

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **EDUCATION**

George Mason University, Virginia, USA May 2002

**B.Sc.: Decision Science and Management Information Systems**

American University, Washington D.C., USA December 2006

**M.A.: Economics**

University of Southampton, Southampton, United Kingdom March 2014

**PhD in Economics**

**Title: Essays on Trade Integration among GCC Countries**

**Supervisor: Professor J.Y. Pitarakis**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Techno-Economics Division 2002-2006

**Research Assistant**

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Techno-Economics Division 2007-2013

**Research Associate**

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Techno-Economics Division 2014-Present

**Associate Research Scientist**

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Techno-Economics Division 2019-Present

**Acting Manager, Economic Public Policy Program**

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Empirical Macro-econometrics, empirical Micro-econometrics, Public Policy, International Trade, Energy Economics, Health Economics, Feasibility Studies.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Final and Technical Reports:**

N. Al-Musallam, M. A. Chemingui, M. Hajeesh, A. Alawadhi, Developing quantitative planning tools. A detailed specification of the standard static computable general equilibrium model for Kuwait, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Technical Report 7282, 2005.

S. Hamada, M.A. Chemingui, M. Hajeesh, A. Alawadhi, Financial liberalization and prospects of mergers and consolidations in the Kuwaiti banking sector. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Technical Report 7070, 2005.

N. Burney, Z. Mahmood, M. Hajeesh, A. Alawadhi, s. Al-Fulaij, W. Awadh, B. Dashti, Developing quantitative planning tools. Macro-econometric model, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Technical Report 7430, 2006.

N. Burney, K. Mohaddes and A. Alawadhi. Kuwait's Macroeconomic Performance in the Global Context, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report 13814, 2016.

N. A. Burney, A. Alawadhi, A. Gelan, S. Al-Fulaij, N. Al-Musallam, W. Awadh, A. Al-Khayat, and M. Al-Musallam. Households' Conservation Behavior: a Case of Electricity and Water Demand in Kuwait. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report 14251, 2017.

A. Gelan, J. Beutel, G.J.D Hewings and A. Alawadhi. A Methodology for Compiling Supply, Use and IoTs for Kuwait. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Technical Report 14445, 2017.

Alawadhi, A. Alwuhaib, K. and M. Al-Musallam. Economic Policy Reforms in Kuwait: An Implementation Plan Based on Past Strategies. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report 1516, 2018.

A. Gelan, A. Alawadhi, S. Al-Fulaij, N. Al-Musallam, N. Abdulmalek, M. Al-Musallam, W. Awadh, S. Al-Shamali, M. Al-Asfor, A. Naseeb, W. Behbehani, A. Al-Khayat, B. Dashti, M. Behbehani and K. Al-Wuhaib. Designing and Constructing a Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) for the State of Kuwait. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report 15132, 2018.

Salih, S., Arman, H., and A. Alawadhi. Upgrading The Implementable Innovation Roadmap for Improving Kuwait's Global Competitiveness, Improving Kuwait's Global Competitiveness: Phase II. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report 15017, 2018.

Al-Musallam, M., Al-Enzi, M. Al-Enzi, A., Al-Qattan, E., Alawadhi, A., Al-Khyat, A., Al-Asfoor, M. and S. AlShamali. Bribery Crimes and its Spread in Kuwait. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report 15232, 2019.

A. Gelan and A. Alawadhi. Energy Subsidy and Price Reform in Kuwait: An Assessment Using a Computable General Equilibrium Model. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report, 2019

A. Gelan, G. Atkinson, and A. Alawadhi. Examining and Informing Public Policy to Meet the Challenge of Global Warming in Kuwait. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report, 2020

S. Salih, H. Arman, A. Al-Awadhi and M. Bu Hamad. The Revised Implementable Innovation Roadmap for Improving Kuwait's Global Competitiveness Path (Taziz Program): Phase III. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report, 2020.

