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## CURRENT POSITIONS

**2023 – Present** Executive Director, J-PAL MENA at the American University in Cairo  
**2022 – Present** Associate Professor, the American University in Cairo

## APPOINTMENTS HELD

**2022 – 2023** Director of Research, JPAL MENA at the American University in Cairo  
**2018 – 2022** Deputy Program Director of research area "Labor & Development", IZA – Institute of Labor Economics, Germany  
**2017 – 2022** Deputy Program Director of the special program area "Gender, Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income-Countries (G<sup>2</sup>LM|LIC)", IZA – Institute of Labor Economics, Germany  
**2017 – 2022** Senior Research Associate, IZA – Institute of Labor Economics, Germany  
**2015 – 2018** IZA Deputy Program Director of research area "Gender & Family"  
**2014 – 2017** Research Associate, IZA  
**2013 – 2014** Non-Resident Research Affiliate, IZA  
**2010 – 2014** PhD Candidate, Research Centre for Education and Labor Market (ROA), Maastricht University School of Business and Economics  
**2008 – 2010** Research Assistant, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) Assistantship Program  
**2005 – 2007** Teaching Assistant, Zagazig University, Egypt

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Econometrics, Development, Labor, Migration, and Experimental Economics

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2022 – Present                      Research Fellow, IZA- Institute of Labor Economics, Germany  
2021 – Present                      Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt  
2014 – Present                      Research Fellow, ROA – Maastricht University

## EDUCATION

2015                                      Ph.D. Economics, Maastricht University

- Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA)
- Dissertation Title: “Essays on Working Hours”
- Dutch Research Council (NWO) Funding

2010                                      M.Sc. Business Research, Maastricht University

- UM High Potential Scholarship [2008-2010]
- School of Business and Economics (SBE)
- RA for the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

2005                                      B.Sc. Commerce, Zagazig University (Egypt)

- Major: Business Administration, English Section Program
- Cumulative Grade: “Excellent with Honors”
- First place during four consecutive years [2001-2005]
- 2005 top university graduates honor by president of Egypt

## PUBLICATIONS

### A) Journal Articles

The Women Empowering Effect of Higher Education, *Journal of Development Economics*, 163, 2023 (with A. Shirshikova)

Economic Development and the Organisation of Labour: Evidence from the Jobs of the World Project, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2022, 20(6), 2226 - 2270 (with O. Bandiera, A. Heil, and A. Smurra)

Youths, Jobs and the Development of Africa, *Journal of Economic Perspective*, 2022, 36 (1), 81-100 (with O. Bandiera, A. Smurra, and C. Zipfel)

Empowering women in conservative settings: evidence from an intervention in rural Egypt, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2022, 20, 1287–1322 (with S. Namoro and R. Roushdy)

Migration Shocks and Housing: Short-Run Impact of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan, *Journal of Housing Economics*, 53, 2021, 101761 (with I. Alhawarin and R. Assaad)

Global Terror, Well-Being and Political Attitudes, *European Economic Review*, 2020, (123) 103394 (with A. Akay, and O. Bargain)

Political Change and Informality: Evidence from the Arab Spring, *Economics of Transition*, 2019, 27(1), 31-66 (with J. Wahba)

Gradual Retirement, Financial Incentives, and Labor Supply of Older Workers: Evidence from a Stated Preference Analysis, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2018, 150, 277-294 (with A. de Grip, D. Fouarge, and R. Montizaan)

Terrorism and the Integration of Muslim Immigrants, *Journal of Population Economics*, 2018, 31(1), 45-67 (with A. de Grip)

Computer Use, Job Tasks, and the Part-Time Pay Penalty, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, 2017, 55(1), 58-82 (with A. de Grip and D. Fouarge)

## **B) Books**

Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries: Challenges and Opportunities (with D. Lam), Oxford: Oxford University Press, in print, November 2021

## **C) Datasets**

Jobs of the World Database (with O. Bandiera), September 2021

## **D) Working Papers**

Overcoming Youth Unemployment in Egypt: Randomized Evaluations Showcase the Promise of Active Labor Market Programs (with A. Osman and K. Hempel), 2018

Less School (Costs), More (Female) Education? Lessons from Egypt Reducing Years of Compulsory Schooling, IZA DP No. 13402 (with O. Marie)

Terrorism, Mental Health, Risky Behaviors and Human Capital: Evidence from Iraq, ERF WP No. 1440

## **E) Book Chapters, Policy Briefs, Media & Other Publications**

Economic Development and the Organisation of Labour, (with O. Bandiera, A. Heil, and A. Smurra), VoxDev Articles, Oct. 2023

