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EDUCATION

PhD Economics, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (USA), 2007
MA Economics, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (USA), 2003
BA Economics, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE (QUEENS' COLLEGE; UK), 2001
1st class honors

POSITIONS

Primary

2012-present BAHRAIN CENTER FOR STRATEGIC, INTERNATIONAL AND ENERGY AND STUDIES (*DERASAT*, Bahrain)
Position: Director of Research, and Director of Economics and Energy Program
Job description: academic and policy economics research with an emphasis on the GCC

2007-present GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY (USA)
Position: Associate Professor of Economics (Affiliated Associate Professor since May 2012)
Job description: academic research, supervising PhD students, teaching undergraduate and graduate students

2007-present MERCATUS CENTER (USA)
Position: Senior Research Fellow (Affiliated Senior Research Fellow since May 2012)
Job description: academic research

Visiting

2016 UNIVERSITY OF BAHRAIN
Position: Instructor in Masters in Public Management Program
Job description: teaching a course on GCC institutions and public policies

2015-present KING FAHAD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS (Saudi Arabia)
Position: Visiting Adjunct Professor in the College of Industrial Management
Job description: teaching managerial economics to executive MBA students

2011 (Spring) UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (USA)
Position: Visiting Professor
Job description: academic research and teaching undergraduate students

Other

- 2020-present TRENDS ADVISORY (UAE)
Position: Non-Resident Fellow
Job description: Producing research relating to the Gulf economy
- 2017-present ECONOMIC RESEARCH FORUM (Middle East)
Position: Research Fellow
Job description: Producing research relating to the Middle East
- 2016-present ARAB GULF STATES INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON (USA)
Position: Non-Resident Scholar
Job description: Producing research relating to the GCC countries
- 2015-present HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL RESEARCH TASKFORCE (Bahrain)
Position: Member
Job description: Support research development and innovation at the national level
- 2014-present NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION SKILLS AND INNOVATION STEERING COMMITTEE (Bahrain)
Position: Member
Job description: Assisting the Kingdom of Bahrain's educational and labor market stakeholders in coordinating their activities
- 2010-2014 JOINT ADVISORY BOARD OF ECONOMISTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA (USA)
Position: Member
Job description: Advising the Governor on the accuracy of predictions about the Virginia and US economies
- 2010-2013 CENTER FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS (USA)
Position: External Consultant
Job description: Providing technical advice on methods for managing volunteer tax advisors and for charitable fund-raising

PRIMARY RESEARCH FIELDS

Political Economy; Economics of Science; Experimental Economics; Economics of the Gulf Cooperation Council (especially Bahrain).

BOOKS

1. Weiss, G., O. Al-Ubaydli, Y. Elsheshtawy, M. Kamiya, M. Prakash, and D. Rifai (forthcoming). *The State of Arab Cities Report 2020*. UN Habitat.
2. Al-Ubaydli, O. et al. (2020). *Bahrain's Third National Communication under the UNFCCC*. Kingdom of Bahrain Supreme Council for Environment.
3. Kishk, A. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2020). *Bahrain Strategic Report 2019*. Derasat.
4. Kishk, A. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2019). *Bahrain Strategic Report 2018*. Derasat.
5. Naumann, C., O. Al-Ubaydli, G. Abdulla, and A. Alabbasi (2018). *Bahrain National Human Development Report*. United Nations Development Programme.

6. Al-Ubaydli, O. and A. Plebani (Editors) (2014). *GCC Relations with Post-War Iraq: A Strategic Perspective*. Gulf Research Center.

