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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current Employment

2025-current : *Associate Dean*, Adnan Kassar School of Business, Lebanese American University
2023-current : *Professor of Economics*, Department of Economics, Lebanese American University

Current Affiliations

2021-current : *Fellow*, Economic Research Forum (ERF)
2018-current : *Fellow*, IZA Institute of Labor Economics
2018-current : *Fellow*, Global Labor Organization (GLO)
2018-current : *Fellow*, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Analysis on Organizations (CIRANO)

Board Members

2026-current : *Board Member*, Middle East Economic Association (MEEA)
2026-current : *Advisory Committee Member*, Economic Research Forum (ERF)

Past Employment

2022-2025 : *Chair*, Department of Economics, Lebanese American University
2025 (July-August): *Visiting Professor*, Department of Economics, Concordia University, Canada
2019-2022 : *Associate Chair*, Department of Economics, Lebanese American University
2017-2023 : *Associate Professor of Economics* (with tenure), Department of Economics, Lebanese American University
2011-2017 : *Assistant Professor of Economics*, Department of Economics, Lebanese American University
2012-2017 : Research Affiliate, Institute of the Study of Labor (IZA), Germany
2011-2017 : Research Affiliate, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Analysis on Organizations (CIRANO), Canada
2018-2021 : Research Associate, Economic Research Forum (ERF)
2013-2014 : Energy Expert with the Arab Development Portal project at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) regional bureau for Arab States
2013-2014 : External collaborator with the PROWD project at the International Labour Organization Regional Office for the Arab States
2010-2011: Research analyst, Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy, University of Lethbridge
2009-2010: Tom Symons Research Fellow, Statistics Canada
Fall 2009: Lecturer, Managerial Economics, HEC Montréal
2008-2010: Research assistant, Centre for Productivity and Prosperity, HEC Montréal
2006-2008: Research assistant, Professor Benoit Dostie, HEC Montréal
Fall 2004: Teaching assistant, Principles of Economics, Université de Montréal

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor economics, Development economics, Econometrics, Finance-Growth nexus, Political transformations, MENA economies

EDUCATION

2011: Ph.D. in Applied Economics, HEC Montréal-Business School of the Université de Montréal

- *Thesis title:* "Essays in Labor Economics using Data from the Workplace and Employee Survey"
- *Supervisor:* Benoit Dostie

2005: M.Sc. in Economics, Université de Montréal, Canada

2002: B.Sc. in Economics, Lebanese University, Lebanon

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

- 2026-present: Editorial Board, *Journal of Youth Studies*
- 2023-present: Associate Editor, *Global Business Review*
- 2022-present: Associate Editor, *Virtual Economics*
- 2021-present: Guest Editor, *Sustainability*, "Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Green Finance in a Changing World"
- 2021-present: Topic Editor, Journal of Risk and Financial Management
- 2018-present: Associate Editor/Editorial Board, *Asian Development Policy Review*
- 2014-2018 : Associate Editor, *Journal of Asian Finance, Economics and Business*
- 2020-2021: Article Editor, *SAGE Open*

