

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL

Economic Researcher with over than 15 years of experience in data analysis, economic modeling, monetary policy and economic analysis. Proven track record in publishing research, advising on macroeconomic developments, and presenting at international conferences. Skilled in Microsoft word, internet, and statistical software such as EViews, STATA and SPSS.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Economics (**Full Scholarship**), University of Siena – Italy (**2007 – 2012**)
Dissertation: “Three Essays on Monetary Policy and Banking System in Palestine”
 1. Analyzing the Transmission Mechanisms of Monetary Policy in the Absence of a National Currency: The Palestinian Case
 2. The Efficiency of The Banking System in Palestine 2000 – 2009
 3. Micro credit in Palestine (1995-2008): a business history perspective
- M.Sc. in Economics, University of Siena, Italy (**2006 – 2007**).
- Master Degree in Economic Science (**Distinction**), Birzeit University, West Bank, Palestine (**2003 – 2006**).
- Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics Applied to Economics, Birzeit University, West Bank – Palestine (**1995 – 2001**).
- High School Certificate, Scientific Stream, Secondary Beddya Boys School, West Bank – Palestine (**1994 – 1995**).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA), since joining the PMA in mid-2008, I have held a number of various supervisory positions.

Head of the Research and Analysis Division (April 2023 - present).

- Lead the research on macroeconomic trends, inflation dynamics and financial stability.
- Develop analytical reports and policy briefs on key economic indicators, monetary developments, and regional and global economic conditions.
- Analysis of the main macroeconomic indicators and performed data analysis, modeling, and forecasting. Ensure the quality, relevance and consistency of

research outputs, focusing on timely issues affecting the national and regional economy.

- Provide policy advice on macroeconomic developments and banking supervisory. Conducting contingent stress test, and estimate the credit gap in Palestine.
- Represented PMA at local and international conferences, seminars, and workshops.

Head of the Public Finance Division and acting head of Research and Analysis Division (June 2021 - April 2023).

Head of the Public Finance Division (August 2008 - April 2023).

- Monitored and analyzed government fiscal policy, including budget deficit, revenues and expenditure trends.
- Prepared fiscal forecasts, debt sustainability analysis, and reports on government budget performance.
- Evaluation of the impact of fiscal policy measures on interest rates, inflation and financial stability.
- Coordinate closely with the ministry of finance and other government bodies to ensure policy coherence.

- **Steering Committee member** of the Regional Research Network of Central Banks of the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (RRN) **(August 2025 - present).**
- Research associate at economic research forum (ERF) **(2012 - present)**
- Part-time Economic Consultant, Palestine Monetary Authority **(July 2007 – October 2007)**
 - Conducted research on “Forecasting Inflation in Palestinian Territory”.
- Full-time Research Assistant, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS) **(Apr. 2005 – Sept. 2006 & July 2003 – Sept. 2004).**
 - Participated in economic researches across various fields.
- Full-time Economic consultant, International Organization of Labor (ILO) **(Sep. 2004 – April 2005)**
 - Developed and integrated an analytical framework model for Palestinian labour force policies.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Part-Time Lecturer, Faculty of Business & Economics, **Birzeit University**, West Bank, Palestine.

- Lecturer of microeconomics, mathematical economics, regression analysis and other topics and courses.
- External supervisor of master theses in various economic and banking topics and fields; **Birzeit University** and **Arab American University**.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED PAPERS