ACADEMIC PAPERS

1. Buhammoud, S., A. El-Kholei and O. Al-Ubaydli (2021). "Impact of air pollution on prices of real estate and the internal structure of Bahraini metropolitan area," Arab Gulf Journal of Scientific Research 38(3).
2. عمر العبيدلي (2021). "دور مصرف البحرين المركزي في تحقيق الاستقرار النقدي والمالي"، دراسات 14.
3. عمر العبيدلي (2021). "توظيف التكنولوجيا في المعاملات المالية الحديثة: مبادئ عامة، ودراسة حالة عن مملكة البحرين في أزمة الكورونا"، دراسات 13.
4. Al-Ubaydli, O (2020). "A detailed anatomy of EU-GCC relations: Past, present, and future," Bussola Institute Discussion Paper, November 2020.
5. Al-Ubaydli, O (2020). "Covid-19 and the case for naturalizing highly-skilled expatriates in the GCC," Economic Trends, 2.
6. Al-Ubaydli, O (2020). "The impact of the covid-19 pandemic on oil markets: myths and conspiracy theories," Turkish Policy Quarterly, 19(2).
7. عمر العبيدلي (2020). "دول الخليج وإدارة التحديات الاقتصادية لأزمة كورونا"، دراسات 12.
8. Al-Ubaydli, O., J. List and D. Suskind (2020). "The science of using science: Toward an understanding of the threats to scalability," International Economic Review, 61(4).
9. Al-Ubaydli, O., M. Lee, J. List, C. Mackevicius and D. Suskind (2020). "How Can Experiments Play a Greater Role in Public Policy? 12 Proposals from an Economic Model of Scaling," Behavioral Public Policy.
10. عمر العبيدلي (2020). "الآثار الاقتصادية لتهديدات الأمن البحري في الخليج العربي"، دراسات 11.
11. Alnaser, W., M. Abdel-Aty and O. Al-Ubaydli (2020). "Mathematical Prospective of Coronavirus Infections in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Egypt," Information Sciences Letters, 7(2).
12. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2019). "Innovation in Bahrain: a critical analysis," Eastern Analytics, 2019(3).
13. عمر العبيدلي (2019). "ضريبة القيمة المضافة وتأثيرها على اقتصادات دول الخليج العربي"، دراسات 10.
14. عمر العبيدلي (2019). "تأثير الخلافات التجارية بين الولايات المتحدة وشركائها الأوروبيين على اقتصادات الدول الخليجية"، دراسات 9.
15. Al-Ubaydli, O. and J. List (2019). "How natural field experiments have enhanced our understanding of unemployment," Nature Human Behaviour, 3(1).
16. Yeomans, M. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2018). "How does fundraising affect volunteering? Evidence from a natural field experiment," Journal of Economic Psychology, 64(2).
17. Al-Ubaydli, O., J. List, D. LoRe and D. Suskind (2017). "Scaling for Economists: Lessons from the Non-Adherence Problem in the Medical Literature," Journal of Economic Perspectives, 31(4).

18. Al-Ubaydli, O., J. List and D. Suskind (2017). "What Can We Learn from Experiments? Understanding the Threats to the Scalability of Experimental Results," American Economic Review (Papers and Proceedings), 107(5).
19. Al-Ubaydli, O. and M. Yeomans (2017). "Are people more willing to donate when they perceive a known single beneficiary? A field experimental test of the identifiability effect," Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, 66.
20. Al-Ubaydli, O. and P. McLaughlin (2017). "RegData: a numerical database on industry-specific regulations for all U.S. industries and federal regulations, 1997-2012," Regulation and Governance, 11(1). Supporting website: <http://regdata.mercatus.org/>
21. Al-Ubaydli, O. and G. Abdulla (2016). "التكامل الاقتصادي الخليجي: توصيات بناءً على خبرة المجتمع الدولي في تفعيل الاتفاقيات الدولية" Attawun (التعاون), 89.
22. عمر العبيدلي وعبدالعزیز الدوسري (2016). "توظيف منظمات حماية البيئة العالمية لخدمة المصالح النفطية لدى دول مجلس التعاون في عصر النفط الصخري"، دراسات 5.
23. Al-Ubaydli, O., G. Jones and J. Weel (2015). "Average player traits as predictors of cooperation in a repeated prisoner's dilemma," Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, 64.
24. Al-Ubaydli, O. and J. List (2015). "Do natural field experiments afford researchers more or less control than laboratory experiments? A simple model," American Economic Review (Papers and Proceedings), 105(5).
25. Al-Ubaydli, O., S. Andersen, U. Gneezy and J. List (2015). "Carrots that look like sticks: Toward an understanding of multitasking incentive schemes," Southern Economic Journal, 81(3).
26. عمر العبيدلي (2015). "التنمية الاقتصادية الخليجية: توصيات بناءً على أزمة الدَّين اليونانية"، دراسات 3.
27. Al-Ubaydli, O., K. McCabe and P. Twieg (2014). "Can more be less? An experimental test of the resource curse," Journal of Experimental Political Science, 1(1).
28. عمر العبيدلي وغادة البستكي (2014). "التحديات الاقتصادية الخليجية: حلول بناءة وحلول ذات مجموع صفري"، دراسات 1.
29. Abdulghaffar, M., O. Al-Ubaydli and O. Mahmood (2013). "The malfunctioning of the Gulf Cooperation Council single market: features, causes and remedies," Middle Eastern Finance and Economics, 19.
30. Al-Ubaydli, O., G. Jones and J. Weel (2013). "Patience, cognitive skill and coordination in the repeated stag hunt," Journal of Neuroscience, Psychology and Economics, 6(2).
31. Al-Ubaydli, O., D. Houser, J. Nye, M. Pia Paganelli and X. Pan (2013). "The causal effect of market participation on trust: An experimental investigation using randomized control," Public Library of Science One, 8(3).
32. Al-Ubaydli, O. and M. S. Lee (2012). "Do you reward and punish in the way others expect you to?," Journal of Socio-Economics, 41(3).
33. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2012). "Natural resources and the tradeoff between authoritarianism and development," Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 81(1).

34. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2011). "How large looms the ghost of the past? State-dependence vs. heterogeneity in the stag hunt," Southern Economic Journal, 78(2).
35. Al-Ubaydli, O. and M. S. Lee (2011). "Can tailored communications motivate environmental volunteers? A field experiment," American Economic Review (Papers and Proceedings), 101(3).
36. Al-Ubaydli, O., U. Gneezy, J. List and M. S. Lee (2010). "Toward an understanding of the relative strengths of positive and negative reciprocity," Judgment and Decision Making, 5(7).
37. Al-Ubaydli, O. and M. S. Lee (2009). "An experimental study of asymmetric reciprocity." Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 72(2).
38. Young, N., Ioannidis, J. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2008). "Why current publication practices may distort science," Public Library of Science Medicine, 5(10).
39. Kealey, T. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2001). "A critique of science and R&D based models of endogenous growth," Knowledge, Technology and Policy, 13(4).
40. Kealey, T. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2000). "Should governments fund science?," Economic Affairs, 20(3).
41. Al-Ubaydli, O. and T. Kealey (2000). "Endogenous growth theory: a critique," Economic Affairs, 20(3).

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Al-Bahrani, A., H. Bawazir, A. Hamdan, M. Al Mannai and O. Al-Ubaydli (2022). "Using Student Opinions to Guide Investments in Assessment Methods," in Allam Hamdan et al. (eds) *Technologies, Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Learning Post-Covid-19: The Crucial Role of International Accreditation*, Springer.
2. Al-Ubaydli, O., G. Abdulla and D. Almoayyed (2022). "The Impact of Covid-19 on Women's Prosperity in the Gulf Countries: Survey Evidence from Bahrain," in Rita Stephan (ed), *Gender Pandemic Policies in the Middle East and North Africa*, Austin: University of Texas Press.
3. Al-Ubaydli, O (2021). "EU-GCC trade and investments," in Adel Abdel Ghafar and Silvia Colombo (eds), *The European Union and the Gulf: Towards a New Path*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.
4. Al-Ubaydli, O., M. Lee, J. List and D. Suskind (2021). "The science of using science: A new framework for understanding the threats to scaling evidence-based policies," in List, J., D. Suskind and L. Supplee (eds) *The Scale-Up Effect*.
5. Al-Ubaydli, O. and S. Burkard (2019). "International relations in the post-globalization era," *ECSSR 2018 Annual Conference Proceedings*.
6. Al-Ubaydli, O. and G. Abdulla (2018). "Forging a Centralized GCC Renewable Energy Policy," in Akhonbay (ed) *The Economics of Renewable Energy in the Gulf*, Routledge.
7. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2016). "Disputes between oil producers: Repercussions for oil prices and production," *ECSSR 2016 Energy Conference Proceedings*.
8. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2016). "Market and hierarchical interactions between east and west Asian oil sectors: theory and practice," in Lester, L. (ed) *Energy Relations and Policy Making in Asia*, Palgrave.