H. Arman, M. Ramadhan, A. Al-Awadhi, S. Al-Fulaij and M. Alali. Selecting Alternative Policies to Support SMEs in the Struggle Due to Covid-19. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report, 2020.

S. Al-Qudsi and others (including A. Alawadhi). The 2020 Coronavirus Outbreak and Global Growth and Trade Collapse: Impact on Kuwait's Overall Economy and Society, Its Sectors and Business Firms and Vital Fiscal Recovery Plan. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report, 2021.

S. Al-Qudsi and others (including A. Alawadhi). Productivity and Economic Growth: Anchors of the Envisioned Kuwaiti Economy 2035. Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Final Report, 2023.

#### **Refereed Journal Articles:**

1. Alawadhi, A., Mohaddes, K., Al-Khayat, A. and Burney, N., 2018. Kuwait's Macroeconomic Performance in the Global Context. *Arab Journal for Administrative Sciences*, 25(1), pp. 93-119.
2. Burney, N. Mohaddes, K., Alawadhi, A. and Al-Musallam, M., 2018. The Dynamics and Determinants of Kuwait's Long-run Economic Growth. *Economic Modelling*, 71(1), pp. 289-304.
3. Alawadhi, A., Al-Shammari, N., and Alshuwaiee, W., 2021. Effects of the EU-GCC Economic Agreement on the Margins of Trade. *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*, 57(8) pp. 2370-2388.
4. Alawadhi, A., Burney, N.A., Gelan, A., Al-Fulaij, S., Al-Musallam, N. and Awadh, W., 2021. The Effect of Conservation on Residential Fresh Water Consumption: Evidence from Kuwait. *Economia Internazionale/International Economics*, 74(1), pp.47-82.
5. Gelan, A., Hewings, G.J. and Alawadhi, A., 2021. Diversifying a resource-dependent economy: private-public relationships in the Kuwaiti economy. *Journal of Economic Structures*, 10(1), pp.1-22.
6. Alawadhi, A., Burney, N., Gelan, A., Al-Fulaij, S., Al-Musallam, N. and Awadh, W., 2022. The effect of conservation on residential electricity consumption: evidence from Kuwait. *International Review of Applied Economics*, 36(4), pp.589-607.
7. Al-Fulaij, S., Al-Qudsi, S., Arman, S., and Alawadhi, A., 2022. The Potential Role of Exports-Imports in Income Diversification and Sustainable Development in Kuwait. *Arab Journal for Administrative Sciences*, 29(1), pp. 169-200.

8. Gelan, A.U., Al-Qudsi, S. and Alawadhi, A., 2023. Simulating policy responses to multiple economic shocks: An experiment with combined impacts of COVID-19 and oil price crash on Kuwait. *OPEC Energy Review*, 47(3), pp.197-215.
9. Alawadhi, A., Alali, M., Al-Fulaij, S., Behbahani, W., Al-Musallam, M., Al-Qudsi, S., 2023. COVID-19 Shock 2020: Impact on Foreign and Kuwaiti Workers and Contrasts with Employment, Earnings and Consumption During Normal Times. With Mohammad Alali, Shaikha Al-Fulaij, Weam, Marwa Al-Musallam and Sulayman Al-Qudsi. *Middle East Development Journal*. 15(2), pp.222-240.
10. Burney, N.A., Alawadhi, A.S., Gelan, A., Al-Fulaij, S., Al-Khayat, A. and Al-Musallam, M., 2024. Water conservation behaviour: evidence from Kuwait. *International Journal of Environmental Studies*, 81(3), pp.1005-1024.
11. Arman, H., Al-Fulaij, S., Al-Qudsi, S., Alawadhi, A., and AlAli, M., 2024. COVID-19 Effect on Accelerating Technology and Innovation in Businesses. *Organizations and Markets in Emerging Economies*. 15(1(30)), pp.27-50
12. Alawadhi, A., Salih, S., Aljaber, A., and Al-Qudsi, S. 2024. Determinants of Kuwait Long Run and Short Run Economic Growth. *OPEC Energy Review*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/opec.12304>
13. Electricity Conservation Behavior: Evidence from Kuwait. with N. Burney, A. Gelan, S. Al-Fulaij, M. Al-Musallam and A. Al-Khayat. (Forthcoming, *Journal of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies*).

