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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Islam Abdelbary is an Egyptian economist and an Assistant Professor of Economics at the Arab Academy for Science and Technology since 2007. He is currently the Head of academic departments and vice dean for postgraduate studies and research, beside an Economic Consultant at the United Nations.

His current research focuses on Institutional Economics, Sustainability and Economic Development. He has published books and several research papers in ranked journals on topics in development reform policy in developing countries, besides presenting numerous working papers at international conferences. Moreover, Abdelbary works as a professional analyst in research projects for the Egyptian government, the Arab League, and some European Union and World Health Organization projects. In January 2019, during the Annual Meeting of the Allied Social Sciences Associations (ASSA) in Atlanta, he was chosen to win the IbnKhalidun Prize 2019. Abdelbary also works as an independent researcher in several multi-disciplinary research projects for national and international organisations.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

A. Main Academic Degrees

- December 2015 – July 2019** – **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Economics.** *Plymouth University*. *Ph.D. Thesis: Governance and Economic Development in the Arab Region: A Global Perspective.*
- September 2008 – December 2011** – **Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Economics.** *Alexandria University*, Economics Department. *Master Thesis: The Economic Effects of Illicit Drug's Trade, with an Application on Egypt. Result: Very Good*
- September 2002 - May 2006** – **Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Economics.** *Alexandria University*, Economics Department. *Result: Very Good*

B. Academic Diplomas and Certificates

- June 2019 – August 2019** – **Academic Certificate:** Six advanced statistical and econometrics courses in the Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, *University of Michigan*.
- October 2015 – February 2016** – **Academic Certificate** “Postgraduate Certificate in Research (PG Cert)”. *Plymouth University*, Plymouth Graduate School of Management.
- January 2014 – May 2014** – **Academic Diploma** of Social Science Research Methods for Guiding Policy and Evaluation. *American University in Cairo (AUC)*, Social Research Center.
- November 2013 – December 2013** – **Academic Courses:** Survey Research Methods, Qualitative Research for Social and Behavioural Sciences. *University Pompeu Fabra*, School of Public Health, with Johns Hopkins Fall Institute for Health Policy and Medical Care, Barcelona, Spain.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Current Positions

- ⇒ **Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport (AAST)**
- ⇒ **Vice Dean for Postgraduate Studies and Scientific Research (September 2022-present)**
 - Implementing and following up the college policy for postgraduate studies and scholarships.
 - Following up on the conditions of postgraduate college students.
 - Supervising the activities and developing the capabilities of the college in scientific research.
 - Supervising the development of the research strategy and plan and developing mechanisms for its implementation at the college.
 - Supervising the units of his vice deanship
 - Carrying out the tasks assigned by the college dean.

- ⇒ **Head of Educational Departments (September 2021-present)**
 - Head of three departments (International trade - Transport operation- Supply chain management)
 - Contribute to the delivery of strategic objectives of the faculty and university.
 - Determine and implement the department's strategic operating plan.
 - Responsible for the implementation and general overview of processes within the departments to ensure educational progress.
 - Working in partnership with the Dean and other senior colleagues with the highest knowledge and understanding of the department's business.

- **Assistant Lecturer of Economics (March 2007 – December 2014)**
- **Lecturer of Economics (January 2014 – December 2016)**
- **Assistant Professor of Economics (January 2017– Present)**
 - Teaching several courses on undergraduate and postgraduate programs from theory and application perspectives (e.g., Macroeconomics, Econometrics, International Political Economics, Economic Policies, Microeconomics, Applied Economics, Development Economics, etc.).
 - Course coordinator of Economics, Jan 2012 - Present
 - Determine and order the textbooks to be used for the courses.
 - Organise arrangements for examinations and allocate the marking of the final examination.

- ⇒ **University of Plymouth (September 2019- present)**
- ⇒ **Research fellow**
 - Develop research objectives, projects and proposals, undertake research and evaluate outcomes. Plan, coordinate and implement research programmes under University strategy, policy and procedures and funder requirements.

- ⇒ **Other Academic and research positions**
 - Editor-in-chief of the "Cases on International Business Logistics in the Middle East" book with IGI Global publisher.
 - Associate editor of Arab Economic Research journal at Egyptian Knowledge Bank
 - Founder and Associate editor of International Business Logistics (IBL) Journal
 - Board member and the vice executive director of the economic research and studies centre in Alexandria university.
 - Co-editor of Handbook of Egyptian economy with Oxford University Press.

- Member of the steering committee of the 1st Business and Entrepreneurship International Conference, 2021, organised by the Arab Academy for Science and Technology (Egypt), and Modern College of Business and Science (Oman).