PUBLICATIONS

- Non-Universal Social Protection Systems and Labor Market Outcomes in Unstable Economies: The Case of Lebanon, (with Wafaa El-Baba and Khodr Fakih), ***International Journal of Manpower***, Volume 47, issue 1, 2026, pp. 134-151.
- Arab Youth at Work: Factors Shaping Job Satisfaction, (with Vatche Tchelderian), ***Journal of Youth Studies***, forthcoming, 2026, pp. 1-17.
- Sovereign debt and financial sector nexus in the MENA region, (with Ali Awdeh and Vatche Tchelderian) ***International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management***, Volume 19, issue 4, 2026, pp. 1051-1077.
- Is the Price of Ether Driven by Demand or Pure Speculation?, (with Zein Alamah) ***Computational Economics***, Volume 66, 2025, pp. 323-347.
- What are the Drivers of Education Attainment in the MENA Region? (with Dareen Fayyad, Assem Debian, Andrios Neaimeh, Hussein Zeaiter), ***African Development Review***, Volume 37, issue 3, 2025, pp. 1-23.
- A Cross-country Study of COVID-19 Mortality Rate: How Do Institutions Make a Change? (with Chor Foon Tang and Salah Abosedra), ***Journal of Health Management***, Volume 27, issue 1, 2025, pp. 38-46.
- Governance quality and the labor market in the MENA region post-Arab Spring (with Jana El Chaar, Jad El Arissy, Sara Kassab), ***International Journal of Social Economics***, Volume 52, issue 3, 2025, pp. 422-439.
- Does Twitter Economic Uncertainty Matter for Wheat Prices? (with Zein Alamah and Walid El Gammal), ***Economics Letters***, Volume 234, 2024, pp. 1-6.
- The Gender Gap in Political Participation: Evidence from the MENA Region (with Yara Sleiman), ***Review of Political Economy***, Volume 36, Issue 1, 2024, pp. 154-177.
- Employability of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon: The Role of Legal Residency (with Zeina Lizzaik and Sara Kassab), ***Defence and Peace Economics***, Volume 35, Issue 8, 2024, pp. 1028-1045.
- Determinants of Happiness Among Arab Youth: Evidence From a Youth Survey (with Anas Diab), ***SAGE Open***, Volume 24, Issue 1, 2024, pp. 1-13.
- Youth Voting Behavior and Institutional Change in the Post-Arab Spring Era (with Nagham Sayour and Mohammad Hammoud), ***Economic and Political Studies***, Volume 12, issue 3, 2024, pp. 318-344.
- Perception of Parents about Children Mental Health during COVID-19: Evidence from Canada (with Issam Abdo Ahmad and Mohammad Hammoud), ***Social Science and Medicine***, Volume 337, 2023, pp.1-11.
- Economic Volatility and Financial Deepening in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Panel cointegration with cross-sectional heterogeneity and endogenous structural breaks (with Vinay Kumar Singh, Salah Abosedra,

Sajal Ghosh and Kakali Kanjilal), ***Empirical Economics***, Volume 65, issue 5, 2023, pp 2013-2038.