9. Al-Ubaydli, O. and J. List (2016). "Field experiments in markets," in Banarjee, A. and E. Duflo (eds) *Handbook of Economic Field Experiments*, Elsevier.
10. Al-Ubaydli, O. and J. List (2015). "On the generalizability of experimental results in economics," in Frechette, G. and A. Schotter (eds) *Handbook of Experimental Economic Methodology*, Oxford University Press.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2015). "Book review for Abdul Azim Islahi, *History of Islamic Economic Thought* (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar)," Journal of the History of Economic Thought, *in press*.

POLICY PAPERS

1. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2021). "VAT Hike in Bahrain Points to Fiscal Challenges, Unattractive Choices Government Faced," Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington Issue Paper #7.
2. Abdulla, G., Al-Doseri, A., Almoayyed, D., and O. Al-Ubaydli (2021). "The impact of Covid-19 on the environment in Bahrain," Derasat-UNDP Paper.
3. Bahman, S. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2021). "An assessment of the impacts of loan deferrals in Bahrain," Derasat-UNDP Paper.
4. Abdulla, G. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2021). "العمل عن بعد في القطاع العام البحريني أثناء جائحة الكورونا: وقائع طاولة مستديرة," Derasat-UNDP Paper.
5. Abdulla, G., Almoayyed, D., Alsebaie, F., Al-Ubaydli, O., Arun, N. and S. Bahman (2021). "The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Bahrain private sector: proceedings from a roundtable discussion." Derasat-UNDP Paper.
6. Abdulla, G., Almoayyed, D., Alsebaie, F. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2020). "An assessment of the socio-economic impact of Covid-19 in Bahrain: analysis of survey data from Bahrain and comparative surveys from the UK and US," Derasat-UNDP Paper.
7. Al-Ubaydli, O. and F. Alsebaie (2020). "The impact of Covid-19 on financial transactions and consumer behavior in Bahrain: an initial analysis," Derasat-UNDP Paper.
8. Al-Ubaydli, O. (forthcoming). "Radical Participation: the Promise of the Sharing Economy," The State of Arab Cities 2020 Report Background Paper.
9. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2020). "Understanding How the Coronavirus Affects the Global Economy: A Guide for Non-Economists?," Derasat Policy Paper.
10. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2019). "Will the US economy experience a recession, and what will be the effects on the GCC economy?," Derasat Policy Paper.
11. Al-Ubaydli, O. and E. Jones (2018). "GCC economic integration: opportunities and challenges," Bahrain Human Development Report Background Paper.
12. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2018). "How tourism can contribute to sustainable growth in Bahrain," Bahrain Human Development Report Background Paper.
13. Mollet, P., Al-Mubarak, I., Efird, B., Al Muhanna, S., and O. Al-Ubaydli (2018). "Assessment of the Political Feasibility of Developing a GCC Power Market," KAPSARC Discussion Paper.

14. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2018). "Subsidizing Basic Commodities in the Gulf Arab States: Distortive and Regressive," AGSIW Visions of Change Series.
15. Al-Ubaydli, O. and G. Gukasian (2016). "Russian and GCC Perspectives: OPEC, Russia, and falling oil prices," Derasat Policy Paper.
16. عمر العبيدلي (2016). "هيكل مجلس التعاون الخليجي: أهمية تجنّب أخطاء الاتحاد الأوروبي"، مؤسسة الفكر العربي.
17. عمر العبيدلي (2016). "العلاقات الخليجية-الروسية في مجال النفط: الماضي والمستقبل"، آراء حول الخليج 103.
18. عمر العبيدلي (2015). "الاتحاد الخليجي كمشروع اقتصادي"، آراء حول الخليج 96.
19. عمر العبيدلي (2014). "مجلس "التنسيق" وليس "التعاون": تحدّيات الاتحاد أمام الدول الأعضاء"، السياسة الدولية 196.
20. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2015). "The Economics of Migrant Workers in the GCC," Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington Issue Paper #10.
21. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2012). "السوق الخليجية المشتركة: تحديات وآفاق مستقبلية" Derasat Policy Paper.
22. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2012). "The Gulf Cooperation Council single market and monetary union: an economic analysis of the theoretical underpinnings, the future prospects and lessons from the European Union," Derasat Policy Paper.
23. Al-Ubaydli, O. (2012). "Economic freedom in the Gulf Cooperation Council and Turkey: a short introduction to opportunities for mutual enhancement," Derasat Policy Paper.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "Markets as economizers of information: Field experimental examination of the 'Hayek Hypothesis'," (joint with Peter Boettke).
2. "The nature of excess: using randomized treatments to investigate price dynamics," (joint with John List and Mike Price). NBER working paper 16319.
3. "The efficiency of negotiations with uncertainty and multi-dimensional deals," (joint with Matthew Jackson, Hugo Sonnenschein, Yiqing Xing, and Christis Tombazos).
4. "Personality traits and trade," (joint with John List and Michael Price).

