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Personal Information

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Current Affiliations and Networks

- [Associate Professor of Economics](#) - Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
- [Associate Researcher](#) – German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Bonn, Germany.
- Research Fellow- Economic Research Forum.
- [Research Associate](#) - Euro-Mediterranean and African Network for Economic Studies (EMANES).
- [Social Policy Expert](#) - MENASP Network.

Past Positions

- Sept. 2022 - July 2025: [Senior Researcher](#), Program Transformation of Economic and Social Systems. German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Bonn, Germany.
- 2014-2023: Assistant Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University
- 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.

Education

- 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”. Supervisor: Patrick A. Messerlin.
- 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.

Teaching

- **German Institute of Development and Sustainability**
 - Introduction to Global Value Chains (Postgraduate Course)
- **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).

Academic Supervision

- *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).

Research interests

International trade, trade policy, global value chains, aid for trade, energy transition, Euro-Mediterranean partnership, MENA region, Africa.

Research Projects

- [Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains](#) (Sept. 2022 – July 2025): Researcher and Project Coordinator. The research network is hosted by the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), and the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) with funding from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- [Global Hydrogen Potential Atlas \(HYPAT\)](#) (Sept. 2022- Feb. 2024): “Green Hydrogen: What’s in it for Developing Countries?” Researcher. Project funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (completed).
- [The Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies](#) (EMNES) (2015-2019): Research Coordinator of Research Area No.RA6 on regional integration and inclusive economic liberalization policies (completed).
- [MEDRESET: “Re-invigorating the partnership between the two shores of the Mediterranean”](#) (2016-2019). Research Manager of the Work Package No.WP6 on industry and energy. Project funded by the Horizon 2020 Program (completed).

Publications in Refereed Journals

- Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C. (2025). Political connections and participation in global value chains: Evidence from MENA firms. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 89(2025), 102742. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2025.102742>
- Aboushady, N., Harb, G., & Zaki, C. (2024). Aid for trade and export performance of recipient countries: The moderating role of institutions. *The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*, 1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09638199.2024.2348545>.
- Aboushady, N. (2022). Services Liberalization and global Value Chains Participation: Evidence from Egypt”, *International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies*, Volume 15, No.2, pp. 245-279.
- Aboushady, N., Kamal, Y., & Zaki, C. (2022). Disentangling the impact of trade barriers on wages: evidence from the MENA region. *Middle East Development Journal*, 14(1), 43-69.<https://doi.org/10.1080/17938120.2021.2021364>
- Aboushady, N., & Zaki, C. (2021). Do exports and innovation matter for the demand of skilled labor?. *International Review of Applied Economics*, 35(1), 25-44. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02692171.2020.1822298>
- Aboushady, N., & Zaki, C. (2019). Investment climate and Trade Margins in Egypt: Which factors do matter?, *Economics Bulletin*, 39(4), 2275-2301.
- Ezzat, R. A., & Aboushady, N. (2018). Do restrictive regulatory policies matter for telecom performance? Evidence from MENA countries. *Utilities Policy*, 53, 60-72. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jup.2018.05.003>
- Harb, G., & Aboushady, N. (2016). Arab trade dynamics after the implementation of the Pan Arab Free Trade Area (1998–2012). *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, 12(1), 1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1515/rmef-2015-0041>

Book Chapters

- Aboushady, N., Mamboundou, P. & Zaki, C. (2025). Africa in global agricultural trade and food security: Recent trends. In *Odjo, S., Traore, F., Zaki, C. (Eds.): Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor 2025*, AKADEMIYA2063. Forthcoming.
- Aboushady, N., Kornher, L., & Zaki, C. (2024). Fruit and Vegetable Value Chains in Africa. In *Odjo, S., Traore, F., Zaki, C. (Eds.): Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor 2024*, IFPRI and AKADEMIYA2063.
- Aboushady, N., & Zaki, C. (2023). Trade Policy and Food Security in Turbulent Times. In *S. Capasso, G. Canitano (Eds.): Mediterranean Economies 2023: The impact of the Russia-Ukraine war in the Mediterranean region: the socio-economic consequences*, Il Mulino Publishing, ISBN 978-88-15-38778-3.
- Aboushady, N., Ramzy, M., & Zaki, C. (2023). Which Agreements Boost Agricultural Trade in Africa? In *Odjo, S., Traore, F., Zaki, C. (Eds.): Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor 2023*, IFPRI and AKADEMIYA2063.
- Aboushady, N., Roy, D., & Zaki, C. (2022). 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.
- Aboushady, N., & Zaki, C. (2021). Assessing EU–Middle East trade relations: Patterns, policies and imbalances. In *Routledge Handbook of EU–Middle East Relations* (pp. 432-446). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429317873-45>

