in Mali: will the PRSP process make a difference? , with I. Dante I. and M. Raffinot chap.8, in: *New Poverty Reduction Strategies*, Cling et al., Routledge, pp. 203-218, [2003].
- [2.2] Mali, with I. Dante, J.F. Gautier and M. Raffinot, chap. 5, in: *Fighting Poverty in Africa*, Booth D., ODI, pp. 153-186 [2003].
- [2.1] "Gagner l'argent" ou formuler une politique de développement ? Le Document Stratégique de Réduction de la Pauvreté au Mali, with I. Dante, J.F. Gautier I. and M. Raffinot, in: *Les nouvelles stratégies de lutte contre la pauvreté dans les pays en développement*, Cling et al, Economica [2002].

Working Papers

- [3.21] Do Social Protection Programs Improve Health Related Outcomes of the Poor in Tunisia?, with P.M. Le and N. Ben Cheikh, ERF Working Paper N 1579, [2022].

- [3.20] Impact of the Stringency and Volatility of Covid Containment Measures on Firms Performances in the MENA Region, with N. Ali and L. Chauvet ERF-ILO Working Paper, [2022].
- [3.19] Inequality and occupational change in times of Revolution: the Tunisian perspective, with P. Le Minh, DIAL Working Paper N 2021-06, [2021].
- [3.18] Economic Interdependence and Conflict in MENA, with G. Asik, ERF Working Paper N 1481, [2021].
- [3.17] The first victims of Covid-19 in developing countries? The most vulnerable workers to the lockdown of the Tunisian economy, with P. Le Minh, DIAL Working Paper 2020-06, [2020].
- [3.16] Jobs, earnings and routine-task occupational change in times of Revolution: the Tunisian perspective, with P. le Minh and Michelle Marshalian, WIDER Workin Paper 2020/171, [2020].
- [3.15] Household enterprises: The impact of informality on productivity and profitability in Egypt, with N. Ali, ERF Working Paper N1452, [2020].
- [3.14] Economic and Social Integration of Syrian Refugees and Their Intention to Stay in Germany, with C. Hannafi, ERF Working Paper, forthcoming.
- [3.13] Winners and losers in industrial policy 2.0, with M. Marshalian, WIDER Working Paper 2020/21, [2020].
- [3.12] Productivity, structural change, and skills dynamics. Evidence from a half-century analysis, with G. Asik, U. Karakoc, and M. Marshalian, WIDER Working Paper 2020/18, [2020].
- [3.11] Labor market effects of Pension Reform : an overlapping generations general equilibrium model applied to Tunisia, with M. Ben Othman, ERF Working Paper N 1019, [2016].
- [3.10] Employment Growth, Productivity and Jobs reallocations in Tunisia: A Microdata Analysis, with R. Mouelhi, DIAL Working Paper, DT2014/13, [2014].
- [3.9] The labor mobility-employment nexus: a general equilibrium analysis for Jordan, with A. David, ERF Working Paper N824, [2013].
- [3.8] The Impact of Labor Mobility on Unemployment: A Comparison between Jordan and Tunisia, with A. David, ERF Working Paper N823, [2013].
- [3.7] Stratégies de financement pour atteindre les Objectifs du Millénaire pour le Développement (OMD) au Bénin, with A. David and B. Souberou, Rapport PNUD, Cotonou [2010].
- [3.6] Assessing barriers to trade in services in the MENA region, with L. Munro, *OECD Trade Policy Working Paper N°84*, OECD, Paris, [2009].
- [3.5] An estimation of service sectors restrictiveness in the MENA region, with N. Bottini, *ERF Working Paper N°489*, Cairo, [2009].
- [3.4] La croissance pro-pauvres au Mali, with I. Gunther and M. Raffinot, *Collection Notes et documents de l'AFD N°32*, Agence française de développement, Paris, [2006].

- [3.3] The economic and regulatory policy implications of overlapping preferential trade agreements in the Arab countries. The case of Tunisia, with M. Chemingui, IDRC Research Report Series No. 0428, [2006].
- [3.2] Perspectives on growth and poverty reduction in Mali , with M. Raffinot, DIAL Working Paper, DT/2004/05, Paris, [2004].
- [3.1] Imperfections du marché du travail et modèles d'équilibre général calculables : une revue de littérature, DIAL Working Paper DT/2002/16, Paris, [2002].