CONTRACT REPORTS AND STUDIES

I have performed contract work for the following organizations: Bahrain Chamber for Commerce and Industry, Bahrain Ministry of Finance, Bahrain Supreme Council for the Environment, Gulf Cooperation Council Statistics Office.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

I established and am the sole author of the *Bahrain Economic Bulletin*, a monthly economic brief on the Bahraini economy. The first issue came out in February 2013. I also established and am the sole author of the *Bahrain Economic Report*, a quarterly report that analyzes the Bahraini economy. The first issue came out in March 2013.

ARTICLES

I have over 200 published journalistic articles, including a regular weekly column at *The National* (UAE) and a regular monthly column at *AlHayat* (Saudi Arabia). Other outlets where I have published include:

Akhbar Al-Khaleej (Bahrain), Forbes Opinion (USA), US News (USA), InsideSources (USA), LSE Middle East Centre Blog (UK), The National (UAE), Newsweek ME (UAE), RUSI Newsbrief (UK), Al-Watan (Bahrain), MEES (Cyprus), RegBlog (USA), Vox (USA)

For a full list of the individual articles, click on the following link: <http://www.omareconomics.com/mainstream-media/category/article>.

GRANTS

Tamkeen 2018 (\$40,000)

Qatar Research Foundation 2016 (\$620,000)

George Mason University Faculty Development Award 2009 (\$4,000)

George Mason University Faculty Development Award 2007 (\$5,000)

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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| 2014 | Second Place in the <i>Refereed Studies Published in a Foreign Language</i> section of the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies (Doha) Arab Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities |
| 2005-2006 | Francis William Immasche Endowment Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago |
| 2001-2005 | University of Chicago Fellowship Award |
| 2001 | Queens' College Foundation Scholarship, University of Cambridge |
| 2001 | Queens' College Economics Memorial Prize, University of Cambridge |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught: MA public policy, Executive MBA managerial economics, BA econometrics, BA microeconomics, BA experimental economics, MA micro, PhD mathematical economics, PhD experimental labor economics, PhD experimental economics, intensive courses in econometrics.

PhD students supervised: Abdirahman Abdi (Islamic banking, graduated 2010), Jason Aimone (economic psychology and mechanism design, graduated 2011; placement: post-doc at Virginia Tech.), Jason Arentz (experimental political economy, graduated 2011), Nakul Kumar (natural disaster political economy in India, graduated 2013; placement: Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania), William Luther (money and banking, graduated 2012; placement: Kenyon College), Xiaofei Pan (behavioral economics, graduated 2012; placement: post-doc at Harvard University), Mark Troutman (international finance, graduated 2009; placement: National Defense University), Peter Twieg (virtual world economics experiments; placement: Quicken), Andrew Wallen (price dispersion and insurgent violence, graduated 2011; placement: Pentagon), Richard Wallick (agent-based modelling, graduated 2012), Siyu Wang (coordination and communication, graduated 2016; placement: Ford Motor Company).

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE WORK

Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies: *Derasat* journal advisory board member, director for academic and language training programs for assistant researchers, publications policy committee coordinator, website content coordinator.

