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Personal information

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**Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Faculty of Business, Economics and Political Science,
The British University in Egypt (BUE),
September 2015-Present**

SUMMARY

Dr. Sarah El-Khishin is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the British University in Egypt. Her experience is diversified in the fields of academic and policy research. Dr. El-Khishin worked as an Adviser and Expert in the Egyptian Government as well as non-governmental research and policy advocacy institutions. She completed her Ph.D, Master's and Bachelor's Degrees at Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. Her published academic works, policy and technical expertise are in Public Finance, Fiscal Policy and Public Financial Management, Monetary Policy, Economic Development, and International political economy. Dr. El-Khishin is a Research Associate at Economic Research Forum (ERF), member in the American Economic Association (AEA) and Middle East Economic Association (MEEA)

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Faculty of Business, Economics and Political Science,
The British University in Egypt (BUE), September 2015-Present**

- Fields of Specialization: Monetary and Fiscal Theory and Policy, Public Finance, Political Economy, Economic Ideologies and History of Economic Thought.
- Research and Post-Graduate Studies Officer.
- Dissertations supervisor.

Part-time Lecturer in Economics, the Presidential Leadership Program (PLP) and Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Senior Adviser, Head of Policy Development and Aid Effectiveness Division, Ministry of International Cooperation (Minister's Technical Office) December 2014-August 2015

Supervised the establishment and activities of the "Policy Development and Aid Effectiveness" division as follows:

1. Lead/manage socio-economic analyses/research on selected topics targeted towards enhancing ODA decision-making, prioritisation, policy development and strategic planning.
2. Publish/disseminate results of analyses/research and findings among stakeholders.

3. Contribute to training and support relevant personnel of ODA Stakeholders.
4. Manage the Division personnel, activities, and appraisal.
5. Contribute to the preparation of the PSPO Quarterly Progress Reports.
6. Respond to tasks as a part of technical Support to the Minister: Speech writings, PPTs, information files, reviewing international reports...etc.

Coordinator of Research and Publications, PEMA, Ministry Of International Cooperation - December 2013- December 2014:

- Supervising the Research and Publications department staff and activities. Main activities:
 1. Policy research and analysis that involve planning and governing of development assistance to Egypt. Main Outputs are PEMA Annual Development Assistance Report (Sectoral/thematic/macro Analysis,) Development Cooperation Newsletter (Quarterly) and non-periodic policy papers
 2. Ad-hoc tasks as a part of technical Support to the Minister: Speech writings, PPTs, information files, reviewing international reports...etc.
 3. Workshops and focus-group discussions with relevant stakeholders and experts in researched issues.
- Preparing PEMA's quarterly progress reports and annual plan collaboratively with other teams.
- Managing the research-related website content.
- Monitoring the performance of the Research and Publications team and providing appraisals to the executive director.

Economist and Research Team Leader. Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Cabinet of Ministers. October 2007 – March 2012¹

Technically coordinating and participating in academic and policy research and reports in different macroeconomic fields, future studies, policy monitoring and evaluation, and other technical material for IDSC conferences or events. Main activities include:

- Coordinating, leading and co-authoring input research and policy papers for "Egypt's vision 2030".
- Member in the INNFORMED project (Innovation Foresight for MEDA Partners in the European Union Research).
- Member in the workgroup for the project "Developing Sustainable Cities in Egypt".
- Ad-hoc Tasks such as demand-driven presentations, reports and information files requested by Cabinet members.
- Organizing IDSC relevant conferences and workshops.

Economist. Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC)² April 2012 – October 2013:

Work responsibilities all aim to fulfill ENCC's Strategic Objective; that is provide policy advocacy to policy makers and government in developmental themes and sectors. My tasks in this regard included:

- 1- Technical Support for the Annual Competitiveness Report.
- 2- Facilitating the relevant research work.
- 3- Technical support to ENCC's workshops and conferences with economic materials and press releases;
- 4- Supporting the outreach and visibility of ENCC activities among different stakeholders.

¹ Including 19- months at the Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (as it will appear below).

² The Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC) is an independent policy advisory body – USAID funded - established through the efforts of several Egyptian businessmen and academia. ENCC endeavors to contribute to improving the macroeconomic performance and social welfare of Egypt through promoting broad dialogue in a series of workshops and roundtable discussions on many issues, thereby facilitating: (i) awareness, and (ii) transformational, multi-stakeholder partnerships among political parties, parliamentarians, cabinet members, experts, farmers and suppliers, private sector, and the civil society.