Egyptian Women in the Labor Market, Alternative Policy Solutions Podcast, August 2023

Expanding Higher Education Empowered Women in Egypt, VoxDevTalk interview, June 2023

Jobs of the World Database: A New Dataset on Labour Markets of Developing Countries, (with O. Bandiera), G<sup>2</sup>LM|LIC Policy Brief 41, 2021

Labour Market Effects of COVID-19 in Developing Countries and Policy Response, (with O. Bandiera), G<sup>2</sup>LM|LIC Synthesis Paper 12, 2021

Covid19 and the Labor Markets: Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities. *Al-Ahram Democracy* (in Arabic), 79, 55-60. July 2020

Housing and Living Conditions in Jordan, in *The Jordanian Labor Market Between Fragility and Resilience*, Caroline Krafft and Ragui Assaad (Eds.) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Empowering Young Women through Business and Vocational Training: Evidence from Rural Upper Egypt (with R. Roushdy), IFAD/ILO Impact Brief Series 10, 2018.

Informality during Political Turmoil: Evidence from the Arab Spring (with J. Wahba), the Forum Policy Portal, Feb. 2018

Policy report on “Behavioral Economics and Saudization” for the World Bank and Ministry of Labor of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, (with J. Feld), March 2012

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Impacts of Small-Scale Biogas Technology on Energy Access in Egypt: Field Experiment (with O. Deschenes, N. Pestel, M. Witte, and S. Atallah)

Job Counseling and Labor Market Outcomes: Field Experiment (with A. Osman)

Jobs, Training, and Irregular Migration: Field Experiment (with B. Crépon, D. Abdel Fattah, and J. Gazeaud)

Labor Supply Adjustments to Work-Related Stress (with T. Dohmen)

## **SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS**

Impact Evaluation of multifaceted programs on combating root causes of irregular migration, joint with B. Crépon, D. Abdel Fattah, and J. Gazeaud, EU funding (\$350,000)

Impact Evaluation on the Indirect effects of nurses training, joint with Marc Witte, Selim Gulesci, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (\$200,000)

Pilot grant on biogas technology adoption, joint with Samer Atallah, Nico Pestel, Marc Witte, Olivier Deschenes, K-CAI/ JPAL (\$70,000)

Research grant for the construction of the Jobs of the World Database, IZA/FCDO G<sup>2</sup>LM|LIC initiative 2019-2022, Joint with Oriana Bandiera (€240,000)

Impact Evaluation of the NEQDAR Program for Women Empowerment in Egypt, ILO/Taqeem, 2016-2017 (\$50,000)

RCT on the Impact of Counseling on Youth Employment, World Bank/ EU Emergency Employment Investment Project (EEIP) 2015-2018, Joint with Adam Osman (\$250,000)

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

<b>2010 – 2014</b>	Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek/ Dutch Research Council (NWO) PhD funding
<b>2008 – 2010</b>	UM High Potential Scholarship, Maastricht University
<b>2006</b>	Honor by President of Egypt, top graduates of Egyptian universities
<b>2004</b>	Traveling grant to Germany, Ministry of Youth, Egypt

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

<b>2022 – Present</b>	Economics of Poverty Alleviation, Advanced Topics in Economics, AUC school of Business
<b>2017 – 2022</b>	IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation, IZA
<b>2017 – 2022</b>	Gender Inequality and Public Policies, German Development Institute
<b>2010 – 2014</b>	Labor Economics (Master course), Maastricht University

**CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP SCIENTIFIC CO-ORGANIZATION**

<b>2024</b>	Second Annual EIL Evaluating Social Programs Course, Cairo
<b>2023</b>	G <sup>2</sup> LM LIC & BREAD Conference on Development Economics, Nairobi Partnership Development for Climate Adaptation in Arab States Conference, Cairo Evidence on Local Development in Egypt Conference, Cairo Evaluating Social Programs targeting NGOs, Cairo J-PAL@20 Ramadan Iftar, Cairo Global Evidence for Egypt Conference: Using Evidence to Inform Decision-Making, Cairo First Annual EIL Evaluating Social Programs Course, Cairo
<b>2022</b>	5th IZA/World Bank/NJD/WIDER Jobs and Development Conference, Cape Town IZA/FCDO G <sup>2</sup> LM LIC - Jobs of the World Project Launch Workshop, London IZA/FCDO Book Launch “Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries: Challenges and Opportunities”
<b>2021</b>	6th IZA/FCDO G <sup>2</sup> LM-LIC Research Conference: New Research on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, Online IZA/FCDO ONLINE Short Course on Research Skills for South Asia, Online 4th IZA/World Bank/NJD/WIDER Jobs and Development