George Mason University: internal assessment committee; graduate placement officer for the economics department (output included creating a secure, internal wiki for students); economics department faculty website contact; economics department undergraduate curriculum committee; economics department hiring committee, guest lecturer at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, several minor committee posts and examination committee work.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Editorial Duties: Energy Transitions (Associate Editor), 2016-2018.

Referee: African Journal of Political Science and International Relations, American Economic Review, Econometrica, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, British Journal of Political Science, Contemporary Review of the Middle East, Economic Inquiry, Environment and Development Economics, Energy Transitions, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Economic Review, Experimental Economics, Frontiers in Psychology, Gulf Cooperation Council Statistics Office, Implementation Research and Practice, International Journal of Conflict Management, Japanese Journal of Political Science, John Templeton Foundation, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the Economic Science Association, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Neuroscience Psychology and Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Resource Economics, Labour Economics, Management Science, National Science Foundation, Natural Resources Forum, Public Library of Science: Medicine, Public Choice, Resources Policy, Review of Behavioral Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Theory and Decision.

Academic Review Committee Membership: Institute for Humane Studies Humane Studies Fellowship (2011-2012).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (USA online), 2021.

Middle East Institute (Singapore online), 2021.

Trends Research and Advisory (UAE online), 2021.

Lebanese Institute for Market Studies (Lebanon), 2020.

Diplomatic Institute (Bahrain), 2020.

Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (Bahrain), 2020.

Bahrain Economics Society (Bahrain), 2019.

Euro-Gulf Information Center (Italy), 2019.

Lebanese Institute for Market Studies (Lebanon), 2018.

UNIDO 3rd International Green Industry Condensed Course (Bahrain), 2017.

Lebanese Institute for Market Studies 2 (Lebanon), 2017.

University of Chicago Summer Institute for Field Experiments (USA), 2017.

Lebanese Institute for Market Studies 1 (Lebanon), 2017.

George Mason University Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science (USA), 2017.
Judicial and Legal Studies Institute (Bahrain), 2017.
Fikr 15 (UAE), 2016.
The Gathering of National Unity (Bahrain), 2016.
Gulf Cooperation Council Secretariat General (Saudi Arabia), 2016.
The Euro-Gulf Information Center (Italy), 2016.
University of Chicago Summer Institute for Field Experiments (USA), 2016.
George Mason University Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science (USA), 2016.
Al-Awadi Majlis (Bahrain), 2016.
Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Startup Bootcamp 2 (Bahrain), 2015.
University of Chicago Summer Institute for Field Experiments (USA), 2015.
Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Startup Bootcamp 1 (Bahrain), 2015.
Bahrain Institute for Banking and Finance (Bahrain), 2015.
Al Jazeera Cultural Centre (Bahrain), 2015.
King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals College of Industrial Management seminar (Saudi Arabia), 2014
US Federal Department of Agriculture ERS Seminar (USA), 2014.
AMA University Bahrain Research Symposium (Bahrain), 2013.
George Mason University Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science (USA), 2013.
New York University Abu Dhabi Social Sciences department (UAE), 2013.
الاجتماع الأربعة لوكلاء وزارات المالية والاقتصادية لدول مجلس التعاون الخليجية (Bahrain), 2013.
New York University (USA), 2012.
NHLBI Global Health Initiative 5th Semi-Annual Steering Committee Meeting (USA), 2011.
Research Unbound Through Open Access George Mason University (USA), 2011.
Purdue University Krannert School (USA), 2010.
University of California at San Diego Rady School (USA), 2009.
University of Tennessee at Knoxville Econ. dept. (USA), 2009.
University of Nevada at Reno Ag. Econ. dept. (USA), 2008.
Copenhagen Business School (Denmark), 2008.
George Mason University Contentious Politics Workshop (USA), 2005.
University of Maryland at College Park Ag. Econ. dept. (USA), 2005.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SESSIONS CHAIRED

Derasat Forum (Bahrain online), 2021.
Ahlia University (Bahrain online), 2020.
Trends Advisory (UAE online), 2020.
Valdai Club Oil Forum (Russia online), 2020.
Quincy II (UAE online), 2020.
KAPSARC Hydrogen Forum (Saudi Arabia), 2020.
Gulf Research Center (Saudi Arabia online), 2020.
Gulf Intelligence (UAE online), 2020.
Euro-Gulf Information Center (Italy online), 2020.
Bahrain Education Forum (Bahrain), 2020.
IAEE Reginal Energy Conference (UAE), 2019.
Global Think Tank Summit (Brazil), 2019.
ICA Conference Global Economy Session and Energy Session (Bahrain), 2019.
Valdai Club Middle East Economic Integration Workshop (Russia), 2019.
Bussola EU-GCC-Asia Workshop (Belgium), 2019.
KAS EU-GCC Workshop (Belgium), 2019.

