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PERSONAL DETAILS

- Name: Ousama Ben-Salha
- Date of birth: March 6, 1981
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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

09/2017 – Present

Assistant Professor | Northern Border University, Saudi Arabia

01/2017 – 08/2017

Assistant Professor | University of Sousse, Tunisia

01/2016 – 12/2016

Assistant Professor | University of Monastir, Tunisia

09/2013 – 12/2015

Assistant Professor | University of Gabes, Tunisia

09/2007 – 06/2013

Lecturer | University of Sousse, Tunisia

EDUCATION

07/2015

University of Tunis El Manar | Tunis, Tunisia

Ph.D.: Economics

Supervisor: Professor Chaker Aloui

Thesis title: Three Essays on Applied Labor and International Economics

05/2007

University of Tunis El Manar | Tunis, Tunisia

MSc: International Economics and Finance

Supervisor: Professor Chaker Aloui

Dissertation title: Financial Liberalization, Banking Crises, and Economic Growth: A Panel Data Analysis

06/2004

University of Sousse | Sousse, Tunisia

BSc: International Trade

RESEARCH AREAS

- Labor economics
- International economics
- Resource and energy economics
- Environmental economics
- Wage and income inequality
- Sustainable development
- Applied econometrics
- Quantile regression
- Middle East and North Africa

PUBLICATIONS

- Articles in peer-reviewed indexed journals: 29
- Books: 1
- Citations (Google Scholar): 721
- h-index (Google Scholar): 11

Articles in international peer-reviewed journals

[1] "The contribution of mining sector to sustainable development in Saudi Arabia", *Journal of Sustainable Mining*, 2021 (with M. Zmami, S.O. Almarshad, and H. Chekki).

[2] "The effect of economic growth on employment in GCC countries", *Scientific Annals of Economics and Business*, 2021 (with M. Zmami)

[3] "Oil price and the economic activity in GCC countries: evidence from quantile regression", *Equilibrium. Quarterly Journal of Economics and Economic Policy*, 2020 (with M. Zmami).

[4] "Asymmetric causality in quantiles analysis of the oil-food nexus since the 1960s", *Resources Policy*, 2020 (with K. Mokni).

[5] "The impact of private capital flows on economic growth in the MENA region", *Economics and Business Review*, 2020 (with M. Zmami).

[6] "An empirical analysis of the determinants of CO2 emissions in GCC countries", *International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology*, 2020 (with M. Zmami).

[7] "Foreign ownership and labor demand by skill in the Tunisian manufacturing industry: A firm-level investigation", *International Journal of the Economics of Business*, 2020 (with M. Zmami).

[8] "Does the business climate affect private domestic and foreign investment? Empirical evidence from the MENA region", *Annals of Financial Economics*, 2019 (with M. Zmami).

[9] "A new methodology for assessing the energy use–environmental degradation nexus", *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 2019 (with G. El-Mantasser).

