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Field of interest

Development Economics, Empirical IO, Applied Microeconomics, Econometrics, Impact Evaluation

Current affiliation

04/2018 - **Post-Doctoral Researcher** at Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics, Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany

Previous positions

11/2014 - 06/2017 **Project Research Assistant** at Centre pour la Recherche Economiques et ses Applications (CEPREMAP) - Macroeconomic Modelling team (Paris, France).
11/2013 - 05/2014 **Internship/Junior Researcher (6 months)** at Occurrence research institute (Paris, France)
11/2012 - 06/2013 **Economic Consultant** at Davis University of California - Program in international nutrition.
iLiNS Project - Preventing the malnutrition of children in Africa (Mission based in Burkina Faso)

Education

2013-2017 **Ph.D. in Economics** Paris-Est University - OMI doctoral school (Organisations, Marchés, Institutions) - ERUDITE research unit.
Supervisors: Boris NAJMAN (Paris-Est University) and Racha RAMADAN (Cairo University).
Title: Towards a better integration of the informal sector. Three empirical essays on the relationship between formal and informal firms in Egypt and beyond
2011-2012 **M.Phil. in Development Economics** Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University and École Normale Supérieure Cachan- Paris, France. Grant from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Eiffel Scholarship.
2010-2011 **M.A. in Economics** Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences at Cairo University (Cairo, Egypt). Graduated with high honor and “excellent” grade in Masters (I) dissertation.
2007-2010 **B.A. in Economics** Joint degree between Cairo University and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

Publications in refereed journals/books

“Informal competition, firms’ productivity and policy reforms in Egypt” (with Boris Najman). In Horodnic, I.A., Rodgers, P., Williams, C. C., & Momtazian, L. (Eds.). *The informal economy: exploring drivers and practices*. 2016.

“L’informalité des micro- et petites entreprises en Égypte : une analyse transversale”, *Mondes en développement*, 2014, 166(2), 87-100.

Working papers

“Cronyism, firms’ Productivity and Informal Competition in Egypt” (with Boris Najman), *ERF Working Paper*, March 2019.

“Informal Competition, Firms’ Productivity and Policy Reforms in Egypt” (with Boris Najman), *ERF Working Paper*, July 2016.

Teaching experience

Applied Econometrics (MSc), Empirical Competition Economics (BSc), Seminar on firms’ growth and challenges in developing countries (MSc). Courses taught at University of Düsseldorf (Germany) and University of Paris-Est (France)

Research grants

2018-2019 2018 Fellowship on Economic Vulnerability in the Arab World administered by the Humphrey School of Public Affairs (HHH), University of Minnesota.
Funding: the Carnegie Corporation of New York

2017-2018 The political economy of state business relations and of growth in the MENA region
Funding: Economic Research Forum

Conferences, Workshops, S/W Schools and Seminars (as presenter, 2018-2019)

2019 European Trade Study Group (University of Bern, World Trade Institute), Competition and Innovation Summer School (DICE Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics, DICE Consult, EPFL Lausanne, University of Luxembourg, KU Leuven, MaCCI and ZEW)

2018 3rd Workshop of the Research Initiative on the Economics of the Middle East (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, France), Workshop on the Political Economy of State Business Relations and of Growth in MENA (Dauphine University, France).

Special Skills

Languages: **French and Arabic:** mother tongues.
 English: excellent.

Computer skills: Excellent knowledge of: **STATA**, Word, Excel, Power Point, latex.

Nesma Ali, June 2020