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Education

Nov. 2019- Dec. 2023	PhD in Economics, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. <i>PhD Thesis: "Structural Change and Macroeconomic Policies in Developing Countries".</i> <i>Supervisors:</i> Mohamed Ali Marouani and Chahir Zaki. <i>Jury:</i> Rémi Bazillier (University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Roberta Gatti (World Bank), Adeel Malik (University of Oxford) and Eric Rougier (University of Bordeaux).
2011-2012	Master 2 Research (M2R) Applied Economics, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. Overall grade: "Bien", ranked among the top 1% students. <i>Dissertation: "The Effect of Competition Policy on Growth in Developing Countries".</i>
2007-2011	Bachelor of Economics, the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, the French Section, Cairo University, minor: Statistics. Overall grade: "Excellent with honors", ranked among the top 1% students. Double degree of Economics (Licence), University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Cairo University, Overall grade "Très Bien", ranked among the top 1% students.

Current Positions

Nov. 2024 to present	World Bank Economist (ET Consultant), the Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment (MTI)/Economic Policy Global Department, West Africa.
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Past Positions	
2018-2024	World Bank Consultant to the Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment (MTI)/Economic Policy Global Department, Middle East and North Africa. Egypt Team: Since April 2018 West Bank and Gaza Team: Since September 2024
2022-2024	Teaching and Research Fellow in Economics (ATER), University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Economics department UFR02, Ecole d'économie de la Sorbonne).
2021-2022	Part time Assistant Lecturer, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Economics department UFR02, Ecole d'économie de la Sorbonne).
2017-2020	Part time Assistant Lecturer, the French Section of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FESP), Cairo University.
2015-2018	Researcher, Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo, Egypt.
2014-2015	Economic Researcher, Center for Project Evaluation and Macroeconomic Analysis (PEMA), Minister's Technical Office, the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation.
2012-2014	Economic Researcher, Egyptian Competition Authority.
Qualification	
Feb 2024	French National Qualification , as Assistant Professor in Economics (valid for 4 years)
Teaching Experience	
2021-2024	The University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne <i>Tutorials (Undergraduate, in French)</i> Macroeconomics of Growth, 3 rd year, First semester (2 years) Macroeconomics, 2 nd year, First semester Open Macroeconomics, 2 nd year, Second semester (2 years) Macroeconomics: National Accounting, 1 st year, Second semester Econometrics, 3 rd year, Second semester
2017-2020	Double Degree of Economics of the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the French Section of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FESP), Cairo University (Licence Economie parcours FESP) <i>Tutorials (Undergraduate, in French)</i> National Accounting, 4 th year (4 years) International Economics, 2 nd year (3 years) Research Methods in Macroeconomics, 1 st year (3 years) Research Methods in History of Economic Thought, 1 st year (2 years)

Publication in Refereed Journal

Youssef, J. and Zaki, C. (2023) [“On the Determinants and Outcomes of IMF Loans in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Do Politics Matter?”](#), *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*, Vol. 59, Issue 9.

Conference Proceedings

Marouani, MA., Youssef, J. and Zaki, C. (2023) [“Structural Change in Developing Countries: Which Policies Matter?”](#), *Revue d'économie du développement*, special issue Vol. 31(2-3).

Working Papers

Youssef, J. and Zaki, C. (2021) [“On the Determinants and Outcomes of IMF Loans: A Political Economy Approach”](#), *ERF Working Papers Series* No. 1492.

Youssef, J. and Zaki, C. (2019) [“Between Stabilization and Allocation in the MENA Region: Are Competition Laws Helping?”](#), *ERF Working Papers Series* No. 1319.

Youssef, J. and Zaki, C. (2019) [“A Decade of Competition Policy in Arab Countries: A De Jure and De Facto Assessment”](#), *ERF Working Papers Series* No. 1301.

World Bank Reports

Al Nashar, S., El-Ashmawy, F., Youssef, J., Bedair, Y., Youssef, H., Audah, M., Kazem, A., Caillaud, F. and Kaddah, F. (2022) [“Egypt Economic Monitor: Strengthening Resilience through Fiscal and Education Sector Reforms”](#), *World Bank*, December.

Al Nashar, S., El-Ashmawy, F., Bedair, Y., Youssef, J., Dunaud, E., Hussain, M. and Alotaibi, F. (2021) [“Egypt Economic Monitor: The Far-Reaching Impact of Government Digitalization”](#), *World Bank*, December.

