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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
- Senior Economist at International Monetary Fund, Middle East Center for Economics and Finance based in Kuwait since April 2014
- Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace - Middle East Center in Beirut from July 2009 to March 2014
- Full professor of Economics at National Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics (INSEA), Rabat Morocco from December 2004 to June 2009 (Head of the department of Economics and Finance from November 2007 to June 2009)
- Researcher in Economics at the Department of Applied Economics (DULBEA, University of Brussels) from September 1997 to June 2001 (on leave from INSEA)

EDUCATION
- PhD in Economics from Free University of Brussels, Belgium, May 2001
  Dissertation Title: Exchange Rate Management and Macroeconomic Fundamentals: an empirical investigation
- (Double) Master in Econometrics from Free University of Brussels, Belgium, June 1998
- Bachelor in Statistics from INSEA, National Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics, June 1987
- High education certificate (Baccalaureate), Agadir, Morocco, May 1983,
OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Research Associate** at the Department of Applied Economics of Free University of Brussels (DULBEA) since September 2001
- **Research Fellow** at the Economic Research Forum (ERF) since October 2002
- **Member of the board** of the Mediterranean Forum for Economic Institutes (FEMISE) From 2011 till 2014.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

a) Articles published in referred international academic journals

- “Decentralization and Regional Economic Performance in Morocco” joint with Khalid Sekkat, *Frontier in Science and Engineering*, (October 2014)
- “Corporate capital structure choices in MENA: Empirical evidence from non listed firms in Morocco”, *Middle East Development Journal* (December 2009)

b) Books and book chapters

- Inflation Targeting in MENA countries: An unfinished Journey (Joint chapter with Dr Adel Boughrara), *Palgrave Macmillan* 2011
Market Dynamics and Productivity in Developing countries (Joint chapter with Dr Khalid Sekkat), Springer Editions, 2010


Competition and Efficiency in the Arab World (Joint chapter with Dr Khalid Sekkat), Palgrave Macmillan, 2008

L’Economie Marocaine en Questions (Joint book with Dr Khalid Sekkat), Editions l’Harmattan, 2007


Globalization, Employment and Income Distribution in Developing Countries” (Joint chapter with Dr Khalid Sekkat), Palgrave Macmillan, 2006

The Impact of Financial Liberalization on Saving and Investment in MENA Countries” Routledge, Collection Research in Middle East Economics (Volume 6, chapter 4), 2005

Marché du Travail et Genre Maghreb-Europe, Editions DULBEA (co-edited book), 2004


c) Other published research


“Why Did Protests in Algeria Fail to Gain Momentum”, Foreign Policy, March (2011).


d) Working papers

“Structural transformation and industrial policy in Morocco”, Economic Research Forum working paper (n° 796/2013).


d) List of journals and editors for which I acted as referee

- Review of Development Economics
- Journal of Comparative Economics
- Journal of International Development
- World Economy
- Eastern Economic Journal
- Applied Economics
- Middle East Development Journal
- Empirica
- Open Economics Journal
- International Journal of Emerging Markets
- Brussels economic review
- World Bank
- Oxford University Press
- Canadian Journal “Actualités Economiques”
- French Journal Revue d’Économie internationale

e) Policy-oriented research and reports (2006-2013)

- “Decentralization and Economic Performance in Selected South Mediterranean Countries, Report for the European Union” (Femise Network), (April 2013)
- “Access to finance by Morocco’s SMES: Diagnostics and policy recommendations”, Report for UNCTAD (October 2009)
- “Morocco’s Free Trade Agreement with the United States: State of Regulation, Opportunities and Threats in Services”, Report for the Moroccan Business Association (December 2007)
- “Liberalization of trade in services and European Neighborhood policy”, Report for the World Bank, (March 2007)
CONSULTANCY POSITIONS
Various short term consultancy positions with international organizations among which:
- The World Bank
- The United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- The International Labor Organization (ILO)
- The Canadian International Development Research Center (IDRC)
- The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- The United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- The Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
- The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- The British Department for International Development (DFID)
- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