2. Consultation

⇒ **United Nations of Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)** (September 2020- present)

⇒ ***Economic Consultant (Regional Report: Arab Development Cooperation: Policy Actions and the Next Steps for the Doha Program of Action)***

- Undertake the support and advice in preparing reports on countries at risk in the Arab region.
- Collect, Identify, analyse and synthesise the best international practices and lessons learned from other countries to address the aid effectiveness area gaps.

⇒ **Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport (AAST)**

⇒ **Economic Researcher (January 2009– Present)**

- Monitoring the changes in the political, social, and economic environments and its effects on the business environment.
- Providing analysis of current and future Arab economies trends and financial data indicators.
- Conducting Empirical Studies in contemporary economic issues in cooperation with government bodies, regional and international organisation, such as:
 - Evaluation study of the foreign trade and exchange rate policies in Egypt (2017).
 - The Egyptian economy after the revolution of January 25. (3 Round 2011, 2013, 2016)
 - The impact of the financial world crisis on the Egyptian economy. (2009)
 - The challenges of the pharmaceutical industry in Egypt. (2010)
 - A proposal for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) to accept the Egyptian membership in Transports Internationaux Routiers "TIR" Convention (2017).
 - The crisis of strategic commodities in the Egyptian market (2009-2012).
 - Shifting food subsidies to monetary plans. (2010)
 - The barriers of the Regional Integration in the Middle East countries (2015).
 - Financing Education in private universities in Egypt (2009).
 - Taxation on tobacco in Egypt (2007)

⇒ **Freelance Consultant**

- Responsible for designing a series of training courses and workshops for governments, and research centres representatives on various topics such as:

⇒ ***Central Bureau of Statistics in Sudan***

- Designing and Conducting a Survey (2017)
- Macroeconomic modelling (2019)
- Time-series analysis (2019)

⇒ ***The Supreme Council for Planning of Oman***

- Economic analysis (2019)
- Economic and social evaluation of public projects (2020)

3. Previous Positions

⇒ **World Health Organization, Country Office in Egypt** (September 2011 – May 2014)

⇒ ***Health Economist Researcher***

- Prepared scientific studies to measure the economic burden of some illnesses on the health care system, financing, and the productivity of the Egyptian adult population.

- ⇒ **American University in Cairo** (September 2014-present)
- ⇒ **Instructor at the Social Research Center**
 - Teaching Research methodology, and Statistics for postgrad scholars as a training module to develop multidisciplinary social science research skills.
- ⇒ **Alexandria University- Faculty of Medicine** (April 2011- September 2014)
- ⇒ **Health Economist Instructor**
 - Teaching Health Economics, Economic Evaluation, Biostatistics, and Quantitative Methods for Clinical Research for postgraduate physicians.

RESEARCHES & PUBLICATIONS

A. Books

Abdelbary, Islam. 2021. [Reviving Arab Reform: Development Challenges and Opportunities](#). Bingley, England, Emerald Publishing.

Abdelbary, Islam, Sandra Haddad, and Ghada Elkady, eds. **Cases on International Business Logistics in the Middle East**. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-6684-4686-7>

B. Published Papers

- Islam Abdelbary (2023). [The Impact of Reform on the Economic Growth Trajectory of Sub-Saharan Africa](#). 3C Empresa. Investigación y pensamiento crítico, 12(1), 226-241.
- Islam Abdelbary (2023) “[From Revolutions to Institutions: The Experience of Arab Reform](#)”, International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management.
- Islam Abdelbary, Gamal Haikal & Dina Samir (2021) ‘[Lazy Banks’: the case of Egypt](#), Macroeconomics and Finance in Emerging Market Economies, DOI: 10.1080/17520843.2021.1998743
- Abdelbary, I., & Behin, J. 2018 "[Governance, Capital and Economic Growth in the Arab Region](#)." *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 73, 184-191.
- Abdelbary, I. 2018. "[Governance Matters and Economic Growth: Beyond the Egyptian Revolution](#)" *Theoretical Economics Letters* Vol. 8 no. 4: 741-54.
- Abdelbary, I., & Behin, J., 2018. "[What Makes Arab Economies Fail? An Assessment of the Complementary Relationship between Socioeconomic Reforms and Institutions](#)" *Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economies*. Vol. 20, no. 1.