Al Nashar, S., El-Ashmawy, F. and Youssef, J. (2020) [“Egypt Economic Monitor – From Crisis to Economic Transformation: Unlocking Egypt’s Productivity and Job-Creation Potential”](#), *World Bank*, November.

Youssef, H., Alnashar, S., Youssef, J., Elshawarby, A. and Zaki, C. (2019) [“Egypt Economic Monitor: From Floating to Thriving - Taking Egypt’s Exports to New Levels”](#), *World Bank*, July.

Forthcoming: Egypt Country Economic Memorandum (CEM); Chad Public Finance Review (PFR); West Bank and Gaza Firm Dynamics and Macroeconomic Trends.

Other reports:

World Bank (2022) [“Egypt Public Expenditure Review for Human Development Sectors”](#)

World Bank (2020) [“Creating Markets in Egypt: Country Private Sector Diagnostics”](#)

Other internal reports and external reports on Egypt and African Sahel countries (biannual Macro Poverty Outlooks; Short-Term Risk Monitoring monthly reports and others).

Other Policy Reports

Elbadawi, I., Fallah, B., Youssef, J., Louis, M., Albinyana, R., Makdisi, S. and Tumen, S. (2019) [“Repatriation of Refugees from Arab Conflicts: Conditions, Costs and Scenarios for Reconstruction”](#), *ERF and FEMISE Euromed Report 2019*.

Galal, A., Elbadawi, I., Diwan, I., Selim, H., Tzannatos, Z. and Youssef, J. (2017) [“Economic Management under Fire: Navigating the Transition in South Med Economies”](#), *ERF and FEMISE Euromed Report 2017*.

Research Work in Progress

“Policy Determinants of Structural Change in Developing Countries” with Mohamed Ali Marouani and Chahir Zaki.

“Streamlining Development into Macroeconomic Conditions: Which Ones Induce Structural Change?”

“Macroeconomic Policies in Egypt: An Overview” with Roberta Gatti, a book chapter in the Oxford Handbook of the Egyptian Economy (Editors: Mahmoud Mohieldin, Marcelo Giugale and Racha Ramadan).

Blogs

[“On the economics and politics of IMF loans”](#), with Chahir Zaki, *The Forum*, ERF Policy Portal (September 2021).

[“Competition laws: A key role for economic growth in MENA”](#), with Chahir Zaki, *The Forum*, ERF Policy Portal (September 17, 2019).

[“A key competition law development in Egypt in 2020”](#), D’Kart Antitrust Blog (December 2020).

Honors and Grants

2023	Award of the best paper in the theme of “Structural Change, Growth and Development”, ERF 29 th Annual Conference for the paper “Which Policies Induce Structural Change in MENA? Evidence from Macro and Micro Data”
2019- 2022	Doctoral Scholarship from the French Government (French Embassy in Egypt – Institut Français d’Egypte (IFE) and Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)).
2021	The American Political Science Association (APSA) MENA Fellowship to attend the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan.
2019	Award of the best paper in the theme of “Growth, Productivity and Structural Change”, ERF 25 th Annual Conference for the paper “Between Stabilization and

Allocation in the MENA Region: Are Competition Laws Helping?”, coauthored with Chahir Zaki.

2011-2012 Eiffel Scholarship from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, full funding to pursue the master program at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Courses and Trainings	
2021	ICPSR Summer School in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, the University of Michigan.
2020	Training on “Computable General Equilibrium Models and Policy Analysis”, the Economic Research Forum (ERF).
2020	“Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Bootcamp”, the World Bank.
2019	Training on “International Future IFs Software”, Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Futures, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Egyptian Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform.
2018	Training on “Structural Change, Resource Misallocation and Growth Dynamics”, the World Bank and the Economic Research Forum (ERF).
2015	Training on “How to Write Effective Policy Briefs”, the Economic Research Forum (ERF). Training on “Writing Winning Proposals”, the Economic Research Forum (ERF).
2012	Intensive Course on “Competition Economics: Quantitative Methods for Competition Analysis”, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics.

Languages	
Arabic	Native
English	Fluent in reading, writing and speaking
French	Fluent in reading, writing and speaking

Computer Skills	
Excellent knowledge of Stata, Latex and Microsoft Office Package	
Good knowledge of E-views, GAMS and SAS	
Professional and Academic Internet Search	