- Conference: Building Better Jobs for the Post-Covid19 Era, Online
- 2020** IZA/FCDO ONLINE Short Course on Research Skills for Sub-Saharan Africa, Online  
5th IZA/FCDO G<sup>2</sup>LM-LIC Research Conference: New Research on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, Online  
3rd IZA/WB/NJD/WIDER Conference on Jobs and Development Conference, Online
- 2019** Labor Markets in South Asia: Evidence and Policy Lessons, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Jobs, Gender and Poverty - IZA/DFID G<sup>2</sup>LM|LIC Launch Workshop, LSE, London  
2nd IZA/World Bank/NJD Conference on Jobs and Development: Improving Jobs Outcomes in Developing Countries, WB, Washington DC  
IZA 3rd Workshop on Gender and Family Economics, Viña del Mar, Chile
- 2018** Labor Markets in Eastern Africa: Evidence and Policy Lesson, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
GLM|LIC Conference on Labor in Low-Income Countries, Michigan  
GLM|LIC session on Labor Market Policies in Developing countries in 1st IZA/World Bank/NJD Conference on Jobs and Development, Bogota, Colombia  
IZA 2nd Workshop on Gender Economics, Barnard College, New York
- 2017** IZA 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop Gender & Family Economics, Bonn

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023** WB Jobs Flagship Seminar Series (Online)/ Women's Employment Amid Austerity: A Widening Gap, Alternative Policy Solutions (Cairo) / Forecasting Healthy Futures Summit (Abu Dhabi) / Bridging Evidence and Policy (BEP) Seminar Series Launch Event: "Impact Evaluation of Social Protection Programs" (Cairo) / First Regional Meeting of Social Development Banks (Sharm El Sheikh) / Technical Workshop with the Knowledge to Policy Center at the American University of Beirut (Beirut) / Arab Foundations Forum (Cairo)/ Bridging Evidence and Policy (BEP) Seminar Series (Cairo) / ECES Seminar Series (Cairo)
- 2022** WB-MENA Seminar Series (online) / German Development conference (Stuttgart) / Society of Labor Economists Meeting –

- SOLE (Minneapolis) / IZA/FCDO G<sup>2</sup>LM|LIC - Jobs of the World Project Launch (London)
- 2021** CSAE Conference (online)/ Sawiris Foundation for Social Development Webinar/ JPAL MENA Future of work in Jordan post-Covid-19 Webinar / 25th Spring Meeting for young Economists (online)/ FCDO Webinar of Data for Development/ European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) annual conference (online) / ERF Panel Discussion on the Future of Work (online)
- 2020** ASSA 2020 Annual Meeting (San Diego) / GLAD Research Seminar (Gottingen & DENEb)/ ERF annual conference (online)/ IZA/WB/NJD/WIDER Conference (online)/ IZA-ECONtribute Human Capital Workshop (online)
- 2019** CSAE Conference (Oxford) / IZA/HSE Workshop on Skills and Preferences in Post-transition Economies (St. Petersburg)/ University of Bamberg
- 2018** Bielefeld University/ University of Sheffield/ University of Reading/ Maastricht University/ Central Bank of Turkey (Antalya)/ Labor Markets in East Africa Conference (Addis Ababa)/ IZA Workshop on education (Bonn)
- 2017** IZA Migration Meeting (Bonn)/ ERF Conference (Amman)/ IZA Labor & Development Workshop (Bonn)/ CMR-IZA Workshop (Cologne)/ ILO Seminar (Geneva)/ ERF Refugees Workshop (Cairo)
- 2016** EALE (Ghent) / IZA, OECD, World Bank, UCW Workshop (Rome)
- 2015** ERF Conference (Tunisia) / LEER Workshop (Leuven)/ LSE Labour Seminar (London)/SOLE/EALE Conference (Montreal)/ Workshop on Labor Market Dynamics in MENA (Cairo)
- 2014** EALE Conference (Ljubljana)/ DUHR Seminar (Maastricht)
- 2013** ERF Conference (Kuwait)/Migration, Global Development, New Frontiers Conference (UCL)/ IZA Summer School (Buch-Ammersee, Germany)
- 2012** BIBB/IAB Workshop (Bonn)/ DUHR Seminar (Maastricht)/ Conference Inequalities, Skills, and Globalization (Lille, France)
- 2011** INSCOPE (Twente University)/ Workshop on Skills over the Life Cycle (Maastricht)