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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dr. Ahmed S. Rashad is an Economic Advisor at the UAE Ministry of Economy and Tourism and an Associate Professor of Economics. He earned his Ph.D. in Economic Development from Philipps University Marburg, Germany, and also holds an M.A. in Economics and diplomas in Public Policy and Research Methods from the American University in Cairo. Dr. Rashad's professional experience spans academia, government, and international organizations. He previously served as Senior Economist at Dubai Economy and Tourism, Government of Dubai, and has consulted for the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). He is also an Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Professor at several institutions, including the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, and Zayed University. His research interests include Economic Diplomacy, Economic Development, Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting, and Econometrics. He has published more than 20 papers in Scopus-indexed journals and is ranked among the top 17% of authors in Africa, according to RePEc.

EDUCATION

Philipps University Marburg, Germany Ph.D. in Economics Chair of Economic Development	<i>July 2015</i>
The American University in Cairo M.A. in Economics School of Business	<i>February 2012</i>
The American University in Cairo Graduate Diploma in Public Policy School of Global Affairs and Public Policy	<i>February 2012</i>
The American University in Cairo Diploma in Research Methods for Social Science Social Research Center	<i>February 2012</i>
CFA Institute CFA Institute Investment Foundations Certificate Holder 46,000 certificate holders globally	<i>May 2019</i>
Alexandria University, Egypt Bachelor of Arts in Economics Faculty of Commerce	<i>July 2005</i>

EXPERIENCE

Ministry of Economy and Tourism, UAE <i>Economic Advisor</i>	Sept 2025 - present
Zayed University, UAE <i>Visiting Professor</i>	Sept 2025 - present
Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, Abu Dhabi <i>Assistant Professor of Economics & Former Director of Postgraduate Diploma in UAE Diplomacy and International Relations</i>	Oct 2022 - Sept 2025
Dubai Economy and Tourism, Government of Dubai <i>Senior Economist, Economic Studies and Policies Sector</i>	May 2018 - Sep 2022

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut <i>Consultant</i>	2017 - 2018
United Nations Development Program-UNDP, Beirut <i>Consultant for the Arab Development Portal Project</i>	2016
Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Frankfurt Main <i>Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics</i>	2015 - 2017
Philipps University Marburg, Marburg, Germany <i>Economic Researcher, School of Business</i>	2012 - 2015
American University in Cairo, Cairo <i>Economic Researcher</i>	2010 - 2012
Alexandria University, Alexandria <i>Economic Researcher, Faculty of Commerce</i>	2007 - 2010
Arab African International Bank <i>Assistant Banker, Alexandria Branch</i>	2006 - 2007
Suez Canal Bank, Cairo, Egypt <i>Assistant Banker, Alexandria Branch</i>	2005 - 2006

RESEARCH INTEREST AND RESEARCH IMPACT

- Economic Diplomacy, Economic Development, Macroeconomics & Economic Policy, Economic Forecasting, & Econometrics.
- Top 20% authors in the World in RePEc over the last 10 years, Top 18% authors in Africa in RePEc and top 18% authors in Egypt for the last 10 years, h-index= 10 & number of citations=530 (as of April 2024),

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Applied Economics <i>How Shifting Diplomatic Relations Affect Gulf Foreign Investments: The Case of Egypt</i> R&R	2025
Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy <i>Breaking Barriers: Investigating the Effects of 100% Foreign Ownership on Business Entry in Dubai</i> Minor Revision	2025
Applied Economics Letters <i>Assessing Dubai's housing market price cycles and bubble risk</i> DOI:10.1080/13504851.2024.2304083	2024
Journal of Housing Markets and Analysis <i>The US Monetary Conditions and Dubai's Real Estate Market: Twist or Tango?</i> DOI:10.1108/IJHMA-03-2023-0035	2023
Journal of International Women's Studies <i>The War in Ukraine and Inflation Drivers in the GCC: Evidence from Dubai</i> Link	2023