#### **Book Chapters:**

Gelan, A.U. and Alawadhi, A., 2022. Distributional Effects of Reduction in Energy Subsidy: Evidence from Kuwait. In *Handbook of Research on Energy and Environmental Finance 4.0* (pp. 102-143). IGI Global.

#### **PRESENTATIONS and CONFERNCES**

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Society for New Economists Conference, 4-5 September 2014, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland. Presentation: The Effect of GCC FTA on Aggregate Trade among GCC Countries, What Does Gravity Tell Us?

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Techno-economics Department Workshop, Macroeconomic Models for Economic Planning and Policy Reforms, October 12, 2015. Presentation: Kuwait's Economic Outlook: Policy Options under Low Oil Prices.

Oil, Middle East, and the Global Economy Conference 1-2, April 2016, Institute for New Economic Thinking/University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA. Presentation: Declining Oil Prices and Kuwait's Economic Performance (with Nadeem Burney and Sean Holly).

Seventh Gulf Research Meeting, 16-19 August 2016, Gulf Research Center Cambridge (GRRCC), Challenges Facing GCC Oil and Gas Exports workshop, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. Presentation: Upgrading Refinery Capacity in Kuwait: An Assessment of Effectiveness of the Plan to Counter Effects of Fluctuations in Oil Prices.

Gelan, A., Al-Qudsi, S. and Alawadhi, A., 2021. The Double Whammy on the Kuwaiti Economy, Macroeconomic Effects of the Coronavirus and Oil Price Shocks. Economic Research Forum (ERF) Conference paper: The GCC Economies in the Wake of COVID19: Charting the Road to Recovery and Resilience. February 2021.

Al-Qudsi, S. and Alawadhi, A. Hajeeh, M., Al-Fulaij, S., Al-Musallm, M., and Behbehani, W. 2023. Economic Policy and the Stunted Development of Kuwait's Private Sector: Evidence Based on Stochastic Frontier Panel Model of Firm-level Technical Efficiency Estimates. GCC Economies in an Era of Energy Transition – Third ERF GCC Conference.

Alawadhi, A., Salih, S., and Aljaber, A. 2023. Kuwait Long Run Energy-Based Economic Growth and Needed Policy Reversals for Successful Transition to Sustainable Growth. GCC Economies in an Era of Energy Transition – Third ERF GCC Conference.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **Research Papers:**

Exports Diversification, Technological Innovation and Economic Growth: Evidence from Panel Data. With S. Al-Qudsi, H. Arman and S. Al-Fulaij. (Under Review).

## **COMMITTEES**

Central Statistical Bureau, Kuwait

April 2018- March 2019

**Work Team to Monitor and Evaluate the Decisions and Recommendations of the Higher National Committee to Study and Remedy Population Structure Imbalances in the State of Kuwait**

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Shuwaikh, Kuwait

August 2015- June 2017

**Performance Evaluation Appeals Committee**

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Shuwaikh, Kuwait

April 2015- October 2015

**Organizational Committee for Techno-Economics Workshop:**  
Macroeconomic Models for Economic Planning and Policy Reforms

Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Shuwaikh, Kuwait

April 2015- October 2015

**Scientific Committee for Techno-Economics Workshop:**  
Macroeconomic Models for Economic Planning and Policy Reform

## **Skills:**

### **Computer Software/Packages:**

STATA, E-VIEWS, MICROFIT, EXCELL, WORD, POWERPOINT, ENDNOTE and REFWORKS.

### **Languages:**

Arabic (Native), English (Proficient).