MENA Regional High Level Forum on Green Economy (Bahrain), 2019.
German-Arab Dialogue (Germany), 2019.
Assilah Forum (Morocco), 2019.
KAPSARC Energy Forum (Saudi Arabia), 2019.
Global Entrepreneurship Congress (Bahrain), 2019.
Big Data Symposium (Bahrain), 2019.
Russian Institute of Oriental Studies (Russia), 2018.
Middle East Regional Think Tank Summit (Tunisia), 2018.
BIPA Behavioral Insights Roundtable (Bahrain), 2018.
Sports and the UN SDGs (Bahrain), 2018.
Bahrain Parliamentarian and Youth Open Forum (Bahrain), 2018.
ECSSR 23rd Annual Conference (UAE), 2018.
ESCWA-UNDP-Derasat Diversification Forum (Bahrain), 2018.
Bahrain Excellence Forum (Bahrain), 2017.
KHCB Economic Diversification Forum (Bahrain), 2017.
Media and Challenges in the Arabian Gulf (Bahrain), 2017.
One Belt One Road Initiative Renewable Energy Conference (Bahrain), 2017.
Let's Get to Work (Bahrain), 2017.
BCCI Budget and the Economy Seminar (Bahrain), 2017.
Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington: Economic Reform in the GCC (USA), 2017.
Bahrain Youth Economic Forum 2 (Bahrain), 2016.
London School of Economics Migration Dynamics Workshop 2 (UK), 2016.
BCCI Tourism Forum (Bahrain), 2016.
KAPSARC Renewable Energy in the GCC (Bahrain), 2016.
Bahrain Management Society International Leadership Conference (Bahrain), 2016.
Abu Dhabi Dialogue (UAE), 2016.
Naif Arab University for Security Sciences: Energy Security Conference (KSA), 2016.
Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington: Labor Dynamics in the Gulf (USA), 2016.
IISS Security of Oil Trade seminar (Bahrain), 2016.
London School of Economics Migration Dynamics Workshop 1 (UAE), 2016.
KAPSARC GCC-NEA Energy Relations Conference (China), 2015.
Energy Management Conference and Exhibition (Bahrain), 2015.
IISS Bahrain Bay Forum (Bahrain), 2015.
ECSSR 21st Annual Energy Conference (UAE), 2015.
Bahrain Parliamentarian and Youth Open Forum (Bahrain), 2015.
Bahrain Economics Society Roundtable (Bahrain), 2015.
EU-GCC Business Roundtable (Bahrain), 2015.
KAPSARC GCC-NEA Energy Relations Conference (Saudi Arabia), 2015.
SME Annual Forum (Bahrain), 2015.
KAPSARC Energy Productivity Conference (Saudi Arabia), 2015.
American Economic Association meetings (Boston, USA), 2015.
Bahrain Youth Economic Forum (Bahrain), 2014.
Gulf Economic Integration (Bahrain), 2014.
Arabian Gulf Union: Future Horizons (Egypt), 2014.
Gulf Research Meetings (UK), 2013.
EU Foreign Policy in the Mediterranean (Bahrain), 2013.
Turkey and the Gulf: Dialogue in the Middle East (Bahrain), 2012.
American Economic Association meetings (Denver, USA), 2011.
Economic Science Association meetings (Chicago, USA), 2011.

Southern Economic Association meetings (Washington DC, USA), 2011.
Southern Economic Association meetings (Atlanta, USA), 2010.
Economic Science Association meetings (Arlington, USA), 2009.
Economic Science Association meetings (Tucson, USA), 2008.
Economic Science Association meetings (Tucson, USA), 2006.
Economic Science Association (Nottingham, UK), 2006.
Conference on Structure and Evolution of Institutions (Stanford University, USA), 2005.