Research Grants

- 2021-2022 **Social Protection and Health Related Outcomes in Tunisia**, *Co-Principal Investigator*, Ford Foundation Grant, with Nidhal Ben Cheikh and Phuong le Minh.
- 2020-2022 **Economic Research Forum COVID-19 MENA Monitor**, *Co-Principal Investigator*, with Ragui Assaad and Caroline Krafft.
- 2020-2021 **Measuring firms' vulnerability to the Covid-19 shock in developing countries**, *Co-Principal Investigator*, Agence nationale de la recherche de l'INSERM (ANRS), with Leila Baghdadi and Lisa Chauvet.
- 2019-2020 **Structural Transformation and Earnings Inequality in Tunisia**, *Principal Investigator*, UNU-WIDER, with Michelle Marshalian and Phuong Le Minh.
- 2017-2018 **Structural change, productivity and skills dynamics in three labor-abundant MENA countries**, *Principal Investigator*, Economic Research Forum, with Gunes Asik, Ulas Karakoc and Michelle Marshalian.
- 2017-2018 **Industrial Policies, firms and Jobs: An evaluation of the Programme de Mise à Niveau (PMN) in Tunisia**, *Principal Investigator*, Economic Research Forum, with Michelle Marshalian.
- 2015-2017 **Analysis of the Tunisian labor market using the TLMPS**, *with Ragui Assaad, Mongi Boughzala and Caroline Kraft.*
- 2015-2016 **Contribution density determinants and labor market effects of pension reform in Tunisia**, *Principal Investigator*, Economic Research Forum, with Mehdi Ben Braham and Mouna Ben Othman.
- 2011-2012 **Can labor mobility enhance employment in Jordan and Tunisia? Mode 4 versus Temporary Migration**, *Economic Research Forum*, with Anda David.
- 2008-2010 **Growth, inequality and poverty alleviation policies in the MENA region**, *with Sami Bibi and Anda David.*
- 2007-2008 **Promoting Trade in Services in the MENA region**, *ERF, IDRC and OECD*, with Novella Bottini, Laura Munro and Raed Safadi.
- 2007-2008 **The distributive impact of Vietnam's accession to the WTO**, *ADETEF (French Ministry of Finance) and DIAL*, with Jean-Pierre Cling, Mireille Razafindrakoto, Anne-Sophie Robilliard and François Roubaud.
- 2005-2006 **The Assessment of Implementation of Regional Trade Agreements in the Arab Countries and The Economic and Regulatory Policy Implications of Their Overlapping**, *ERF and IDRC*, with Mohamed Chemingui.
- 2001-2002 **Institutionalization of poverty reduction policies and monitoring systems in Mali**, *Overseas Development Institute*, with Marc Raffinot.

World Bank

- 2019 **Middle East and North Africa**, *Maximizing Finance for Development Strategy*, Development of a model to assess the impact of investment projects on jobs.
- 2018 **Europe and Central Asia**, *Supporting Energy Transition towards a Low-Carbon Path in Poland*, In charge of modelling the impact on the labor market.
- 2018 **Middle East and North Africa**, *Syria Recovery and Peacebuilding*, Economic and labor market analysis through an applied general equilibrium model for Syria.
- 2014-2018 **Jobs CSSA**, *Investment Strategies and Jobs Creations in Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Tunisia and the Palestinian Territories*, In charge of developing quantitative tools for policy analysis.
- 2017 **Jobs CSSA**, *Synthesis of World Bank macro modelling studies to assess ex ante the impact of investment on job creation*.
- 2017 **Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management**, *Member of the team in charge of assessing the impact of the Conflict on Syria between 2011 and 2016*.
- 2016 **IFC, Development Impact Group**, *Member of the Panel of Experts in charge of reviewing the methodology of the project "How Power Contributes to Jobs and Economic Growth in Turkey"*.
- 2015-2016 **Africa Region**, *Member of the Independent Evaluation Team in charge of evaluating the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF)*.
- 2012-2014 **MNA Region, Human Development Group**, *"Economic impact of oil subsidies reduction in Tunisia"*.
- 2011-2013 **East Asia Region, HD**, *"International Migration in Malaysia: Assessment of its Economic Effects"*.
- 2011-2013 **East Asia Region, HD**, *"Developing Skills for Innovation and High Income Economy in Malaysia"*.
- 2013 **MNA, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM)**, *"Lebanon: Economic and Social Impact Assessment of the Syrian Conflict"*.
- 2012 **MNA-PREM**, *"Impact of public wages' increase on growth and employment in Lebanon"*.
- 2011-2012 **World Development Report, Development Economics Vice Presidency**, *"Study on jobs and productivity in Tunisia"*.
- 2011-2012 **Office of the Chief Economist**, *"Structural Change and Industrial Policies in Tunisia"*.
- 2011 **East Asia Region, HD**, *"Feasibility and impact of the implementation of a minimum wage in Malaysia, "*.
- 2011 **MENA, Social and Economic Development Group**, *"Study on barriers to mode 4 trade in services related labor mobility in the MENA region"*.
- 2009-2012 **MNA-HD**, *"Elaboration of a model to assess the interaction between Skills Development, Social Protection and Employment in Lebanon and Syria"*.
- 2008-2009 **MNA, Sustainable Development**, *Participation to a prospective analysis of agricultural policies in Tunisia (with the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture)*.
- 2006-2008 **MNA-HD**, *"Study based on the elaboration of a dynamic model to deal with the issues of Skills Development, Social Protection and Employment in Morocco"*.