- Forecasting** 2022
The Power of Travel Search Data in Forecasting the Tourism Demand in Dubai
 DOI: [10.3390/forecast4030036](https://doi.org/10.3390/forecast4030036)
- BMC Oral Health** 2021
The impact of minimally invasive restorative techniques on perception of dental pain among pregnant women: a randomized controlled clinical trial
 DOI: [10.1186/s12903-021-01432-3](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12903-021-01432-3)
- International Journal of Development Issues** 2020
Does precarious employment ruin youth health and marriage? Evidence from Egypt using longitudinal data
 DOI: [10.1108/IJDI-01-2020-0005](https://doi.org/10.1108/IJDI-01-2020-0005)
- Migration and Development** 2020
Why are Palestinian refugee children shorter than the children of host community in Jordan?
 DOI: [10.1080/21632324.2019.1591052](https://doi.org/10.1080/21632324.2019.1591052)
- Journal of International Development** 2019
Does Public Health Insurance Increase Maternal Health Care Utilization in Egypt?
 DOI: [10.1002/jid.3414](https://doi.org/10.1002/jid.3414)
- The European Journal of Development Research** 2019
Does Income Inequality Increase Violence Against Women? An Instrumental Variable Approach
 DOI: [10.1057/s41287-018-0187-7](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41287-018-0187-7)
- Oxford Development Studies** 2019
Does Maternal Employment Affect Child Nutrition Status? New Evidence from Egypt
 DOI: [10.1080/13600818.2018.1497589](https://doi.org/10.1080/13600818.2018.1497589)
- Journal of Biosocial Science** 2019
Child nutritional status in Egypt: a comprehensive analysis of socioeconomic determinants using a quantile regression approach
 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0021932017000633>
- Middle East Development Journal** 2019
Son preference and child under nutrition in the Arab countries: is there a gender bias against girls?
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17938120.2019.1664837>
- Social Indicators Research** 2018
Economic Growth and Child Malnutrition in Egypt: New Evidence from National Demographic and Health Survey
 DOI: [10.1007/s11205-016-1515-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-016-1515-y)
- Public Organization Review** 2018
Does private higher education improve employment outcomes? Comparative analysis from Egypt
 DOI: [10.1007/s11115-016-0367-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11115-016-0367-x)
- Social Indicators Research** 2017
Socio-economic Inequalities in Infant Mortality in Egypt: Analysing Trends between 1995 and 2014

DOI: [10.1007/s11205-017-1631-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-017-1631-3)

Journal of International Development

2017

Socio-economic Inequalities in Maternity under Political Instability: Evidence from Egypt, Jordan and Yemen

DOI: [10.1002/jid.3295](https://doi.org/10.1002/jid.3295)

Health Economics Review

2016

Regional inequalities in child malnutrition in Egypt, Jordan, and Yemen: a Blinder-Oaxaca decomposition analysis

DOI: [10.1186/s13561-016-0097-3](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13561-016-0097-3)

Economies

2015

Catastrophic Economic Consequences of Healthcare Payments: Effects on Poverty Estimates in Egypt, Jordan, and Palestine

DOI: [10.3390/economies3040216](https://doi.org/10.3390/economies3040216)

Social Sciences

2015

Who benefits from public healthcare subsidies in Egypt?

DOI: [10.3390/socsci4041162](https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci4041162)

REPORTS

UAE Economic Diplomacy Report 2024-25

Founder and Lead Researcher

- Directed and led research efforts for the comprehensive report focusing on the UAE's economic diplomacy strategies and outcomes. (in print)

UAE Economic Diplomacy Report 2023

Founder and Lead Researcher

- Directed and led research efforts for the comprehensive report focusing on the UAE's economic diplomacy strategies and outcomes. [Link to publication](#)

Dubai Economic Report 2020

Real Estate Activities Chapter & Development in Social Indicators Chapter

- Contributed to the Real Estate Activities and Development in Social Indicators chapters, providing analysis and insights on Dubai's economic landscape. [Link to publication](#)

Dubai Economic Report 2019

Industry Chapter & Development in Social Indicators Chapter

- Authored the Industry chapter and Development in Social Indicators chapters, examining industrial trends and social developments within Dubai. [Link to publication](#)

Dubai Economic Report 2018

Real Estate Activities Chapter & Development in Social Indicators Chapter

- Participated in the Real Estate Activities and Development in Social Indicators chapters, analyzing the real estate market and its social implications in Dubai. [Link to publication](#)

