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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Economics*,  
The Chair of Development and Cooperative Economics,  
Faculty of Business Administration and Economics  
Philipps University Marburg, Germany July 2015
- M.A, Economics*  
School of Business  
The American University in Cairo February 2012
- Graduate Diploma, Public Policy*  
School of Global Affairs and Public Policy  
The American University in Cairo February 2012
- Training Program, Research Methods for Social Science*  
Social Research Center  
The American University in Cairo February 2012
- Bachelor of Arts, Economics*  
Faculty of Commerce  
Alexandria University, Egypt July 2005

## EXPERIENCE

- **Dubai Department of Economic Development, Government of Dubai**  
Senior Economist, Economic Studies and Policies Sector 2018-present
- **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia**, Beirut, Lebanon  
Consultant- Rethinking Inequality in Arab Countries Report 2018
- **United Nations Development Program-UNDP**, Beirut office, Lebanon  
Consultant for the Arab Development Portal Project. 2016
- **Frankfurt School of Finance and Management**, Frankfurt Main, Germany  
Visiting researcher and Lecturer, Department of Economics 2015-2017
- **Philipps University Marburg**, Marburg, Germany  
PhD Student, School of Business 2012-2015
- **American University in Cairo**, Cairo, Egypt  
Postgraduate Student 2010-2012
- **Alexandria University**, Alexandria, Egypt  
Lecturer, Faculty of Commerce 2007-2010
- **Arab African International Bank**, Cairo, Egypt  
Assistant Banker, El Horreya Road Branch 2006-2007
- **Suez Canal Bank**, Cairo, Egypt  
Assistant Banker, Alexandria Branch 2005-2006

## RESEARCH INTEREST AND RESEARCH IMPACT

- Economic Development and Macroeconomics, Economic Policy, Health Economics, Economic Forecasting, and Econometrics.
- Top 19% authors in Africa in RePEc and [top 19% authors in Egypt](#) for the last 10 years, h-index= 6 & number of citations=136 (as of May 2020), researchgate score 11.5

## INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) TRAINING COURSES

- Macroeconomic Forecasting
- Financial Programming and Policies I: Macroeconomic Accounts and Policies
- Macroeconomic Diagnostics

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. Rashad, A., & Sharaf, M, 2019. [Does Maternal Employment Affect Child Nutrition Status? New Evidence from Egypt](#), *Oxford Development Studies*, Taylor & Francis Journals. vol. 47(1), Pages 48-62. Early draft is available as an ERF Working Paper
2. Rashad, et al (in print). [Does Income Inequality Increase Violence Against Women? An Instrumental Variable Approach](#) *The European Journal of Development Research*, Palgrave Macmillan; European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI),vol. 31(4), pages 779-808.
3. Rashad, A., et al. [Does Public Health Insurance Increase Maternal Health Care Utilization in Egypt?](#), *Journal of International Development*, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, vol. 31(6), Pages 516-520. Early draft is available as an ERF Working Paper.
4. Rashad, A., & Sharaf, M, 2018. [Economic Growth and Child Malnutrition in Egypt: New Evidence from National Demographic and Health Survey](#), *Social Indicators Research*, Springer, vol. 135(2), pages 769-795, January. Early draft is available as a University of Alberta Working Paper
5. Sharaf, M. F. and A. S. Rashad, 2016. [Regional inequalities in child malnutrition in Egypt, Jordan, and Yemen: a Blinder-Oaxaca decomposition analysis](#). *Health Economics Review*, Springer, vol. 6(1): 1-11, December. Early draft is available as a University of Alberta Working Paper
6. Rashad, A., & Sharaf, M, 2017. [Socio-economic Inequalities in Maternity under Political Instability: Evidence from Egypt, Jordan and Yemen](#), *Journal of International Development*, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., vol. 29(8), pages 1062-1074, November. Early draft is available as an ERF Working Paper
7. Rashad et al., 2016. [The Powerful, the Powerless, and the Grabbing: Non-Nash Land Grabbing in the Lab](#), *Homo Oeconomicus: Journal of Behavioral and Institutional Economics*, Springer, vol. 33(3), pages 219-242, October.
8. Sharaf, et al (in print). [Son Preference and Child Undernutrition in the Arab Countries: Is there Gender Bias against Girls?](#) *Middle East Development Journal*, Taylor & Francis Journals.
9. Rashad, A., et al. (in print), Why are Palestinian Refugee Children Shorter than the Children of Host Community in Jordan, *Migration and Development*, Taylor & Francis Journals. Early draft is available as an ERF Working Paper
10. Sharaf, M., & Rashad, A, 2017. [Socio-economic Inequalities in Infant Mortality in Egypt: Analyzing Trends between 1995 and 2014](#), *Social Indicators Research*, Springer, vol 137(3), pages 1185-1199. Early draft is available as a University of Alberta Working Paper
11. Rashad, A., & Sharaf, M, 2015. [Catastrophic Economic Consequences of Healthcare Payments: Effects on Poverty Estimates in Egypt, Jordan, and Palestine](#). *Economies*, vol. 3(4) , 216-234, November. Early draft is available as an ERF Working Paper

## WORKING PAPERS

- Rashad, et al., (2016). Does Public Health Insurance Increase Maternal Health Care Utilization in Egypt?, Frankfurt School - Working Paper Series 223, Frankfurt am Main: Frankfurt School of Finance & Management.
- Rashad, A., Sharaf, M., (2016). Income Inequality and Intimate Partner Violence against Women: Evidence from India, Frankfurt School - Working Paper Series 222, Frankfurt am Main: Frankfurt School of Finance & Management.