Manuscripts under review:

- “Does Economic Sanctions Tool Matter in Foreign policy? A case study on the Iran-West Conflict”,

C. Book Chapters

- Abdelbary, Islam, and Rasha Hassan Elshawa. "[The Role of Logistics Operations in Humanitarian Aids: Lessons Learned From the Syria Crisis](#)." In Cases on International Business Logistics in the Middle East, edited by Islam Abdelbary, Sandra Haddad, and Ghada Elkady, 205-229. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-6684-4686-7.ch011>
- Elgarhy, Aya, Islam Abdelbary, and Remonda Ashraf. "[The Role of Entrepreneurial Thinking in Promoting Supply Chain Performance: A Case Study of Egyptian Startups](#)." In Cases on International Business Logistics in the Middle East, edited by Islam Abdelbary, Sandra Haddad, and Ghada Elkady, 158-185. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-6684-4686-7.ch009>

- Haikal, Gamal, Islam Abdelbary, and Karim Soliman. "Investigating the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Supply Chain Performance: A Case Study on Ghazala Steel Fabrication, Steel Industry." In *Cases on International Business Logistics in the Middle East*, edited by Islam Abdelbary, Sandra Haddad, and Ghada Elkady, 143-156. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-6684-4686-7.ch008>
- Abdelbary, Islam, and James K. A. Benhin. "Political Governance and Sustainable Development: The Role of Theory." In *Impacts of Political Instability on Economics in the MENA Region*, edited by Philippe W. Zgheib, 1-46. 1st ed. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-5225-8247-2.ch002>
- Abdelbary, Islam, and James K. A. Benhin. "Governance and Economic Growth in the Arab Region." In *Impacts of Political Instability on Economics in the MENA Region*, edited by Philippe W. Zgheib, 31-60. 1st ed. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-5225-8247-2.ch004>.
- Abdelbary, Islam, and James K. A. Benhin. "The Economic Reform and Political Transition: Potential and Challenges of Arab Development." In *Impacts of Political Instability on Economics in the MENA Region*, edited by Philippe W. Zgheib, 87-126. 1st ed. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-5225-8247-2.ch006>.

D. Conference Proceedings and Working Papers (selected)

- Barakat.M, Ali.A, Abdelbary, I. & Hsroun.M "The impact of supply chain integration on operational performance through resilience under COVID 19 pandemic" the 8th edition of the International Conference on Advanced Materials and Systems (ICAMS 2020), October 2020.
- Abdelbary, I." Institutions Reform and Economic Challenges: The story beyond the Arab Spring", the fifth MENA Workshop of American Political Science Association (APSA), January 28 to February 1, 2019, Tunis, Tunisia.
- Abdelbary, I., & Behin, J." From Revolutions to Institutions: The Experience of Arab Reform and Economic Growth" the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) meeting, in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. January 4 - 6, 2019
- Islam Abdelbary. "The Experience of Arab Economic Growth" the 3rd conference of the Economics of the Middle East, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France, Nov 5-7, 2018.
- Abdelbary, I., & Behin, J." Imperfect reform: Potentials and challenges of Arab Development", the 13th Annual University of Plymouth Faculty of Business Doctoral Conference (UPFoBDC), June 25-26, 2018.
- Abdelbary, I., Institutions and the Challenge of Socioeconomic Development in the Islamic world, the 12th Annual *Plymouth Doctoral Colloquium (UKPDC)*, Plymouth University's, June 5-6, 2017.
- Abdelbary, I., & Behin, J. "Reform Complementarities and Inclusive Growth: An Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa in Comparison with the Developing World", CSAE Conference 2017: Economic Development in Africa, St Catherine's College, University of Oxford, UK, March 19-21, 2017.
- Abdelbary, I., & Behin, J., What makes Arab economies fail? An assessment of the complementary relationship between socioeconomic reforms and Institutions, the 16th Annual International Conference of Middle East Economic Association 2017, and TED University Trade Research Center in Ankara, Turkey, May 18-20,2017.
- Abdelbary, I., & Behin, J., The effect of economic reform programs on Arab Economies Development from 1995 to 2014, the 15th Annual International Conference of Middle East Economic Association 2016, and The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DI) - Qatar, March 23-26, 2016.
- Abdelbary, I., & Behin, J., "Economic Growth in Arab Countries: New Evidence from a panel data approach", 1st Conference of Future University in Egypt (FUE) in collaboration with the University of Central Florida (UCF), International Conference on Middle East Strategic Landscape, Cairo- Egypt, September 12-14, 2015.

- Abdelbary, I., *Factors that affect smoking phenomenon: A case study in Alexandria*, Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) 17TH annual conferences, Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, POS1-48, P.53, 16-19 February 2011.
- Mohieldin M., Hanfy K. M. and Abdelbary, I., *The global monetary system after the global crisis (Arab vision)*, Arab Economic Association, the Tenth Scientific Conference, Beirut, 18 - 19 December 2009.