Economic Analyst, Technical Office of the Minister of Minister of Planning. September 2006 – July 2007:
Work Responsibilities include supporting the yearly and 5-year plan preparation process and periodic reports, representing the ministry in official ministerial meetings, and undergoing economic research and analysis on several economic issues.

Economic Analyst, Technical Office of the Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry. March 2005-December 2005
Work responsibilities included preparing and publishing periodic reports of the ministry, conducting research in different trade and industry topics. This is in addition to handling the investment file in the technical talk's prelude to the free trade agreement between Egypt and USA.

Research activities at the national society economic policies and the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones, (GAFI). 2004 - 2005

EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN ECONOMICS

Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.

Dissertation Title: An Economic Study of the Demographic Transition in Egypt and Policies to Utilize the Egyptian Demographic Dividend.

Supervisors: Prof. Heba Nassar , Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science and former Cairo University Vice Dean.

Prof. Magued Osman, Professor of Statistics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science and Former Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

MASTER'S DEGREE IN ARTS OF ECONOMICS – Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, August 2010

Thesis Title: Evaluating the Impact of USAID Programme on Human Development in Egypt during the Period 1975-2007

Supervisors: Prof. Gouda Abdel-Khalek, Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science and Former Minister of Solidarity and Social Justice

Dr. Ashraf El-Araby, Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science and Current Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Development.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, May 2003

Major: Economics

Minor: Computer Studies

IGCSE, 1999, Grade equivalent to: 95%.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Author and Co-author of the following Works:

El-khishin, Sarah, 2020. "Countermeasures for the COVID-19 Outbreak in Egypt: This Time is Really Different", *ERF Policy Briefs*, no.51.

El-khishin, Sarah, and Dina Kassab. 2020. "Monetary-Fiscal Games under Political Uncertainty: The Role of Institutions." Working Paper, Available at SSRN:

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3655641

El Khishin, Sarah and Mohamed Zaky, 2019. "The Trinity of Budget Institutions, Political Institutions and Fiscal Cyclicity: Evidence from Egypt", *ERF working papers*, WP 1351.

Zaky, Mohamed, and Sarah El-khishin, 2016. "Fiscal Governance in Egypt: Strengthening Budgetary Institutions to Counteract Political Fragmentation, *International Journal of Economic Research*, Vol. 13(7) December.

Zaky, Mohamed, and Sarah El-khishin, 2016. "Fiscal Governance in Egypt: Strengthening Budgetary Institutions to Counteract Political Fragmentation", *ERF Working Papers*, WP1027, 2016

Nassar, H, Magued Osman and Sarah Elkhishin, 2017. "A Micro-Investigation of the reasons behind the slowdown of Demographic transition in Egypt: Will Egypt Witness a Demographic Window?", *International Journal of Economic Research, (IJER)*, Vol.14 March (2017).

El-Khishin, Sarah, 2018. "Income Distribution, Fertility Behavior and Demographic Transition in Egypt", *International Journal of Management and Applied Science*, ISSN: 2394-7926 Volume-4, Issue-4, Apr.-2018.

El-Khishin, Sarah (2016). "Modifying the Path of Fertility Rates to Accelerate Egypt's Entry in the Demographic Window (in Arabic), *ERF Policy Briefs*, 2016.

The policy brief won ERF Best Policy Brief Research Award.

Osman, Magued, Heba Nassar and Sarah El-Khishin, 2014. "The Role of Polices in Speeding the Demographic Transition: A Case Study of Some East Asian Countries and Lessons Learnt", *Arab Economic Journal*, Volume 65, pp 138-156, The Arab Society for Economic Research. Winter.

Conferences

El-khishin, Sarah and Dina Kassab, 2020. "Monetary-Fiscal Policy Games under Political Uncertainty: The Role of Institutions", *presented at WEAI 95th Annual Conference*, June 26th, 2020.

El-Khishin, Sarah and Mohamed Zaky (2019), "The Trinity of Budget Institutions, Political Institutions and Fiscal Cyclicity: Evidence from Egypt", *ERF 25th Annual Conference*, Kuwait.