- Rashad, A., & Sharaf, M. (2015). [Catastrophic and Impoverishing Effects of Out-of-Pocket Health Expenditure: New Evidence from Egypt](#). Economic Research Forum's working paper No. 974.

### RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS

- Rethinking Inequality in Arab States, (2018-2019). Joint Economic Research Forum- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) \$7,000 grant (with Mesbah Sharaf- principal investigator: Mesbah Sharaf)
- Youth and Vulnerability in the Middle East, (2017-2018). Economic Research Forum \$10,000 grant (with Mesbah Sharaf- principal investigator: Ahmed Rashad)
- Household Asset Inequality in the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey, (2016-2017). Economic Research Forum \$10,000 grant (with Mesbah Sharaf- principal investigator: Ahmed Rashad).
- Wealth and Educational Inequality: Evidence from Egypt, (2015-2016). the Arab Council for Social Sciences (Research Assistant- principal investigator: Samer Atallah).

### REFEREE FOR

- Economics Bulletin
- Journal of Human Development and Capabilities.
- African Development Review- the journal of the African Development Bank.
- Middle East Development Journal- the journal of the Economic Research Forum.
- British Medical Journal (BMJ)
- International Journal of Health Planning and Management.
- International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.
- Global Public Health.
- Sustainability.
- Preventive Medicine

### POLICY BRIEFS

- [Sheltering the Poor against Catastrophic Healthcare Payments through Micro Insurance: Lessons from the African Experience](#) by Ahmed Rashad and Mesbah Sharaf, Economic Research Forum Policy Brief (refereed)- Economic Research Forum Competition for Policy Briefs.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- Ahmed Rashad, and Mesbah Sharaf. Healthcare System in Egypt in *Healthcare Systems in the Middle East: A Comparative Review*, edited by John Dixon and Ipek Eren-Vural. Westphalia Press. (in print)
- Ahmed Rashad, and Mesbah Sharaf. [Who Benefits from Public Healthcare Subsidies in Egypt? in Reinventing Healthy Communities: Implications for Individual and Societal Well-Being](#), edited by Jerry D. Marx. Basel: MDPI AG- Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, AACSB accredited, Frankfurt Main, Germany**  
Lecturer, Economics Department, (2015-2017)

- Markets, Incentives and Ethical Management, Spring 2017.
- Microeconomics and Decision Making, Fall 2016.
- Markets, Incentives and Ethical Management, Spring 2016.
- Microeconomics and Decision Making, Fall 2015.

**Other University Courses Taught in the Middle East**

- Economic Development, Fall 2017.
- Economics of Egypt, Fall 2017.
- Introduction to Econometrics I, Fall 2017.
- Introduction to Econometrics II, Spring 2018.
- Seminar: Why Nations Fail: the Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty, Fall 2017.

#### **The Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, Amman, Jordan**

- Training session on health within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), October 2016 & August 2019.

#### **CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS**

- Speaker, "Does Public Health Insurance Increase Maternal Health Care Utilization in Egypt? " The 5th World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Seville, Spain, 16-20 July 2018.
- Invited speaker, the Economics of Non-Communicable Diseases in Lower- and Middle-Income Countries Conference, the American University in Beirut, February 16-17 2018, Lebanon.
- Poster presenter, "Why are Refugee Children Shorter than the Hosting Population? " The 14th International Conference on Urban Health, University of Coimbra, 26-29 September 2017, Portugal.
- Invited speaker, Health in Egypt: overview and data availability and challenges of quality of data in *Health in Egypt: measurement and policy-design challenges*, Focus Group, UNDP Country Office, Cairo, Egypt, 19 September 2016.
- Invited discussant, closed workshop on [The Economics of Healthcare in the ERF Region](#) at the Economic Research Forum, May 22nd 2016, Cairo.
- Speaker, Are Public Health Expenditures in Egypt Pro-poor or Pro-rich?, German Economic Association the 2015 conference of the Development Economics Research Group hosted by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy.
- Speaker, Does Economic Growth Reduce Child Malnutrition: Evidence from Egypt, the Doctoral Seminar on Health Economics and Policy, 2014, University of Lugano, Switzerland
- Speaker, Does Economic Growth Reduce Child Malnutrition: Evidence from Egypt, the Doctoral Colloquium of the Interuniversity Doctoral Program Economics supported by the Universities of Marburg, Aachen, Giessen, Goettingen, Kassel and Siegen, 2014.
- Speaker, The Catastrophic Economic Consequences of Illness and Their Effect on Poverty Estimates in Egypt, Jordan and Yemen, ERF 20th Annual Conference: Economic Development and Social Justice Cairo, Egypt at March 2014.
- Speaker, Democracy and Health Inequality: Panel Data Analysis, Doctoral Seminar on Health Economics and Policy, January 26 to 29, 2014, Grindelwald, Switzerland
- Speaker, Euro African Conference in Economics and Finance at 2012.
- Poster Presentation, European Health Economics Conference-Zurich at 2012.

