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Personal Details

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Professional Details

Economics Department
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Professional Experience

2017–Now	Assistant Professor , Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
2024–Now	Local Competition Expert in a project with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development “EBRD” which concerns the provision of technical assistance to the Egyptian Competition Authority “ECA”.
2025-Now	Part-time Lecturer at program of LSE-University of London at the Arab Academy of Science and Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt.
2020–Now	Research Associate , Economic Research Forum (ERF).
2016-2017	Assistant Lecturer , Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.
2012-2016	Research Scholar (Allocataire de recherche) , Centre d’Économie de la Sorbonne, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France.
2011-2012	Teaching Assistant (TA) , Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt (On leave).

Education

2012 – 2016	PhD in Economics , University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Centre d’Economie de la Sorbonne. <i>Title</i> : “Towards more effective regulatory reforms: Four empirical essays on the Telecommunications reforms in MENA region” <i>Supervisor</i> : Carine STAROPOLI. <i>Proposed for</i> : a thesis prize and grant for publication at the end of the deliberation.
2011-2012	Master 2 of “Applied Economics”, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. <i>Grade</i> : Very Good. <i>Rank</i> : First of the promotion (1/23) <i>Master thesis</i> : “Effect of competition in 3G mobile technology on mobile diffusion: Developed versus developing countries”. <i>Grade</i> : Very Good
2007-2011	Bachelor of Economics , Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Economics Department, French Section, Minor Social Science Computing, Cairo University. <i>Grade</i> : Excellent with the Grade of Honor. <i>Rank</i> : First of the French Section and Second of the faculty (Arabic, English and French). <i>Bachelor thesis</i> : “Comparative Study between Fixed and mobile phones- Application on Egypt and Tunisia”. <i>Grade</i> : Excellent.

Publications

Ezzat, Riham A. (2015) “Paving the way for better telecom performance: Evidence from the telecommunication sector in MENA countries”, *Review of Network Economics*, Volume 14, Issue 3, Pages 157–199, ISSN (Online) 1446-9022, ISSN (Print) 2194-5993. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/rne-2016-0042>

Ezzat Riham A., Cambini C., Staropoli C. (2015) “The impact of Reforms Sequencing on the telecom sector performance: Evidence from MENA countries”, *Network Industries Quarterly*. Vol. 17, n°3.

Ezzat, R. (2017). Fixed-Mobile Substitution in MENA Countries: The Future of Fixed-Line Markets. *Review of Network Economics*, 16(4), pp. 387-417. Retrieved 21 Oct. 2018, from doi:10.1515/rne-2017-0013

Ezzat, Riham A. and Aboushady, Nora (2018) “Do restrictive regulatory policies matter for telecom sector performance? Evidence from MENA countries”. *Utilities Policy*. Vol. 53. August 2018. Pages 60-72. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jup.2018.05.003>

Ezzat, Riham A., Cambini, Carlo and Staropoli, Carine. (2018) “Do Reforms Sequences Matter for Telecom Sector Performance? Evidence from MENA countries”. *Revue d'Économie Politique*. Vol. 128 (5).

Elshaarawy, R. and Ezzat, R.A. (2023) “Global value chains, financial constraints, and innovation.” *Small Business Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11187-022-00685-8>

Working papers and Reports

Ezzat, Riham A. and Helmy, Omneia. (2019), Report for the Egyptian Government on Reforming Banking sector in Egypt (2004-2018). Confidential report.

Elewa, Aya and Ezzat, Riham A. (2019), “Trade openness, FDI, domestic competition and total factor productivity: Evidence from manufacturing sector.” Conference paper. EconWorld2019.

Ahmed Ezzat, R. (2015), “Paving the way for better telecom performance: Evidence from the telecommunication sector in MENA countries”, *Centre d'Économie de la Sorbonne Working paper* No. 39, Submitted. Available at: <ftp://mse.univ-paris1.fr/pub/mse/CES2015/15039.pdf>

Ezzat, R. and Aboushady, N. (2015), “Do telecom restrictive policies matter for telecom liberalization and performance? Evidence from MENA countries”, *ERF Working paper (949)*, October.