MEDIA CITATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

The following media outlets have either requested my comments on a current affairs issue, interviewed/featured me, or described my research and/or my participation in an event. For a detailed breakdown, see the *Mainstream Media* section of my website.

Akansas Democrat Gazette (USA), Akhbar Al-Khaleej Newspaper (Bahrain), Al Arabiya Website (Saudi Arabia), Al-Arab Newspaper (UK), Al-Ayam Newspaper (Bahrain), Al-Bayan Newspaper (UAE), Al-Bilad Newspaper (Bahrain), AlHurra TV (USA), AlJazeera Website (Qatar), AlRiyadh Newspaper (Saudi Arabia), Al-Wasat Newspaper (Bahrain), Al-Watan Newspaper (Bahrain), American Action Forum (USA), Arqaam Newspaper (UAE), Aswaq Newspaper (Bahrain), Bahrain News Agency (Bahrain), Bahrain Tribune (Bahrain), Bahrain TV (Bahrain), Bloomberg (USA), Capitol Hill Radio Show (USA), CNBC Asia (Singapore), Co-Eds Magazine (Bahrain), Daily Caller (USA), Doing Bad by Doing Good Blog (USA), Financial Post (Canada), Financial Times (UK), Fox Business Website (USA), Gulf Daily News (Bahrain), Investor's Business Daily (USA), KTRH News (USA), Marginal Revolution Blog (USA), Marketplace.org (USA), MarketWatch (USA), New York Times Economix Blog (USA), Qatar Today (Qatar), Quartz Website (USA), Radio Bahrain (Bahrain), Sabq Online (Saudi Arabia), SUSRIS (Saudi Arabia), The Economist (UK), The Hill (USA), The Province (Canada), Washington Times (USA), Zawya (UAE).

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY WORK

- 2019-present BAHRAIN ECONOMISTS' SOCIETY (BAHRAIN)
Position: President
Primary Duties: chief executive of the society
- 2014-2015 DISCOVER BAHRAIN (BAHRAIN)
Position: Official Guide for Economics Day
Primary Duties: educating guests on the Bahraini economy
- 2013-present YOUTH PIONEER SOCIETY (BAHRAIN)
Position: Program Coordinator for Tumuh
Primary Duties: coordinating programs on educational and professional development
- 2008-2012 RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES (USA)
Position: Young Professionals Auxiliary Council (YPAC) Webmaster, Red Shoe Run Committee Member, System Administrator
Primary Duties: involved in all components of fund raising, from on-the-ground event support to meeting corporate sponsors; general janitorial work; system administration for an organization with over ten employees

- 2003-2007 LA RABIDA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (USA)
Position: Literacy Volunteer
Primary Duties: reading to infants and children with chronic illnesses
- 2005-2007 ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (USA)
Position: Announcer and Analyst
Primary Duties: play-by-play announcing and analysis for basketball, soccer and softball over an online streaming channel that I co-established (Go Maroons)
- 2003-2007 MAROON NEWSPAPER (USA)
Position: Associate Editor and Columnist
Primary Duties: editing and writing journalistic articles in the sports section
- 2002-2003 ST JOHN AMBULANCE (UK)
Position: Brigade Member
Primary Duties: delivering first aid to members of the public in public events such as professional soccer games and music concerts

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Communication: Professional-level writing (academic, policy-oriented, and journalistic); professional-level public speaking and presentation skills.

Financial: Substantial experience fundraising for non-profits, both as a hands-on manager, as an on-the-ground agent, and as a consultant who delivers advice drawn from professional fundraising research.

Languages: Arabic (fluent), English (fluent), Arabic-English translation (professional), English-Arabic translation (very competent), French (working knowledge), German (basic).

Management: Substantial experience in managing small teams (five or less members) of researchers and larger teams (five to ten members) of charitable fundraisers.

Programming and Software: three years' experience operating as a system administrator for an organization with over ten employees, HTML, Stata (statistical software), standard office applications (including Microsoft Office).

Teamwork: Extremely competent at working in teams; extensive professional experience in committee work and collaborative research.

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