E. Technical reports (selected)

- UNESCWA. 2021 "Arab LDCs: Development Challenges and Opportunities." In Governance and Conflict Prevention, 125. Beirut, Lebanon: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.
- Abdel-Wahab, M., Abdelbary, I., Dewedar, S., and Nabih, D., The Health Cost of Tobacco: New Evidence from Egypt, The WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Final Report, December 2014.
- Abdelbary, I., "The Effect of the Foreign Direct Investment in Egyptian development ", Leadership Management Development Centre, the Ministry of Investment, The first prize, Egypt, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING (SELECTED)

- Supporting Assessment, Learning and Teaching (SALT) workshop. **Plymouth University**, workshop aims to help participants develop practical skills in supporting learning and teaching and giving feedback to students, 5-7 July 2017.
- Panel data analysis. **University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics** with Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (Cemmap), 23 to 28 May 2017.
- The Quality Assurance Higher education system in the UK. **Cardiff Metropolitan University** of the policy and the requirements of The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) such as the assessment, types of questions used and feedback and verification, 20 to 21 October 2016.
- Building a reputation as a researcher", the **University of the West of England, Plymouth University and Bath Spa University**, June 2016.
- Panel/Longitudinal data analysis, and Fixed effects treatment of panel data. **University College London (UCL)**, School of Economics with Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (Cemmap), 03 to 09 November 2015.
- The Vitae Researcher Development Framework (50 sessions structured into four domains covering the knowledge, behaviours and attributes of researchers), **Plymouth University**, January 2015 to March 2019.
- From the World Health Organization (WHO)
 - Health Economics and Health cost of tobacco, July 2011
 - The Economics of Tobacco, December 2009
 - Health economic policies, June 2009
- From the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union): "International Public Administration Certificate"
 - Leadership and General Management, February 2008
 - Budget Management and Financial Reporting, April 2008
 - Human Resources Management, June 2008
 - Management for Managers, January 2009

AWARDS

- **January 2019**, The winner of the **Ibn Khaldun Prize** from the Middle East Economic Association for 2019.

- **June 2018, The Best paper presented** at the 13th Annual University of Plymouth Faculty of Business Doctoral Conference (UPFoBDC), June 25-26, 2018, from the Postgraduate Society of Plymouth University.
- **June 2017, The Second-best presentation** from the Postgraduate Society of Plymouth University under the theme “Institutions, Development and Prosperity: Cases and Lessons learned”.
- **July ,2005, “The Best Scientific Research** paper in Egyptian Universities competition” from National Centre for Social Researches "Economics of Drugs".

GRANTS (SELECTED)

- **April 2019, Grant** from the University of Michigan, and American Political Science Association (APSA) to participate in the Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (ICPSR) June-July 2019.
- **August 2018, Grant** from Economic Reform forum (ERF) to participate in the 39th Annual International Conference of American Economic Association in Atlanta, GA January 4-7, 2018.
- **May 2018, Grant** from Panthéon-Sorbonne to participate in the 3rd conference of the Economics of the Middle East in Paris Nov 5-7, 2018.
- **May 2018, Grant** from the American Political Science Association (APSA) as a fellow member during the workshop of Building political institutions on September 24-28; Rabat, Morocco.
- **October 2015, Grant** from Microdata Methods and Practice (cemmap) to attend the academic course “Panel/Longitudinal data analysis” in the University *College London (UCL)*.
- **January 2016, Grant** from Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DI) to participate in the 15th Annual International Conference of Middle East Economic Association, March 23-26, 2016.
- **January 2014: Scholarship** from The American University in Cairo (AUC), to study Research Methods Certificate under the title “Social Science Research Methods for Guiding Policy and Evaluation” from January 12th to 3rd of April, 2014.
- **August 2013: Scholarship** from The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, and University Pompeu Fabra to study in the Fall Institute in Barcelona, from the 11th to the 30th of November 2013.
- **March 2010: Global Tobacco Control Scholarship Program** from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

WORK-RELATED SKILLS

A. Languages

- **Arabic:** Native (Mother language)
- **English:** Excellent Spoken and Written

B. Computer Literacy

- ⇒ Proficient in All Microsoft Office package, Including “**MS Project**” and “**Visio**”.
- ⇒ Expert user in several Statistical and Econometrics software (**Stata, EViews, R, SPSS, and Minitab**).
- ⇒ Proficient in using Census and Survey Processing System software “**CSPRO**” and “**Epi Info**”.
- ⇒ Skilled in geographic information system software (**ArcGIS and DevInfo**), as well as qualitative data analysis software “**NVivo**”.