Work in progress

Ezzat, Riham A., “Innovation and Competition Perception: Evidence from Egyptian Manufacturing Firms”. **Submitted**

Ezzat, Riham A., “Entrepreneurship and Economic growth: A cross country analysis.” Forthcoming in the *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*

Elshafei, Mohamed and Ezzat, Riham, “Access to Finance and Firm-Level Environmental Performance: Evidence from Cross-Country Surveys”. **Submitted**

Ezzat, Riham A. and Sommer, Christoph, “Determinants of Firm transition: Evidence from Egyptian manufacturing firms”

Reviewer for international journals

Small Business Economics
Revue d'Économie Industrielle
Journal of Applied Economics
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Prizes and Grants

April 2025	The Egyptian Competition Authority Competition policy Research “ Academic Award ” for the paper “Competition, Digitalization, and Firm Performance: Empirical Evidence from Developing and Emerging Economies”
Mai 2024	The Egyptian Competition Authority Competition policy Research “ Academic Award ” for the paper “Innovation and Competition Perception: Evidence from Egyptian Manufacturing Firms”
2019	The Cairo University Award for International Publications
2018	The Cairo University Award for International Publications
2016	Proposition of the PhD dissertation to a thesis award and a grant for publication.
2015	Best paper International Award at the 4 th Florence Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures by Florence School of Regulation (Italy) for the paper “Do regulatory reform dynamics matter for telecom sector performance? Evidence from MENA countries”.
2012-2015	Research contract (Allocataire de recherche), Ministry of Research and Education, France.
2011-2012	Scholarship of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (EIFFEL), France.

Trainings and Courses

2025	Economic Research Forum ERF online training on " <i>Applied Micro-econometrics and Public Policy Evaluation</i> ". June 2025
2025	The 2025 Growth Academy for the MENA, in Cairo, organized by Global Center for Economic Growth, University of Chicago, The World Bank. 30 th April to 2 nd May, Cairo, Egypt
2025	Workshop <i>Long-Term Growth Model (LTGM)</i> organized by the World Bank Group Institute for Economic Development and the World Bank Development Research Group May 3, 2025, Cairo, Egypt.
2018	Two weeks training on Entrepreneurship and Innovation at University of Cambridge, UK. 3-14 September 2018.
2018	Training Workshop on R software, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Alexandrie, Égypte. December 2018.
2016	Course of “Introduction to The Economics of Public Services Regulation” proposed by Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

Teaching Experiences

Institutional Economics for the Master program at the National Anti-corruption Academy- Egypt.
Master program of Governance and Anti-corruption
Academic Year: 2020-2021

Industrial Organization Economics (French Course and English Course)

3rd and 4th year- Cairo University

Academic Year: 2019- Now

Institutional Economics (French Course)

3rd and 4th year- Cairo University

Academic Year: 2016-Now

Institutional Economics (English Course)

3rd and 4th year- Cairo University

Academic Year: 2019-2023

Econometrics 2 (English Course)

4th year and Master Level- Cairo University

Academic Year: 2017-2023

Advanced Microeconomics (French Course)

3rd year - Cairo University

Academic Year: 2018-Now

Development Economics (English Course)

Master 1 and 4th year – Paris 1 University and Cairo University

Academic Year: 2018-2019

Development Economics (French Course)

3rd year- Cairo University

Academic Year: 2016-2017

Microeconomics (French Course)

2nd year - Cairo University

Academic Year: 2017-2018

Research Seminar

Master of Development Economics – Paris 1 University and Cairo University

Academic Year: 2019- 2022

Supervising graduation projects (English and French theses)

4th year at FEPS, Cairo University and Master of Development Economics- Paris 1 University.

Academic Year: 2016- Now

Selected Master Theses Supervisions

“A Cultural Economic Approach For Fighting Corruption: Evidence From Egypt” by Marwa Khalil, May 2018, Master of Law and Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science - a Joint Program between Cairo University and the Institute of Law and Economics (ILE) at the University of Hamburg.

“Remittances and female participation in the Egyptian labor market” by Daaa Galal, July 2020, Master of Development Economics from University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, a joint program with Cairo University.

“Social Innovation and Development Cooperation: A case study from Egypt” by Mina Magdy Halim Ghaly, July 2020, Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, Cairo University in Collaboration with the University of Cambridge.

“Charity Retail as a Model of Social Enterprise: Relation with Fast Fashion and How it Contributes to Circular Economy: Case Study on United Kingdom” by Basma Tawakol, July 2020, Master of

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, Cairo University in Collaboration with the University of Cambridge.

