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Current position

Sept. 2021 - Present	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE)
Mar. 2022 - Present	Research affiliate at IZA Institute of Labour Economics.

Education

2016-2020	Ph.D. in Economics, Universität Hamburg <i>Dissertation:</i> "Essays in the Economics of the Oil Resource Curse"
2014-2016	M.Sc. in Economics of the Middle East, Philipps Universität Marburg (Grade 1.3, outstanding achievement) <i>Exchange semester:</i> Lebanese American University (LAU), Beirut (4 months)
2012-2013	Graduate Courses in Economics, Cairo University (pre-masters)
2008-2012	B.Sc. in Economics, minor in Statistics, Cairo University (with Distinction)

Research fields

Development Economics, Labour Economics, Gender & Family Economics

Professional experience

Academic positions

Oct. 2021 - Feb. 2022	Adjunct Lecturer, Freie Universität Berlin, John F. Kennedy Institute of North American Studies, Department of Economics.
Oct. 2020 - Aug. 2021	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Freie Universität Berlin, John F. Kennedy Institute of North American Studies, Department of Economics.
Oct. 2016 - Sept. 2020	Research Associate, Universität Hamburg, Department of Economics, Chair of Methods in Economics.
Mar. 2019 - May 2019	Visiting Researcher, International Doctorate of Economic Analysis (IDEA) Programme, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. (<i>Host:</i> Prof. Dr. Hannes Mueller)

International organizations experience

May 2022 - July 2022	Short-term consultant (STC), World Bank.
Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020	Short-term consultant (STC), United Nations Economic and Social Commission to West Asia (UNESCWA).
June 2019 - Sept. 2019	Intern, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Middle East and Central Asia Department, Washington DC.

Non-academic positions

April 2014 - Oct. 2014	Economic Analyst, Macro-Fiscal Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt.
Oct. 2012 - Mar. 2014	Research Assistant and Program Manager, Freedom of Information Program, Oxifam Novib, Egypt.

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

Ishak, P. W. (2022). Murder Nature: Weather and Violent Crime in Rural Brazil. **World Development** (*forthcoming*)

Ishak, P. W., and Méon, P.-G (2020). A Resource-Rich Neighbour is a Misfortune: The Spatial Distribution of the Resource Curse in Brazil. **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, *forthcoming*

Ishak, P. W., and Farzanegan, M. R. (2021). Oil Price Shocks, Protest and the Shadow Economy: Is there a Mitigation Effect? **Economics & Politics**, *forthcoming*

Ishak, P. W., and Farzanegan, M. R. (2020). The Impact of Declining Oil Rents on Taxation: Does the Shadow Economy Matter? **Energy Economics** 92, 104925.

Ishak, P. W. (2019). Autocratic Survival Strategies: Does Oil Make a Difference? **Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy** 25(2), 1-22.

Working papers

Gradstein, M., and Ishak, P. W. (2021). We Don't Need No Education: The Effect of Natural Resource Income Shocks on Human Capital. **IZA DP No. 14004**. (*Under review*)

Gradstein, M., and Ishak, P. W. (2021). Mother Africa's Exceptionalism? Income and Fertility Redux. **IZA DP No. 15265**. (*Under review*)

Selected work in progress

Losing My Religion (or Maybe Not): Religion and Fertility Patterns in Africa (with Mark Gradstein)

Fertility Choices during Resource Booms: Evidence from Brazil (with Pierre-Guillaume Méon and Roberta Ziparo)

The Legal Origins of Fertility (with Mark Gradstein and Marc Klemp)

Policy papers

Institutions and Human Development: A panel Granger Causality Analysis. **UNESCWA, 2021** (with Klalid Abu-Ismaïl)

Healthy Life Expectancy Index reveals a regional paradox. **UNESCWA, 2021** (with Klalid Abu-Ismaïl and Oussama Safa)

Quality of Education: Measurement and Implications for Arab States. **UNESCWA, 2021** (with Klalid Abu-Ismaïl and Oussama Safa)

Environmental sustainability and human development: perspectives from the Arab region. **UNESCWA, 2021** (with Marlene Tomaszewicz and Radia Sedaoui)

Research dissemination

Ishak, P. W., and Méon, P.-G. La géographie de la malédiction des ressources naturelles vue du ciel brésilien, **The Conversation - (May 2022)**.

Ishak, P. W., and Méon, P.-G. Le retour de la malédiction des ressources naturelles?, **La Libre Eco - (March 2022)**.