#### **BLOGS at the ARAB DEVELOPMENT PORTAL**

- [The health of Egyptians in light of emergent changes](#)
- [How do unemployment and conditions of employment affect the health of the youth in the Arab countries in the light of the results of the Arab Human Development Report?](#)
- [Who receives healthcare services support in Egypt? The poor or the rich](#)
- [Direct personal healthcare spending and its impact on poverty in the Arab Countries](#)

## SKILLS

- Experienced in STATA, GAMS, MS Office, Endnote and Latex.
- Fully bilingual Arabic-English, Basic German.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Conference travel grant, the Arab Council for Social Sciences
- \$1,000 honorarium (2016), Economic Research Forum, ERF Competition for Policy Briefs.
- Damanhour University award for international publication.
- Economic Research Forum, travel fellowship, January 2016.
- \$1,000 honorarium (2015), Economic Research Forum, financial award for publication of Economic Research Forum sponsored research in an International refereed journal.
- Yousef Jameel Fund (2012-2015), Ph.D. scholarship, Philipps University Marburg.
- Ford Foundation, M.A scholarship (2010-2012), the American University in Cairo.
- Ford Foundation, Graduate Diploma scholarship (2010-2012), the American University in Cairo.
- Ford Foundation, Research Methods Training Program scholarship (2012), the American University in Cairo.
- Awarded School of Business certificate of outstanding performance, the American University in Cairo
- Shield of Academic Excellence (2006), Alexandria Syndicate of Commercial Professions.
- Distinguished Academic Performance Prize (2004), Alexandria University.

## NEWSPAPERS ARTICLES AND MEDIA APPEARANCE

- Irregular opinion writer at Egyptian newspapers including EL Shorouk newspaper, Mada Masr and EL Masry Youm.
- <http://www.shorouknews.com/columns/ahmed-rashad>
- <http://www.madamasr.com/ar/contributor-profile/%D8%A3%D8%AD%D9%85%D8%AF-%D8%B1%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%AF>
- <http://today.almasryalyoum.com/article2.aspx?ArticleID=308568&IssueID=2239>
- University of Alberta, economics department news, [Mesbah Sharaf Examines Child Malnutrition in the Arab World](#).
- Aswat Masriya Interview (in Arabic), Mohamed Gad, [The new Health Insurance Law in Egypt raises concerns on the fate of low-quality public hospitals](#)- January 18, 2016.
- El Shorouk Newspaper coverage for the study on Who Benefit from Health Subsidies in Egypt (in Arabic), Randa Moussa, [Health Subsidies are not for the Poor in Egypt](#) - January 8, 2016.
- El Shorouk Newspaper coverage for the study on the Impact of Economic Growth and Child Under-nutrition in Egypt (in Arabic), Randa Moussa, [Economic Growth in Mubarak's Era did not Prevent Child Under-nutrition in Egypt](#)- November 7, 2015.
- Aswat Masriya Interview (in Arabic), Mohamed Gad, [Poor Healthcare in Egypt despite the Increase in Public Spending](#)- June 15, 2015.
- Al-Ahram Weekly Interview, Hayat Hussein, [Below the Poverty Line](#)- July 24, 2014.
- Al-Ahram Weekly Interview, Hayat Yehia, [How to Defeat Poverty?](#)- September 19, 2013.
- The Johnsonian (student newspaper of Winthrop University), Anna McCall- September 19, 2013
- EL Shorouk Newspaper Interview (in Arabic), Mohamed Gad, [The Social Budget is out of Service in spite of the Austerity Policies](#)- May 6, 2013.
- EL Shorouk Newspaper coverage for the Study on Catastrophic Payments in Egypt paper (in Arabic), Mohamed Gad, [Impoverished Because of Illness](#) - October 14, 2012.

- EL Shorouk Newspaper coverage for the Study on Catastrophic Payments in Egypt paper (in Arabic), Hayat Hussein, [Health Shocks Raise Poverty in Egypt by 7%](#) - August 22, 2012.

#### **ACADEMIC AFFILIATION**

- Research Associate, Economic Research Forum.
- Associate Member, Arab Council for the Social Sciences.

#### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

- Nationality: Egyptian
- Birth Date: 09/ April/ 1984
- Married and have two kids.
- My researchgate page, click [here](#).
- My webpage at Philipps University Marburg, click [here](#).

#### **REFERENCES**

- [Prof. Dr. Markus Reisinger](#), Chair of Economics Department, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Frankfurt Main, Germany.
- [Prof. Dr. Ghada Barsoum](#), associate professor of public policy and administration, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, the American University in Cairo.
- [Prof. Dr. Mesbah Sharaf](#), associate professor of economics, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta.