


# MOHAMMAD ALASADI

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An experienced research economist and development expert with extensive expertise in areas of FDI, development finance, and public finance, particularly in conflict-affected countries. Having a strong capability to apply economic theory to practical situations, can conduct complex research projects using advanced qualitative and quantitative approaches.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**The Syrian Center for Policy Research, Vienna – Austria**

**Nov 2022 – present**

*Research Economist*

- Technical management of socioeconomic research through developing research topics and methodologies, collecting and analyzing data, and writing background papers.
- Monitoring and analyzing economic datasets and development indicators, including preparing situation reports.
- Contributing to improving research and analysis methods and providing new ways to present concepts.

**Independent Economic Researcher & Consultant**

**Aug 2020 – present**

Conducting high quality research and consultancy assignments in areas related to economic development and macroeconomic analysis for different research institutions and international development organizations. Relevant projects:

- Research project: Green Export-led Growth (MENA region, 2022).
- Economic consultancy: Syria Economic Revival (UN-ESCWA 2021-2022).
- Debt and Public Finance in post-conflict Syria (UN-ESCWA 2020).

**United Nations – ESCWA, Syria – Lebanon**

**Nov 2013 – Mar 2016**

*Research Economist / Macroeconomic Consultant*

- Co-designing a macro-fiscal model for the Syrian economy to simulate the impact of selected conflict-related economic policies and interventions on the economy.
- Producing research-based reports and background papers on the socio-economic landscape in Syria.

**Syrian Bureau for Development & Investment, Syria**

**Nov 2011 – Oct 2013**

*Research Economist*

- Conducting economic research covering various areas of the Syrian economy, including FDI in Syria, cost of living in metropolitan areas, industrial cities' role in post-conflict reconstruction.

**Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Syria**

**Nov 2010 – Jun 2011**

*Research Assistant*

- Providing administrative support to Economic Reform Program in Syria.
- Contributing to research on the socio-economic developments in Syria.

## EDUCATION

***PhD in International Development Studies*** | Ruhr University Bochum, Germany 2015 - 2020

**Institution:** Institute of Development Research and Development Policy (IEE).

**Research Interests:** economic recovery, fiscal sustainability, public finance.

**Research Technical Skills:** Panel data analysis, macro-fiscal modeling, applied and empirical macroeconomics.

***M.A. Economic Change in the Arab Region*** | Marburg University, Germany 2009 - 2011

**Key courses:** Development Economics, Economics of MENA Region, Economic Problems in the Arab Region, International Macroeconomics and Finance, Islamic Economics and Finance, Microeconomics, Cost-benefit Analysis, New Public Management.

***BSc. in Economics*** | Damascus University, Syria 2001 - 2006

## CORE SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

### *Technical and analytical skills*

- Strong command of quantitative research and analytical methods, gained through professional training and hands-on experience.
- Experience of handling large datasets using different statistical and data analysis packages (Excel, SPSS, STATA, Tableau).
- High ability to apply economic theory to practical situations.
- Advanced planning and organization competences.

### *Project management*

- Crafting and implementing research and consulting projects, both for private and public sector institutions.
- Working effectively on multiple projects, adjusting priorities as required.
- Working flexibly within dynamic time and resource restrictions, meeting tight deadlines.
- Capability to work within a team or independently.

### *Communication and social skills*

- Preparing and presenting written and verbal communications for use with audience from different levels, including academics, senior management, and policy makers.
- Good ability to adapt to multicultural environments.

### *Languages*

***Arabic:*** Native speaker

***English:*** Proficient user

***German:*** Advanced user

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### *Professional training and courses*

- Program design, monitoring, and evaluation. The United States Institute of Peace, online 2022.
- Humanitarian response to conflict and disaster. Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, online 2020.
- EU budget support to partner countries. EU International Partnership Academy, online 2019.
- Projects and proposals in development cooperation. Duisburg-Essen University, Germany 2018.
- Leadership for Syria, democracy, and economic policy. Konstanz University, Germany 2017.
- Evaluation and evidence-based policy making for global development. Bonn, Germany 2016.

### *Conferences, summer schools, and workshops*

- Doha Institute for Graduate Studies annual conference, Online 2020.
- Knowledge economy, digital economy, and development issues. Arab Planning Institute, 2020.
- STATA econometrics winter school. University of Porto, Portugal, Jan 2019.
- Political economy of post-conflict Syria expert meeting. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Berlin, 2018.
- The 25th international congress of the German Working Group of the Middle East (DAVO). Frankfurt, 2018.
- Forced displacement, regional politics, and the Middle East. PhD Summer School, Lebanese American University, Lebanon, 2016.

### *Publications*

- Dahi, Omar; Mohammad Al-Asadi. 2022. Syria: State of the Economy in 2022. The Middle East and North Africa 2023. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group. London, UK.
- Al-Asadi, Mohammad. 2021. Financing recovery in conflict-affected countries: financing resources and fiscal sustainability. Ruhr University Bochum. Ph.D. Thesis.
- Al-Asadi, Mohammad. 2021. Financing Resources for Reconstruction in Severely Conflict-affected Countries. Review of Middle East Economics and Finance 17, no. 1 (2021): 1-25.
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia UN-ESCWA. 2016. Syria at War: Five Years On. A co-authored report on the ramifications of war in Syria.

### *Current Volunteering Activities*

Academic Advisor, Deutsch-Syrische Forschungsgesellschaft e.V. [www.ds-fg.com](http://www.ds-fg.com)