Ishak, P. W., and Farzanegan, M. R. Oil price shocks, protest and the shadow economy, **ERF Policy Portal - The Forum (December 2021)**.

Ishak, P. W., and Farzanegan, M. R.. Oil Rents, Tax Revenues and the Shadow Economy: New Insights, **ERF Policy Brief No. 54 (December 2020)**.

Teaching experience

Spring 2022	Lecturer - Text Mining using R (PhD course), Aix-Marseille School of Economics
Fall 2021	Lecturer - Topics in Economic Development (Seminar– B.Sc.), FU Berlin
Spring 2021	Lecturer - Topics in Economic History (Seminar– B.Sc.), FU Berlin
Dec 2020	Lecturer - Spatial Econometrics using Stata (invited lecture course - M.Sc.), Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany - Sponsored by Deutscher Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD)
Fall 2020	Lecturer - Topics in Economic Development (Seminar– B.Sc.), FU Berlin
Fall 2019	Macroeconomics II (Tutorials– B.Sc.), Universität Hamburg
Spring 2017-2020	Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis II (Tutorials– B.Sc.), Universität Hamburg (<i>teaching language: English & German</i>)
Fall 2016-2019	Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis I (Tutorials– B.Sc.), Universität Hamburg (<i>teaching language: English & German</i>)

Selected conferences and seminars

2022	AMSE Ecolunch Seminar (Aix-Marseille School of Economics); 21st Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV) (Aix-Marseille School of Economics); European Society for Population Economics (University of Calabria).
2021	The Verein für SocialPolitik (VfS) annual meetings (Online), HiCN Annual Workshop on “Conflict, Migration, and Displacement” (University of Göttingen), Aix-Marseille School of Economics (Online), University of Stavanger (Online), Research Seminar in Economics (Freie Universität Berlin - <i>invited</i>), Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB - Online workshop), European Public Choice Society (University of Lille)
2020	The Verein für SocialPolitik (VfS) annual meetings (University of Cologne), Environmental Economics Research Network (EERN) (University of Orléans)
2019	International Monetary Fund (IMF) Research Seminar, Royal Economic Society Conference (University of Warwick)
2018	Australasian Public Choice Conference (RMIT University), Ph.D. Economics Seminar (Universität Hamburg), INFER Annual Conference (University of Göttingen), Silvaplane Workshop on Political Economy (organised by European Journal of Political Economy, Pontresina, Switzerland), Prague Conference on Political Economy (CEVRO Institute), Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship Conference (University of Münster).
2017	German-Arab Master’s Programmes (GAMP) – 10 years Anniversary (Berlin) - Poster presentation.
2016	Ph.D. Economics Seminar (Universität Hamburg)

Grants, Scholarships and Awards

2021	Economic INSIGHTS grant to organise Berlin Workshop on Empirical Public Economics at Freie Universität Berlin - funded by the Leibniz Association (10,000 Euros).
2019	Universität Hamburg travel grant (1000 Euros).
2014	Deutscher Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) - Full M.Sc. Scholarship.
2012	Certificate of Highest Academic Achievement in Economics Department, Cairo University (Ranked 4 th on class).
2011	International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) Fellowship, US Department of State, United States of America.
2008-2012	Egyptian MFK Foundation for Community Development - Full Undergraduate Scholarship.

Workshop organization

The 2022 French Stata conference in applied econometrics - Aix-Marseille School of Economics (co-organized with Timberlake Consultants.)

Academic services

Refereeing: Economics of Education Review; IZA Journal of Development and Migration; Demographic Research; Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy; Digest of Middle East Studies (DOMES); Springer Nature (book review).

Administrative: Universität Hamburg - member of the Economics department PhD program admission committee (2017-2020).

Thesis supervision: Jan-Niclas Franz Schubert (M.Sc. - FU Berlin)

Winter and Summer Schools

July 2018	Big Data for Economics, University of Barcelona.
April 2018	Event History Analysis, ECPR Winter School, Universität Bamberg.
Mar. 2017	Applied Univariate and Multivariate Time Series Analysis, Universität Hamburg.
Oct. 2016	Stochastic Dynamic Programming, Universität Hamburg.

Skills

Languages

Arabic (native), English (fluent), German (proficient), French (intermediate - *currently learning*)

Statistical Software

Stata, QGIS, R-Studio, Latex, RATS, E-views.

References

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