- Ismael, M., Sarsour, S. & Ashour, T. **(2026)** “Political instability and banking performance: evidence from Palestine.” Journal of Banking Regulation 27, 21. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41261-026-00321-5>
- Sarsour S. **(2023)** “Inflation dynamics during uncertain periods: the case of Palestine.” World Bank 2nd Annual Central Bank Conference, Saudi Arabia, 2023.
- Daoud Y., Sarsour S., Shanti R., Kamal S. **(2020)** “Risk tolerance, gender, and entrepreneurship: The Palestinian case.” Review of Development Economics. 2020; 24: 766– 789. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rode.12634>
- Sarsour, S., & Dombrecht, M. **(2016)** “Competitiveness assessment of the Palestinian economy: a long-run perspective.” Middle East Development Journal, vol. 8 (1), pages 65-83. DOI: [10.1080/17938120.2016.1151323](https://doi.org/10.1080/17938120.2016.1151323)
- Sabra, M. & Sartawi, S. **(2015)** “Development Impacts of Foreign Aid on Economic Growth, Domestic Savings and Dutch Disease Presence in Palestine.” International Journal of Economics and Empirical Research. 3 (11), 532-542. <http://www.tesdo.org/Publication.aspx>
- Sarsour S. & Daoud Y. **(2015)** “The Efficiency of the Banking System in Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) 2000–2009.”, Review of Middle East Economics and Finance, vol. 11 (1), Pages 55–77, DOI: [10.1515/rmeef-2014-0005](https://doi.org/10.1515/rmeef-2014-0005).
- Sarsour S. **(2012)** “Analyzing the Transmission Mechanisms of Monetary Policy in the Absence of a National Currency: The Palestinian case.” Middle East Development Journal, vol. 4 (2). DOI: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1142/S1793812012500125](https://dx.doi.org/10.1142/S1793812012500125)
- Di Martino P. & Sarsour S. **(2012)** “Microcredit in Palestine (1995 – 2008): A business history perspective”, Business History, vol. 54 (3), pp 441 – 461. DOI: doi.org/10.1080/00076791.2011.638501

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- Al-Wazir J., Atallah, M. & Sarsour, S. **(2011)**. “From occupation to an independent monetary policy: achievements and aspirations in Palestine.” Routledge political economy of the Middle East and North Africa.
- Awartani B., & Sarsour, S. **(2011)**. “The structure of the financial system and the absence of the Palestinian Pound.” Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR).

WORKING PAPERS

- **Sarsour S.**, Safi W., (2018). "Analyses and evaluation of credit facility and Placements Abroad during 2009 – 2017." (unpublished)
- **Sarsour S.**, Dombrech M., (2011). "International trade in Palestinian Territory." Palestine Monetary Authority.
- **Sarsour S.**, Naser R., and Attalah M. (2011) "The economic and social effects of foreign aid in Palestine." Palestine Monetary Authority.
- Daoud Y., **Sarsour S.**, and Shanti R. (2008). "Forecasting inflation rate behavior in Palestine: A time series analysis." Palestine Monetary Authority.
- Makhool B., Muhannad H. and **Sarsour S.** (2006). "Dynamic of the Palestinian Industrial Sector (1994 – 2004)". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).
- Daoud Y., and **Sarsour S.**, (2005). "Disengaging the Gaza Economy and Palestinian Policy Options: A simulation Framework". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).
- Makhool B., et al., (2004). "Integrated Framework for Palestinian: Macroeconomic, Trade and Labour Policy (Phase I) Preliminary Results". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING COURSES

- Attended various workshops and training courses at International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) including *Macroeconomic Forecasting, Macro stress testing seminar, Vulnerability Diagnostics, Financial Sector Policies, Fiscal Policy Analysis, Effective Public Debt Management Strategies in a World of Sovereign Assets, residential property price index, and economic modeling.*
- Participated in training courses with the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTC), such as formulating monetary policy, and using financial technologies (FINTECH) in Islamic finance.
- Study visit at Sveriges Riksbank focusing on *Economic Research, Modeling and Monetary Policy* formulation (2014).
- Seminar on "*Formulation and implantation of monetary policy in the euro area*", European Central Bank, Frankfurt, Germany (2010).

SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Proficient in statistical software (Eviews, Stata, and SPSS).
- Expertise in data analysis, modeling and forecasting.
- Strong networking and communication skills.

REFERENCES

References will be available upon request.