- [10] "Does oil price drive world food prices? Evidence from linear and nonlinear ARDL modeling", *Economies*, 2019 (with M.d Zmami).
- [11] "Short-term electric load forecasting in Tunisia using artificial neural networks ", *Energy Systems*, 2019 (with M. Zmami and R. Houimli).
- [12] "Is economic growth really jobless? Empirical evidence from North Africa", *Comparative Economic Studies*, 2019 (with Z. Mrabet).
- [13] "Natural resource rents and economic growth in the top resource-abundant countries: A PMG estimation", *Resources Policy*, 2018 (with M. Sebri and H. Dachraoui).
- [14] "Exchange rate volatility and economic growth", *Journal of Economic Integration*, 2018 (with M. Zmami and A. Barguelli).
- [15] "Sectoral energy consumption by source and output in the U.S.: New evidence from wavelet-based approach", *Energy Economics*, 2018 (with C. Aloui and B. Hkiri).
- [16] "Exchange rate dynamics and the skill structure of labor demand in Tunisian manufacturing industries", *African Development Review*, 2015 (with M. Zmami).
- [17] "The adjustment of plant-level investment to exchange rate fluctuations in Tunisia: Do the size and the ownership structure matter?", *Economics Bulletin*, 2015 (with M. Zmami).
- [18] "Exchange rate movements and manufacturing employment in Tunisia: Do different categories of firms react similarly?", *Economic Change and Restructuring*, 2015 (with M. Zmami).
- [19] "A multivariate analysis of the causal flow between renewable energy consumption and GDP in Tunisia", *Economics Bulletin*, 2014 (with M. Sebri).
- [20] "On the causal dynamics between economic growth, renewable energy consumption, CO2 emissions and trade openness: Fresh evidence from BRICS countries", *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 2014 (with M. Sebri).
- [21] "Some new evidence on the determinants of money demand in developing countries – A case study of Tunisia ", *Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, 2014 (with Z. Jaidi).
- [22] "Economic Globalization, Wages and Wage Inequality in Tunisia: An ARDL Bounds Testing Approach", *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, 2013.
- [23] "Does Economic Globalization Affect the Level and Volatility of Labor Demand by Skill? New Insights from the Tunisian Manufacturing Industries", *Economic Systems*, 2013.
- [24] "The informal economy in Tunisia: Measurement and linkage with the formal economy", *International Journal of Economics and Business Research*, 2013 (with M. Abid).
- [25] "Labour Market Outcomes of Economic Globalisation in Tunisia: A Preliminary Assessment", *The Journal of North African Studies* , 2013.
- [26] "Financial crises and Emerging Stock Markets Volatility: Do Internal Factors Matter?", *Macroeconomics and Finance in Emerging Market Economies*, 2013 (with A. Ben Rejeb).
- [27] "Did the Securitization contribute to the Release of the Subprime Crisis? Empirical Investigation of American Banks", *International Journal of Business*, 2012 (with C. Aloui, O. El Gaied and D.K. Nguyen).
- [28] "Financial liberalization, banking crises and economic growth: The case of South Mediterranean countries", *Global Economy Journal*, 2012 (with C. Aloui and T. Bouazizi).
- [29] "Value-at-Risk Analysis for the Tunisian Currency Market: A comparative study", *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, 2012 (with A. Ben Rejeb and J. Ben Rejeb).

Books

- [1] *Réconciliation entre libéralisation, crises et croissance économique: Le rôle des pré-conditions*, Editions Universitaires Européennes (Germany), 2011 (ISBN: 978-613-1-59782-4).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [1] Natural resource rents and economic growth in the top resource abundant countries: a PMG estimation, International Conference 'Environmental Economics: A Focus on Natural Resources', University of Orléans. Orléans, France, 05-06 April 2018.
- [2] The adjustment of plant-level investment to exchange rate fluctuations in Tunisia: Do the size and the ownership structure matter?, The 14th International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association 'Inclusive Growth for Transitional MENA countries'. Hammamet, Tunisia, 23-25 March 2015.
- [3] Economic globalization, wages and wage inequality in Tunisia: evidence from the ARDL cointegration approach, The 2012 Cambridge Business & Economics Conference, Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge. London, United Kingdom, 27-28 June 2012.
- [4] Economic globalization, wages and wage inequality in Tunisia: evidence from the ARDL cointegration approach, The 11th International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association. Alexandria, Egypt, 25-27 June 2012.
- [5] Economic globalization, wages and wage inequality in Tunisia: evidence from the ARDL cointegration approach, The International Conference on 'Inequalities, Skills and Globalization'. Lille, France, 21-22 June 2012.
- [6] Labor market outcomes of economic globalization in Tunisia: an introduction, The First International Symposium on Business, Economics and Financial Applications. Kefalonia Island, Greece, 01-02 June 2012.
- [7] Financial crisis and emerging stock market volatility: do internal factors matter?, The First International Symposium on Business, Economics and Financial Applications. Kefalonia Island, Greece, 01-02 June 2012.
- [8] Financial crisis and emerging stock market volatility: do internal factors matter?, The 15th International Student Conference on Economics. Izmir, Turkey, 25-27 April 2012.
- [9] Financial crisis and emerging stock market volatility: do internal factors matter?, 2ème Conférence Internationale 'Banque, Finance et Développement'. Tunis, Tunisia, 11-12 April 2012.
- [10] Value-at-risk analysis for the Tunisian currency market: A comparative study, The Second International Symposium in Computational Economics and Finance, The Amiens School of Management and The African Econometric Society. Gammart, Tunisia, 15-17 March 2012.
- [11] Did the securitization contribute to the release of the Subprime crisis? Empirical investigation for American banks, 6th International Finance Conference, University of Cergy Pontoise and The ISC Paris School of Management. Hammamet, Tunisia, 10-12 March 2011.
- [12] Did the securitization contribute to the release of the Subprime crisis? empirical investigation for American banks, The 7th International Conference on Applied Financial Economics. Samos, Greece, 01-03 July 2010.
- [13] Did the securitization contribute to the release of the subprime crisis? empirical investigation for American banks, 12èmes rencontres Euro-Méditerranéennes 'Crise économique et financière et ses conséquences dans les pays au Sud et à l'Est de l'Union Européenne', and the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis. Sousse, Tunisia, 20-22 May 2010.
- [14] Did the securitization contribute to the release of the Subprime crisis? empirical investigation for American banks, The First International Symposium in Computational Economics and Finance. Sousse, Tunisia, 25-27 February 2010.
- [15] Did the securitization contribute to the release of the Subprime crisis? empirical investigation for American banks, The First International Conference on Critical Issues in Business and Economics, The Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Gümüşhane University. Turkey, 05-06 November 2009.