Rethinking Inequalities in Arab Countries-ESCWA-United Nations

Health Inequalities Chapter

- Discussing health disparities across Arab Countries.
[Link to publication](#)

POLICY WRITING

The Forum-ERF Policy Portal <i>Reformed foreign ownership rules in UAE: the impact on business entry</i> Link to publication	2024
Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government Policy Brief <i>Inflation Dynamics and Fuel Prices in the UAE: The Case of Dubai</i> Link to publication	2022
Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government Policy Brief <i>The Future of Work and Dubai Economy: How Dubai Wins the 4th Industrial Revolution?</i> Link to publication	2021
The Forum-ERF Policy Portal <i>No Sticks, Just Carrots: a Negative Income Tax for Egypt</i> Link to publication	2021
The Forum-ERF Policy Portal <i>Maternal education to curb female genital mutilation: evidence from Egypt</i>	2021
ERF Policy Brief <i>Sheltering the Poor Against Catastrophic Healthcare Payments Through Micro Insurance: Lessons from the African Experience</i> Link to publication	2017

REFEREE FOR

• Gender Issues	• Middle East Development Journal
• Cities	• British Medical Journal
• BMC Health Services Research	• International Journal of Health Planning and Management
• SN Business & Economics	• International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
• Review for Development Economics	• Global Public Health
• International Journal of Social Economics	• Sustainability
• European Journal of Development Research	• Preventive Medicine
• Economics Bulletin	• BMC Women's Health
• Journal of Human Development and Capabilities	• Children
• African Development Review	• Agriculture

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, AND WORKSHOPS

14th Gulf Research Meeting (GRM), University of Cambridge, UK <i>Harnessing Travel Search Data for Tourism Forecasting and Economic Diplomacy</i>	July 2025 Presenter
ERF 31th Annual Conference, Cairo <i>How Shifting Diplomatic Relations Affect Gulf Foreign Investments: The Case of Egypt</i>	April 2025 Presenter

ECSSR Panel Discussion, Abu Dhabi	April 2025
<i>President Trump's Tariff Measures: Drivers and Implications</i>	Speaker
The 45th MEEA/ASSA Annual Meeting-San Francisco	Jan 2025
<i>Twisting Ties: Analyzing the Impact of Shifting Diplomatic Relations on FDI Flows Using an Instrumental Variable Approach</i>	Session Chair & Presenter
The 1st Workshop on Economic Diplomacy at Diplomatic Academy Vienna	Oct 2024
<i>Workshop organizer and discussant</i>	
The 20th International Conference of MEEA at Istanbul Topkapi University	Sept 2024
<i>Twisting Ties: Analyzing the Impact of Shifting Diplomatic Relations on FDI Flows Using an Instrumental Variable Approach</i>	Presenter
ERF 29th Annual Conference, Cairo	May 2023
<i>The US Monetary Conditions and Dubai's Real Estate Market: Twist or Tango?</i>	Presenter
The 2nd Economic Policy and Research in the UAE and Beyond Conference, The American University of Sharjah	2023
<i>The US Monetary Conditions and Dubai's Real Estate Market: Twist or Tango?</i>	Presenter
The 2nd Annual Central Bank Conference on Development Economics in the Middle East and North Africa, The Saudi Central Bank	2023
<i>The US Monetary Conditions and Dubai's Real Estate Market: Twist or Tango?</i>	Presenter
The 88th International Conference on Economic and Social Development, Herriot Watt University-Dubai Campus	October 2022
<i>The Pass-through of Global Oil Prices to Consumer Price Index: A Panel Data Analysis</i>	Rashad, AS & El Sholkamy, M
The 6th Forum for Research in Economics and Finance, Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE	May 2022
<i>The Liberalization of Business Ownership and Business Activity in Dubai: Policy Analysis using Difference-in-Difference</i>	Presenter
Economic Policy and Research in the UAE and Beyond Conference, New York University-Abu Dhabi	March 2022
<i>The Liberalization of Business Ownership and Business Activity in Dubai: Policy Analysis using Difference-in-Difference</i>	Presenter
The Economic Research Forum Webinar	August 2021
<i>The impact of Covid-19 on Firms and Households in the MENA Region</i>	Invited Discussant
The Economic Research Forum 27th Annual Conference 2020-Health Theme	
<i>The Impact of Maternal Education on Female Genital Mutilation: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Egypt</i>	Presenter
The 5th World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Seville, Spain	16-20 July 2018
<i>Does Public Health Insurance Increase Maternal Health Care Utilization in Egypt?</i>	Presenter
The American University in Beirut	February 16-17, 2018
<i>The Economics of Non-Communicable Diseases in Lower- and Middle-Income Countries Conference</i>	Invited Speaker
The 14th International Conference on Urban Health, University of Coimbra	September 26-29, 2017
<i>"Why are Refugee Children Shorter than the Hosting Population?"</i>	Poster Presenter