Policy Papers/ Policy Briefs

- Aboushady, N., Harb, G. & Zaki, C. (2024). Aid for trade and exports in the MENA region: when institutions matter, [*ERF Policy Brief No. 129*](#). *Economic Research Forum*.
- Aboushady, N. & Faus Onbargi, A. (2023). [*Green hydrogen partnerships between the EU and the Southern Mediterranean: challenges and opportunities for coherent and just energy transitions*](#), *IEMed Yearbook 2023, European Institute of the Mediterranean*.
- Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C. (2021). Firms' Political Connections and Global Value Chains: Evidence from Egypt. [*Emerging Economies No.20*](#), *Turin Centre on Emerging Economies*.
- Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C. (2021). Trade and SDGs in the MENA Region: towards a more inclusive trade policy. [*Policy Brief No. 56*](#), *Economic Research Forum*.
- Aboushady, N., Zaki, C., Moisseron, J.Y & Guesmi, K. (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*.
- Aboushady, N. & Aboushady, N. (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.
- Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C. (2018). Politics affect Exports in Egypt. [*Policy Brief No.30*](#), *Economic Research Forum*.

Reports

- Aboushady, N., Emiliani, T., Ezzeddine, N. & Kamel, A.: EU Trade Relations with South-Mediterranean Partners in Times of Crisis or Conflict. Euromesco Joint Study. *Forthcoming*.
- Aboushady, N., Altenburg, T., Carry, I., Lay, J., Müller, M., Steglich, F., Strack, L. M, Tafese, T. & Thiele, R. (2023). Sustainable Global Supply Chains in Times of Geopolitical Crises. *Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains Annual Report 2023*. Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin. <https://doi.org/10.23661/r1.2024>
- Aboushady, N. & Leander, S. (2022). Shifting the paradigm: in-depth study of the social security system Lebanon. [*ISSPF Working Paper Series, Issue 8*](#).
- Jawad, R., Aboushady, N., Ait Mansour, H., Coutts, A. & Bencheikh, N. (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, O., Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C. (2018). [*The Impact of Egypt- EU Free Trade Agreement on Egypt's Manufacturing Exports and Employment*](#). *Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung*.
- Alcidi, C., Busse, M., Zaki, C., Aboushady, N., Alshayeb, N., Ait El Mekki, A., Abbassi, A., Hadhri, R. & Ayari, H. (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*.

- Moisseron, J. Y., Nguyen, D. K., Guesmi, K., Zaki, C., AbouShady, N., & Colantoni, L. (2017). Assessing EU-Mediterranean Policies in the Fields of Industry and Energy from a bottom-up Perspective. *MEDRESET Methodology and Concept Papers*, 8.
- Aboushady, N., Shingal, A., Markitanova, A., Shepherd, B., & Mohammad, F. (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.

Opinion Pieces

- El-Haddad, A. & Aboushady, N. (2025). [Erosion of credibility in Middle East conflicts: Europe's double standards in the face of international law](#). The Current Column (24 June 2025). Bonn, IDOS.
- Aboushady, N., Altenburg, T., Carry, I., Lay, J., Müller, M., Schrolle, M., Steglich, F., Strack, L.M., Tafese, T. & Thiele, R. (2024). [The European supply chain law is coming after all- What can we make of the compromise?](#) Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains.

Working Papers

- Aboushady, N. & Jaroudi, I. (2024). Towards a green H2 economy: Algeria Country Report. [HYPAT Working Paper 11/2024](#), Karlsruhe: Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research (ISI).
- Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C. (2023). Are Global Value Chains for Sale? On business-state relations in the MENA region. *IDOS Discussion Paper 17/2023*, German Institute of Development and Sustainability. <https://doi.org/10.23661/idp17.2023> .