CONFERENCES AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (2010-2014)
- May 2016: “The Path to Economic Diversification in Kuwait and other GCC Countries” joint symposium by the CEF and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), Kuwait.
- April 2016: “Social Safety nets and Labor market Policies in the MENA region” panel discussion organized by the World Bank, Kuwait.
- November 2014: “Reforming the education system in the Arab world with the view of enhancing employability of outcomes”, International Expert meeting organized by and Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and the World Bank, Kuwait.
- June 2014: “The Future of Arab Youth” Expert meeting organized by Silathach at the SOAS, University of London, UK.
- June 2013: “Transition and Gender Equality in Arab Countries”, Meeting organized by Carnegie Middle East Center, Rabat, Morocco.
June 2013: “Rethinking Economic Growth in Arab countries: Towards more productive and inclusive societies” Workshop co-organized by Carnegie Middle East Center, UNDP and ILO, Beirut, Lebanon.

May 2013: “Persistent Challenges to Sustained prosperity in the Arab Region” UNIDO meeting, Amman, Jordan


April 2012: Conference of the International Competition Network, Rio, Brazil

January 2012: Islamic Development Bank workshop on Inclusive Development, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

January 2012: Wilton Park conference on Future trends and challenges for the MENA region” Sussex, UK

December 2011: Conference on Inclusive Growth, organized by IDRC (Canada), in New Delhi, India

October 2011: Workshop on the Political Economy Analysis for Development, UNDP, Cairo, Egypt

September 2011: War and Turmoil: The Challenges of Rebuilding Libya, Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut, Lebanon

September 2011: Workshop on the economics of the Arab Spring. Chatham House, London

September 2011: Deauville Partnership of the leading Mediterranean Economists, Marseille, France

July 2011: Conference on Tunisia’s Short and Medium Term challenges, Tunis, Tunisia

March 2010: Workshop on research issues at firm level in the MENA region, EEF Forum, Cairo, Egypt.

September 2010: Conference co-organized by Carnegie and Morocco’s institute for international relations on the Experience of Poverty Reduction in Morocco: Forces, Limits and Strategic Options, Casablanca, Morocco.

July 2010: Conference on poverty reduction in the Arab World, contrasting three experiences: Egypt, Morocco and Syria.

March 2010: Workshop on research issues at the firm level in the MENA region, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.


SELECTED ARTICLES IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS

- Lack of support to ”Arab uprisings” may be costly! Les Echos, July 31, 2013.
- Moroccan Youth Struggle to find employment opportunities, Middle East Al Monitor, July 1, 2013
- Excessive centralization widens regional disparities in Arab countries, Al Hayat (London-based Arabic Newspaper), May 14, 2013.
- Algeria Held back by corruption and poor planning, Middle East Al Monitor, April 16, 2013.
- Morocco’s Gender-Equality Laws fail to improve situation, Middle East Al Monitor, April 5, 2013.
- The economic consequences of Syria's social unrest, (Los Angeles Times, August 17, 2011)
- Algeria: Postponing Economic Therapy is Playing with Fire (LA Times, July 18, 2011)
- Egypt: Foreign Debt Constrains Economic Choices (LA Times, June 5, 2011)
- Tunisia: Unemployment crisis and protests (LA Times, December 27, 2010)
- Egypt: Policymakers ignore increasingly disaffected youth (LA Times, December 26, 2010)
- The uncertain future of economic reforms in Egypt (Al Ahram, December 23, 2010)
- Egypt: economy haunted by inflation, unemployment and corruption (LA Times, December 18, 2010)

LANGUAGES
- Proficiency level in Arabic, English and French
- Intermediate level in Spanish

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES
- Radio and TV interviews on various economic and political economy issues: BBC radio, Russian radio (RIA), French Radio (RFI), Moroccan Radios (Med1, RTM, Atlantic, Aswat), Tunisia Radio (Radio FM), Aljazeera TV (Arabic and English), France 24 (Arabic, French and English), Chinese TV (CCTV), Lebanese Future TV, Al Hurra, Moroccan TV (2M).