2005-2007 **MNA-HD**, *"Development of a dynamic model applied to labor market reform in Tunisia"*, with the IEQ, Tunisian Ministry of Economic Development.

2004 **MNA-HD**, *"Study on unemployment insurance and labor markets in Algeria, using a dynamic general equilibrium model."*

UNDP

2014-2015 **Lebanon Office**, *Assessing the impact of humanitarian aid to Syrian Refugees on the Lebanese economy.*

2014 **Regional Bureau of Arab States**, *Background Paper on "Regional integration, mobility and trade"*, Arab Human Development Report.

2008 2009 **Benin Office**, *"Team leader of a project dealing with strategies for achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Benin"*.

2007 **Syria Office**, *Training on Social Accounting Matrices.*

Other

2014 **FAO**, *Member of the Expert Panel in charge of the evaluation of the PIM program, Policies, Institutions and Markets, CGIAR.*

2014 **PACIR**, *International Trade Center, ITC (UNCTAD-WTO)*, Institutional strengthening of economic policy and facilitation of regional and global integration in Côte-d'Ivoire.

2009-2010 **GTZ, Cotonou**, *"Identification et analyse des contraintes des secteurs porteurs pour une croissance durable et pro-pauvre au Bénin"*.

2009-2010 **ITC**, *"Trade policy modeling component, Tunisia's Exports Promotion Program"*.

2006 **French Development Agency (AFD)**, *"Operationalizing pro-poor growth policies in Mali"*.

2004 **Centre d'Etudes prospectives et d'information internationale (CEPII), Paris**, *"Study on the impact of multilateral and regional trade agreements"*.

2002-2003 **Moroccan Ministry of Finance, Rabat**, *"Development of a computable general equilibrium model applied to the impact of the EU-Moroccan FTA."*

2002 **GTZ, Frankfurt**, *"Participation to a study on pro-poor growth policies in Mali"*.

Awards and Honours

2013-2021 **Reward for Scientific Excellence, French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.**

2018-2019 **Senior Carnegie Fellowship, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, Université de Minnesota.**

2001 **Successful candidate for a Fulbright scholarship.**

1998-2001 **Eiffel excellence scholarship.**

1994-1996 **European Union Scholarship .**

1994 **Silver Medal of the Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO, United Nations.**

1994 **Highest Ranking of graduates in Agronomy, Tunisia.**

Education

- 2015 **Accreditation for research supervision, *HDR***, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University, Theme: Public policies, employment and development, HDR coordinated by Lionel Fontagné.
- 2003 **Ph.D in Economics**, Montpellier University, Dissertation: Trade liberalisation and employment: Static and dynamic computable general equilibrium modelling with imperfect labor markets, Supervisors: Jean-Marie Boisson and Laurence Tubiana.
- 1998 **Master of Science in Agricultural Economics and Development Administration**, *with honors*, International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Studies (CIHEAM-IAMM), Montpellier.
- 1996 **Post Graduate Degree in Agricultural Development Economics (D.E.A)**, *with honors*, Supagro, Montpellier.
- 1996 **Diploma of Engineering in Agronomy**, *with honors*, National Agronomic Institute of Tunis (INAT), Tunis.