Round Table-UNDP Country Office, Cairo, Egypt	September 19, 2016
<i>"Health in Egypt: overview and data availability and challenges of quality of data"</i>	<i>Invited Speaker</i>
Economic Research Forum Workshop	May 22, 2016
<i>The Economics of Healthcare in the ERF Region</i>	<i>Invited Discussant</i>
German Economic Association, Development Economics Research Group, Kiel Institute for the World Economy	2015
<i>"Are Public Health Expenditures in Egypt Pro-poor or Pro-rich?"</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
Doctoral Seminar on Health Economics and Policy, University of Lugano	2014
<i>"Does Economic Growth Reduce Child Malnutrition: Evidence from Egypt"</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
Interuniversity Doctoral Program Economics, supported by the Universities of Marburg, Aachen, Giessen, Goettingen, Kassel, and Siegen	2014
<i>"Does Economic Growth Reduce Child Malnutrition: Evidence from Egypt"</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
ERF 20th Annual Conference: Economic Development and Social Justice, Cairo, Egypt	
March 2014	
<i>"The Catastrophic Economic Consequences of Illness and Their Effect on Poverty Estimates in Egypt, Jordan, and Yemen"</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
Doctoral Seminar on Health Economics and Policy, Grindelwald, Switzerland	January 26-29, 2014
<i>"Democracy and Health Inequality: Panel Data Analysis"</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
Euro African Conference in Economics and Finance	2012
European Health Economics Conference, Zurich	2012

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS

Rethinking Inequality in Arab States	2018-2019
<i>Joint Economic Research Forum- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) \$7,000 grant</i>	<i>Principal Investigator: Mesbah Sharaf</i>
Youth and Vulnerability in the Middle East	2017-2018
<i>Economic Research Forum \$10,000 grant</i>	<i>Principal Investigator: Ahmed Rashad</i>
Household Asset Inequality in the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey	2016-2017
<i>Economic Research Forum \$10,000 grant</i>	<i>Principal Investigator: Ahmed Rashad</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, Abu Dhabi, UAE
(2022 - Present)

- Economic Diplomacy
- Economics
- Economic Development
- International Economics

Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt

- 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.

Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Frankfurt Main, Germany
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.

VISITING RESEARCH POSITION

Erasmus University Rotterdam <i>Visiting Scholar</i>	2024
Diplomatic Academy Vienna <i>Visiting Scholar</i>	2024
London School of Economics <i>Visiting Senior Research Fellow</i>	2023

TV INTERVIEWS WITH BLOOMBERG ASHRAQ

- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (April 2025), [Discussing Trump's Tariffs impact on the Global Trade](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (December 2024), [Discussing the Future of the US Dollar and BRICS Currency's Potential](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (November 2024), [Discussing How Auctions can Promote Economic Efficiency](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (Feb 28,2023), [Discussing the Egypt-Qatari Trade Agreement](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (Jan 11,2023), [Discussing the World Economic Forum: Global Risk Report 2023](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (Nov 27,2022), [Discussing the Bahrain Economic Outlook](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (Oct 30,2022), [Discussing the Black Sea Grain Deal](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (Oct 6,2022), [Discussing the MENA Economic Outlook](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (Aug 29,2022), [Discussing the Economic Implications of the Qatar World Cup on the Region](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (July 24,2022), [Discussing the Implications of the Russian-Ukrainian War on Food Security in the GCC Region](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (July 13,2022), [Discussing the Global Debt Crisis and Sri-Lanka](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (June 8,2022), [Discussing the OECD Global Economic Outlook](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (May 16,2022), [Discussing the Repercussions of the Russian-Ukrainian War on the Emerging Economies](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (April 20,2022), [Discussing the IMF Economic Outlook for the Saudi Economy](#).

- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (March 31,2022), [Discussing the Russian-Ukrainian War and Egypt Balance of Payments](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (March 23,2022), [Discussing the Russian-Ukrainian War and the State of Globalization](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (March 18,2022), [Discussing The Financial Markets Reactions to Nuclear Threats](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (November 30,2021), [Discussing The Omicron Variant and the World GDP](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq (October 05,2021), [Discussing The Downside Risk to the IMF Global Economic Outlook](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq TV (July 11, 2021), [Discussing the G7-Global Tax Deal](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq TV (May 10, 2021), [Discussing the High Frequency Indicators of the Saudi and the Emirati Economy](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq TV (February 19,2021), [The Use of Google Mobility Data to Monitor the State of the Economy](#).
- TV Interview with Bloomberg Asharq TV (January 12, 2021), [Discussing the Inequitable Distribution of Covid Vaccine and Its Implications on Economic Recovery](#).

PODCASTS

- [Discussion with Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin](#), Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development -
- [Why Claudia Goldin Won the Nobel Prize in Economics](#) - An insightful discussion on the contributions of Claudia Goldin to economics,

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- Op-ed Columnist at [CNN Business](#) [Al Bayan Newspaper](#), [Al Khaleej newspaper](#) , [El Shorouk newspaper](#), and [Zawya Reuters](#).
- Featured in University of Alberta, economics department news, "Mesbah Sharaf Examines Child Malnutrition in the Arab World".
- Interviewed by Aswat Masriya (in Arabic), Mohamed Gad, "The new Health Insurance Law in Egypt raises concerns on the fate of low-quality public hospitals" - January 18, 2016.
- Coverage by El Shorouk Newspaper 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.
- Coverage by El Shorouk Newspaper 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.
- Interviewed by Aswat Masriya (in Arabic), Mohamed Gad, "Poor Healthcare in Egypt despite the Increase in Public Spending" - June 15, 2015.
- Interview by Al-Ahram Weekly, Hayat Hussein, "Below the Poverty Line" - July 24, 2014.
- Interview by Al-Ahram Weekly, Hayat Yehia, "How to Defeat Poverty?" - September 19, 2013.
- Interview by EL Shorouk Newspaper (in Arabic), Mohamed Gad, "The Social Budget is out of Service in spite of the Austerity Policies" - May 6, 2013.
- Coverage by EL Shorouk Newspaper for the study on "Catastrophic Payments in Egypt" (in Arabic), Mohamed Gad, "Impoverished Because of Illness" - October 14, 2012.

- Coverage by EL Shorouk Newspaper for the study on "Catastrophic Payments in Egypt" (in Arabic), Hayat Hussein, "Health Shocks Raise Poverty in Egypt by 7%" - August 22, 2012.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Conference travel grant, the Arab Council for Social Sciences
- \$1,000 honorarium (2016), Economic Research Forum, ERF Competition for Policy Briefs.
- 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.

ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

- Member, Middle East Economic Association
- Visiting Senior Research Fellow- Middle East Centre, London School of Economics
- Non-Resident Researcher- Diplomatic Academy Vienna
- Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum.
- Associate Member, Arab Council for the Social Sciences.

DATA ANALYTICS SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Programming Languages	STATA, SPSS, Eviews, and L ^A T _E X
Languages	Arabic, English, German

PERSONAL DETAILS

- Nationality: Egyptian
- Birth Date: 09/ April/ 1984
- Married with three kids.

REFERENCE

Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Vice President of the World Bank and Former Minister of Investment of Egypt, [email: mahmoud@mohieldin.com]

Prof. Dr. Ragui Assaad, professor of Planning and Public Affairs, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota [email: assaad@umn.edu]

Prof. Dr. Ghada Barsoum, professor of Public Policy, the American University in Cairo [email: gbarsoum@aucegypt.edu]