

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

**2007 – 2012:** PhD in Economics (Full Scholarship), University of Siena - Italy; Three Essays on Monetary Policy and Banking System:

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

**2006 – 2007:** MSc in Economics, University of Siena, Italy, 2007.

**2003 – 2006:** Master Degree in Economic Science (Awarded with Distinction), Birzeit University, West Bank – Palestine.

**1995 – 2001:** Bachelors Degree in Mathematics Applied to Economics, Birzeit University, West Bank - Palestine.

**1994 – 1995:** High School Certificate, Scientific Stream, Secondary Bedya Boys School, West Bank – Palestine.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**August 2008 – present:** Economic Researcher, Research and Monetary Policy Department, Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA). PMA is an independent public institution responsible for formulation and implementation of monetary policy to maintain price stability and to achieve sustainable and long run economic growth. My main tasks at PMA were:

- Performing and conducting economic researches, mainly those related to monetary policy.
- Provide policy advice on macroeconomic developments, fiscal policy, and debt management through reporting to the high management.
- Follow up main macroeconomic developments and analyzing its influence onto main economic indicators; growth, unemployment, inflation, budget deficit and government debt.
- Data analysis, modeling and forecasting tasks

- Carry out the functions of supervision and administrations of the public finance division at the research and monetary policy department.
- Represent PMA at local and international conferences, seminars and workshops.

**Jan. 2013 – July 2013:** Part time Lecturer - Econometrics, Birzeit University, Faculty of Business & Economics, Economic Department, West Bank – Palestine.

**July 2007 – October 2007:** Part time Economic consultant, Palestine Monetary Authority: Conduct a paper entitled “Forecasting Inflation in Palestinian Territory”.

**Sep. 2005 – Oct. 2006:** Part time Lecturer of “Principles of Microeconomics” at Birzeit University; West Bank – Palestine.

**Apr. 2005 – Sept. 2006:** Full time Research Assistant, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).

**Sep. 2004 – April 2005:** Full time Economic consultant, International Organization of Labor (ILO):

- Enhancing and creating the necessary economic policy formulation and modeling capacity in the Palestinian Authority.
- Coordinating and facilitating project activities review and analyze with the project team the identification of labour policies and conditions.
- Assisting policymakers in formulating alternative strategies for Palestinian future economic relations and labour policies
- Developing and integrating with the project team the analytical framework for Palestinian labour force policies.

**July 2003 – Sept. 2004:** Full time Research Assistant, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).

- Participate in conducting economic researches in different fields.
- Participate in formulating and building economic models, forecasting, and reporting.
- Participate in questionnaire designing, coding, and data analysis.
- Conducting fieldwork, analyzing data, and testing hypothesis
- Reports and proposal writing

## **TEACHING**

Master thesis supervisor, “The Role of Financial Inclusion in Improving Inclusive Economic Growth in Palestine” prepared by Mohannd Salous, MICAD – Bethlehem University, 2016.

Master thesis external supervisor, "The effect of Credit Facilities on economic growth in Palestine" prepared by Ahmad Abdullah, Birzeit University, 2016.

Master thesis external supervisor, "Outreach and Efficiency of the Microfinance Institutions in the Palestinian Economy" prepared by Wafa' Al-Bitawi, Birzeit University, 2016.

Master thesis external supervisor, "Three Essays on Entrepreneurship, Gender and Fear of Failure" prepared by Sana' Kamal, Birzeit University, 2016.

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

### **A. PUBLISHED PAPERS**

- Sarsour, Shaker & Dombrecht, Michel **(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, Mahmoud & Sartawi, Shaker **(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 Shaker & Daoud Yousef **(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, ISSN (Online) 1475-3693, ISSN (Print) 1475-3685, DOI: [10.1515/rmeef-2014-0005](https://doi.org/10.1515/rmeef-2014-0005).
- Sarsour Shaker **(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>
- Di Martino Paolo & Sarsour Shaker **(2012)** "Microcredit in Palestine (1995 – 2008): A business history perspective", Business History, vol. 54 (3), pp 441 – 461. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00076791.2011.638501>

### **B. CHAPTERS IN BOOKS**

- **Upcoming:** (with Daoud Y. Shanti R. and Kamal S.), "Risk tolerance, gender and entrepreneurship: the Palestinian case" published in "Start-ups and Start-up Ecosystems. Theories, Models and Successful Cases in the Mediterranean Area".

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

### **C. WORKING PAPERS**

- Daoud, Y., **Sarsour, S.**, Shanti, R., and Kamal, S. (2015). "Risk Tolerance, Gender, and Entrepreneurship: The case of the occupied Palestinian territory". <http://www.pep-net.org/working-papers>
- **Sarsour S.**, Dombrech M., and Abu Zaitun A. (2012). "Competitiveness assessment of the Palestinian economy: A long run perspective".
- **Sarsour S.**, Dombrech M., (2011). "International trade in Palestinian Territory", Palestine Monetary Authority, [www.pma.ps](http://www.pma.ps)
- **Sarsour S.**, Naser R., and Attalah M. (2011) "The economic and social effects of foreign aid in Palestine", Palestine Monetary Authority, [www.pma.ps](http://www.pma.ps)
- 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., and others, (2004). "Integrated Framework for Palestinian: Macroeconomic, Trade and Labour Policy (Phase I) Preliminary Results". Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS).

### **WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING COURSES**

- Workshop on "Effective Public Debt Management Strategies in a World of Sovereign Assets", IMF – Middle East Center for Economic and Finance, Al-Kuwait (2015).
- Study visit at Sveriges Riksbank focusing on "Economic Research, Modeling and Monetary Policy" (2014).
- Workshop on "Macroeconomic Forecasting", IMF – Middle East Center for Economic and Finance, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2014).
- Workshop on "Monetary and Exchange Rate Policy", IMF – Middle East Center for Economic and Finance, Al-Kuwait (2013).
- Workshop on "External Vulnerabilities and Policies", IMF – Middle East Center for Economic and Finance, Al-Kuwait (2013).
- Training course on "Macro stress testing seminar" conducted by IMF in cooperation with the Central bank of Oman, Muscat – Oman (2011).

- Training course on "Developing debt management strategies" conducted by Middle East Regional Technical Assistant Center of the IMF, Amman – Jordan (2011).
- Training course on "Macroeconomic management and fiscal policy issues" conducted by Arab Monetary Fund in cooperation with IMF, Abu Dhabi – United Arab Emirates (2011).
- Training course on "the Financial Instruments and Markets, Primary and Secondary Markets and Debt Management" conducted by Middle East Regional Technical Assistant Center of the IMF, Ramallah – Palestine (2010).
- Seminar on "Formulation and implantation of monetary policy in the euro area". European Central Bank, Frankfurt – Germany (2010).
- Training course on "Financial Programming and Policies for Palestinian Officials" conducted by Middle East Regional Technical Assistant Center of the IMF, Beirut – Lebanon (2009).

### **SKILLS**

- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft office applications, and statistical software (WinWord, Excel, Eviews, Stata and SPSS). Excellent Capacity in network systems.
- Ability to work under pressure.

### **REFERENCES**

References will be furnished upon request.