[16] Foreign direct investment and wage inequality: the case of Euro-Mediterranean countries, The EBES 2009 Conference, The Eurasia Business and Economics Society and The Turkish Derivatives Exchange. Istanbul, Turkey, 01-02 June 2009.

[17] Libéralisation financière, crises bancaires et croissance économique: cas des pays du Sud de la Méditerranée, International Conference 'Opening up and Emergence in The Mediterranean', The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, The World Trade Organization and GATE. Rabat, Morocco, 17-18 October 2008.

[18] Financial liberalization, banking crisis and economic growth: an empirical investigation for developing and emerging countries, International Conference 'Opening and Innovation on Financial Emerging markets', CEFI, CEPIL and MACROFI. Beijing, China, 27-28 March 2007.

[19] Libéralisation financière, crises bancaires et croissance économique: une investigation empirique en données de panel dynamique, The 4th International Finance Conference, The University of Cergy Pontoise. Hammamet, Tunisia, 15-17 March 2007.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

06/2021 – Present

Research Fellow | *Economic Research Forum*

04/2016 – 06/2021

Research Associate | *Economic Research Forum*

05/2017 – Present

Fellow | *Global Labor Organisation*

06/2020 – Present

Member | *American Economic Association*

12/2014 – Present

Member | *Forum for Research on Empirical International Trade*

06/2013 – Present

Member | *Middle East Economic Association*

05/2011 – Present

Member | *World Economics Association*

06/2009 – Present

Member | *Eurasia Business and Economics Society*

REVIEWING AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- Referee for: *Applied Economics* (Taylor and Francis), *Applied Economics Letters* (Taylor and Francis), *Economic Modelling* (Elsevier), *Plos One* (Public Library of Science), *Journal for Labour Market Research* (Springer), *Energy Journal* (IAEE), *Energy Economics* (Elsevier), *Energy Policy* (Elsevier), *Resources Policy* (Elsevier), *Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews* (Elsevier), *Sustainable Production and Consumption* (Elsevier), *Journal of International Trade & Economic Development* (Taylor and Francis), *Middle East Development Journal* (Taylor and Francis), *Financial Innovation* (Springer), *Natural Resources Forum: a United Nations Sustainable Development Journal* (Wiley online Library), *Environment, Development and Sustainability* (Springer), *International Journal of Social Economics* (Emerald), *African Development Review* (Wiley online Library), *Economic Change and Restructuring* (Springer), *Journal of North African Studies* (Taylor and Francis), *International Review of Applied Economics* (Taylor and Francis), *Comparative Economic Studies* (Springer), *SAGE Open* (Sage Publishing), *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance* (De Gruyter), *Journal of Economic Integration*, *Afro-Asian Journal of Finance and Accounting* (Inderscience)
- Article Editor for *SAGE Open* (Sage Publishing).

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- **Statistical software:** Stata, Eviews, Gretl, Microfit, EasyReg International, Jmulti, RATS.
- **Languages:** Arabic, English, French.
- **Data Collection and Analysis.**
- **Teaching, tutoring and supervising.**

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