Work in progress

- Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C.: Everybody in Service: Exploring the link between services and global value chains. In *Bruno, R. L. and Cipollina, M. (Eds.): Re-shaping Global Value Chains: Approaches and Insights from Economics*, Cambridge University Press, with Chahir Zaki. *Forthcoming*.
- Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C.: Egypt and Global Value Chains: Overview, challenges, and opportunities. In *Mohieldin, M., M. Giugale, and R. Ramadan (Eds.) Handbook of the Egyptian Economy: Economic Development and Policies*, Oxford University Press. *Forthcoming*.
- Aboushady, N., Harb, G. & Zaki, C.: Aid-for-trade, political ties, and global value chains: A regime-dependent effect? *Submitted to the Review of International Political Economy*.
- Aboushady, N., Karam, F. & Zaki, C.: Egyptian Exporters under the Lens: Uncovering the Competitiveness Challenge. *To be submitted as part of a special issue on the Egyptian Industrial Firm Behavior Survey (EIFBS) to the Review of Middle East Economics and Finance (RMEEF)*.
- Aboushady, N. & Zaki, C.: Disentangling the impact of climate change on GVC participation: implications of physical and transition risks for developing countries.
- Aboushady, N., Ramzy, M., & Zaki, C.: Protectionism doesn't protect: On trade policy and food security in the MENA region.

- Aboushady, N., Kornher, L. & Zaki, C.: Deep Trade Agreements and food security: evidence from African RECs.
- Aboushady, N., Kornher, L., & Zaki, C.: Global risks and trends in GVCs. Friendshoring vs. nearshoring.

Consulting Assignments

- Lead author and coordinator of the joint policy study “EU trade relations with South-Mediterranean partners in times of crisis or conflict”. Euromesco Research Network, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), 2025.
- Co-author of the Arab regional assessment report. Project: “Building sustainable food supply chains through trade policy in the Arab region”. UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), 2024-2025.
- Co-author of a paper on the history of energy subsidies in the MENA region. Cross-country commonalities and differences. Project: “Energizing social protection in MENA”, 2024-2026.
- Regular contributor to the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM). International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and AKADEMIYA2063.
- Lead author of “Shifting the paradigm: in depth-study of the social security systems in Lebanon”. Development Pathways. Grant by Ford Foundation, 2021-2022.
- Co-author of 2 policy reports on “Identifying firms’ constraints in Egypt” and “Analysis of productivity and lack of agglomeration economies in Egypt”. Upper Egypt Local Development Program, The World Bank, Egypt, 2019-2020.
- Co-author of a policy report on: “Authorized Economic Operator programs in the Islamic countries: Enhancing customs-traders partnership”. TED University Trade Research Centre for the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) Trade Working Group, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, October, 2018.
- Contributor to the research project: “Improving research infrastructure on social assistance in low- and middle-income countries”, Global Development Institute/ University of Manchester, 2017.
- Local expert. “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”. Trade and Domestic Market Enhancement Program, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt, 2016.

Peer Reviews

- Journal of Industrial and Business Economics (JIBE). Springer.
- Review of Development Economics (RDE). Wiley.

- Middle East Development Journal (MEDJ). Taylor & Francis.
- Global Political Economy. Bristol University Press.
- Africa Journal of Management. Taylor & Francis.
- Review of Middle East Economics and Finance (RMEEF). De Gruyter Brill.
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA): [North Africa: Policies and finance for renewable energy deployment](#), 2023.
- UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD): [The potential for Africa to capture technology-intensive global supply chains. Economic Development in Africa Report 2023.](#)

Other

- [Member of the Advisory Board](#) – Journal of Industrial and Business Economics (JIBE), 2024-2027.
- Member of the ERF scientific committee of international economics. ERF Annual Conference 2026
- Member of the selection committee of the German International Sustainability Award for Global Corporate Partnerships, Internationaler Deutscher Nachhaltigkeitspreis & Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn. 2022-2024.
- Member of the selection committee of the Sur Place scholarships: In-Country/In-Region Program in Developing Countries – South and Southeast Asia, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)- Bonn, Germany, 2023
- Member of the selection committee of student applications to the French Section-Faculty of Economics and Political Science – Cairo, Egypt, 2016-2018.
- Coordinator of the Students Mobility Program, French Section, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 2014-2018.
- Member of the FEPS academic committee supporting the Higher Education Partnership Program (HEPP), Cairo University and USAID, 2015.

Languages

Arabic (native); German, English, French (fluent).

Software Skills

Microsoft Office, E-Views, STATA

References

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