“Entrepreneurship Ecosystem for Startups and SMEs: Exploratory Study on Egypt” by Mahmoud Hassanin, July 2020, Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, Cairo University in Collaboration with the University of Cambridge.

“The effect of Political and Economic Changes on Entrepreneurial Activity: A Comparative case study on Egypt and Tunisia” by Nour Hamdy, July 2020, Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, Cairo University in Collaboration with the University of Cambridge.

“Credit Constraints and Firm-Level Environmental Performance” by Mohamed ELshafie, June 2024, Master of Development Economics from University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, a joint program with Cairo University.

Conferences

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| 2019 | 1) X. International Conference in Economics (EconWorld2019). June 18-20, 2019, Budapest, Hungary. |
| 2017 | 2) 2 nd EMNES Annual Conference. 6-7 December 2017. Cairo, Egypt.
3) Sixth International Conference in Economics (EconWorld2017). 25-27 July 2017, Paris, France. |
| 2016 | 4) 50 th Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association. 3-5 June, 2016, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario. |
| 2015 | 5) 4 th Conference on the Regulation of Infrastructures, organized by Florence School of Regulation, 12 June, 2015, Florence, Italy.
6) 17 th Annual Conference of International Network for Economic Research (INFER). 21-23 May, 2015 at University of Bedfordshire, Luton, UK.
7) 21 st Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum. 20-22 March, 2015 in Tunis, Tunisia. |
| 2014 | 8) 9 ^{ème} journée francophone de l'European School on New Institutional Economics (ESNIE). 28 November, 2014 at University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France.
9) 41 st Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE). 28-31 August, 2014 at Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.
10) 18 th Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE). 19-21 June, 2014 at Duke University, Durham, USA.

11) Conference on “The Impact of Institutions and Regulation on Public Services” organized by The CMPO «Bristol University». 13-14 June, 2014 at University of Bristol, UK.
12) 16 th Annual Conference of International Network for Economic Research (INFER). 28-31 May, 2014 at Gabriele d'Annunzio University, Pescara, Italy. Discussant: Jan VAN HOVE.
13) 13 th session of the European School on New Institutional Economics (ESNIE). 19-23 May, 2014 at Cargèse (Corsica - France). |

Seminars and Workshops

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| 2024 | 1) 10 th Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University – At Cairo University |
| 2023 | 2) 9 th Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University – At University Paris 1 |

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| 2018 | 3) 6 th Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University – At University Paris 1 |
| 2017 | 4) 5 th Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University – At Cairo University |
| 2015 | 5) 4 th Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University – At University Paris 1 |
| 2014 | 6) IO Working group seminar, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
7) 3 rd Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University – At Cairo University.
8) The Institutional Economics Seminar, University Paris 1 Panthéon- Sorbonne. Discussant: Stéphane Saussier.

9) The Doctoral School of Economics Seminar, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. Discussant: Philippe Gagnepain. |
| 2013 | 10) 2 nd Joint Research Workshop between Paris 1 University and the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University – At University of Paris 1. Discussant: Jean-Philippe Tropicano. |

Administrative activities

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| 2018-2021 | Coordinator of the Economics Department for the Quality Assurance Unit at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science – Cairo University |
| 2017-2018 | In charge of the applications of students wishing to pursue their Masters studies in French universities |
| 2017-2018 | Head of Anti-Harassment Unit at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science - Cairo University |

Fields of interest

Industrial organization
 Microeconomics
 Institutional Economics
 Econometrics and Applied Economics
 Development Economics
 Telecommunication Industry

Languages

Arabic (Native Speaker) - French (Fluent) - English (Fluent) – German (Elementary)

Computer Skills

Excellent Knowledge of Microsoft office, Stata, Latex and E-Views.

Other Activities

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| 2016–2017 | Consultant at the Association of Egyptian Students in France (ADEEF). |
| 2013-2014 | Vice President of the Association of Egyptian Students in France (ADEEF). |
| 2007 | Simulation Model of the European Union, Cairo University. |

References

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| Carine Staropoli | Professor, Paris School of Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne. E-mail: carine.staropoli@univ-paris1.fr |
| Carlo Cambini | Associate Professor, Politecnico di Torino. E-mail : carlo.cambini@polito.it |
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