El-Khishin, Sarah, 2018. "Income Distribution, Fertility Behavior and Demographic Transition in Egypt", *The IIER International Conference*, 15-16 February, 2018, New York, USA.

Zaky, Mohamed. and Sarah El-khishin, 2016. "Fiscal Institutions in Egypt: Is there a necessity for Reform?", *ERF 22nd Annual conference*, 2016

El-Khishin, Sarah, 2015. "The Impact of Official Data and Information Systems on Public Policies and Planning", *Presentation*, Center for Development Studies, Bibliotheca Alexandria, Alexandria.

Nassar, Heba, Magued Osman and Sarah El-Khishin, 2015. "Demographic-Economic Interrelationships in Development Strategies: Lessons from Egypt Demographic Transition", 21st International Research Conference on Business, Economics and Social Studies" IRC 21st conference. Dubai. (Published Proceedings).

The paper received Best Presentation Award of the Conference.

NON-ACADEMIC RESEARCH/CONSULTANCY WORK

1- **Research Coordinator**, PEMA Annual Development Assistance Report, 2014. "Achieving more from Pre-university Education ODA to Egypt".

- 2- **Member of the Research Team** of the Ninth Egyptian Competitiveness Report: “Towards Sustainable Competitiveness: Restructuring Institutions in Egypt (2013)”.
- 3- **Member of the Research Team** of the Eighth Egyptian Competitiveness Report: “A Sustainable Competitiveness Strategy for Egypt” (2012).
- 4- **Assisted and/or Lead a research team formulating the following working and policy papers**

Policy Papers:

- (2014), Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Egypt: Situation Analysis and Policy Recommendations, PEMA.
- (2013), The Role of "Monitoring Agencies" in Combating Corruption in Egypt, IDSC.
- (2012), The Role of Fiscal Policy in Achieving Economic Growth, ENCC.
- (2011), Harnessing the Industrial Assets of Egypt towards Trade, MFTI.

Working Papers:

- (2013), The Impact of Data Quality on Decision Making, IDSC.
- (2012), Egypt's Vision 2030, IDSC.
- (2011) The Future of Alternative Energies in Egypt, IDSC.
- (2011) Shaping Tomorrow: Towards Egypt a Member Country in OECD by 2030, IDSC.
- (2008), The Future of Science and Technology in Egypt, IDSC.
- (2010), Sustainable Cities in Egypt: *Creating Distinguished Areas in the Egyptian Desert*, IDSC.
- (2009), Formulating a Roadmap For Sinai Development, IDSC.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- 1- **“Writing Effective Policy Briefs”**, organized by Economic Research Forum (ERF) October 2015, Cairo, Egypt. (Received Best Policy Brief Award).
- 2- **“Writing Winning Proposals and Papers”**, organized by Economic Research Forum (ERF) October 2015, Cairo, Egypt.
- 3- **“Understanding ODA and MoIC Systems and Advanced MIC Segmentation”**, organized by European Commission project: Building the Capacities of the Ministry of International Cooperation in the Fields of Planning, Managing, Monitoring and Evaluating Official Development Assistance to Egypt (BC ODA) - Ministry of International cooperation, January 2015, Cairo, Egypt.
- 4- **Evaluation, Performance Monitoring and Impact Assessment**", the European Evaluation Society, European Union, organized by Information and Decision Support Center, July 2011.
- 5- **“Future Studies Techniques and Methodologies”**, organized by Information and Decision Support Center, Cairo, Egypt, December 2009.

COMPETENCIES

1. Diversified experience in the field of academic and policy research, analysis and advocacy in different fields.
2. Accumulated managerial experience both technically and administratively in the field of research and technical analysis.
3. Diversification of experience in decision-support in different governmental, private-sector, and civil entities.
4. Academic qualifications and strong knowledge of data analysis and economic and statistical research tools and techniques (quantitative, statistical and qualitative tools).

5. Knowledge of strategic planning and future studies methodologies and techniques, both qualitative and quantitative ones.
6. Experience in coordinating stakeholder workshops and conferences, both technically and logistically.
7. Acquaintance with Ministerial-level work and assignments.

REFERENCES

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- Heba Nassar: Hebanas@aucegypt.edu
- Mahmoud El-Said mahmoud_el_said@yahoo.com