- How did COVID-19 lockdowns affect firms and workers? Evidence from Jordan and Morocco (with Rihab Baltaji and Nagham Sayour), ***Development Policy Review***, volume 41, issue 6, 2023, pp. 1- 23.
- Adapting to the new normal: The impact of remote work on firm performance in Jordan and Morocco (with Pierre Boutros and Mariam Tarraf), ***Regional Science Policy and Practice***, volume 15, issue 8, 2023, pp. 1722-1740.
- Financial Development and Business Cycle Volatility Nexus in the UAE: Evidence from Non-Linear Regime-Shift and Asymmetric Tests (with Salah Abosedra, Sajal Ghosh, and Kakali Kanjilal), ***International Journal of Finance and Economics***, volume 28, issue 3, 2023, pp. 2729- 2741.
- The Disability Employment Paradox in Developing Countries: Recent Evidence from Lebanon (with Pierre Boutros), ***Development Studies Research***, volume 10, issue 1, 2023, 1-16.
- The Willingness to Emigrate in Six MENA Countries: The Role of Post-Revolutionary Stress (with Malak Elbaba), ***International Migration***, volume 61, issue 4, 2023, pp. 201-220.
- COVID-19 and Consumer Behavior: Assessing Food Stockpiling Behaviors in the US Market (with Wafaa El- Baba), ***Agribusiness: An International Journal***, volume 39, issue 2, 2023, pp. 515-534.
- Skill Mismatch, Nepotism, Job Satisfaction and Young Females in the MENA Region (with Mahmoud Arayssi and Nathir Haimoun), ***Econometrics***, volume 11, issue 2, 2023, pp. 1-20.
- Government Intervention and Business Response as Determinants of Business Continuity amid COVID-19: The Case of Jordan and Morocco (with Anthony Fakhoury), ***International Journal of Economic Policy in Emerging Economies***, volume 17, issue 2, 2023, pp. 196-219.
- The Role of International Research Collaboration and Faculty Related Factors in Publication Citations: Evidence from Lebanon (Zein Alamah and Ibrahim AlSoussy), ***Economies***, volume 11, issue 3, 2023, pp. 1-24.
- Social Identity, Confidence in Institutions, and Youth: Evidence from the Arab Spring (with Racha Khayat), ***Social Science Quarterly***, volume 103, issue 5, 2022, pp. 997-1018.
- What Drives Demand for Private Tutoring in the MENA Region? Evidence from a Youth Survey (with Anastasia Sleiman and Nathir Haimoun), ***African Development Review***, volume 34, issue 2, 2022, pp. 268-279.
- A stochastic dominance test under survey nonresponse with an application to comparing trust levels in Lebanese public institutions (with Paul Makdissi, Walid Marrouch, Rami Tabri, and Myra Yazbek), ***Journal of Econometrics***, volume 228, issue 1, 2022, pp. 205-227.
- Does the Legal Form Matter for Firm Performance in the MENA Region? (with Issam Abdo Ahmad), ***Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics***, volume 93, issue 2, 2022, pp. 342-358.
- The Fatality Rate of COVID -19: How Does Education, Health Infrastructure and Institutional Quality Make A Change? (with Chor Foon TANG and Salah Abosedra), ***Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research***, volume 16, issue 2, 2022, pp. 166-182.
- Does the Number of Publications Matter for Academic Promotion in Higher Education? Evidence from Lebanon (with Pierre Boutros, Zeina Lizzaik, Sara Kassab), ***Social Sciences***, volume 11, issue 10, 2022, pp. 1-23.
- Drivers of Research Outcomes in Developing Countries: The Case of Lebanon (with Pierre Boutros), ***Economies***, volume 10, issue 3, 2022, pp. 1-21.
- Dynamics and asymmetries between consumer sentiment and consumption in pre- and during-COVID-19 time: Evidence from the US (with Salah Abosedra and Nikiforos T. Laopodis), ***Journal of Economic Asymmetries***, volume 24, 2021, pp. 1-11.
- Who Prays during the Crises? Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic (With Nagham Sayour), ***Empirical Economics Letters***, volume 20, issue 8, 2021, pp. 1384-1388.
- Did the Arab Spring Lead to Economic, Institutional, and Socio-Political Changes? An Empirical Analysis through the Perceptions of Egyptian Youth (with Pascal Ghazalian), ***International Journal of Social Economics***, volume 48, issue 1, 2021, pp. 1658-1676.

- Determinants of the Arab Spring Protests in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya: What have we learned? (Zahraa Barakat), ***Social Sciences***, volume 10, issue 8, 2021, pp. 1-15.
- Who Cares about Environmental Quality? Evidence Amongst Youth in the MENA Region (with Ghassan Dibeh, Walid Marrouch and Ghida Matar), ***Social Indicators Research***, volume 157, 2021, pp. 603-629.
- The Effects of Power Outages on the Performance of Manufacturing Firms in the MENA Region (with Pascal Ghazalian and Nancy Ghazzawi), ***Review of Middle East Economics and Finance***, volume 16, issue 3, 2020, pp. 1-28.
- Youth Unemployment, Gender and Institutions during Transition: Evidence from the Arab Spring (with Nathir Haimoun and Mohamad Kassem), ***Social Indicators Research***, volume 150, 2020, pp. 311-336.
- Tourism-Growth Nexus under Duress: Lebanon during the Syrian Crisis (with Ghassan Dibeh and Walid Marrouch), ***Tourism Economics***, volume 26, issue 3, 2020, pp. 353-370. (LEAD ARTICLE).
- Did the Arab Spring reduce MENA countries' growth? (with Mahmoud Arayssi and Nathir Haimoun), ***Applied Economics Letters***, volume 26, issue 19, 2019, pp. 1579-1585.
- Employment and skill mismatch among youth in Lebanon (with Ghassan Dibeh and Walid Marrouch), ***International Journal of Manpower***, volume 40, issue 8, 2019, pp. 1438-1457.
- Labor Market and Institutional Drivers of Youth Irregular Migration in the Middle East and North Africa Region (with Ghassan Dibeh and Walid Marrouch), ***Journal of Industrial Relations***, volume 61, issue 2, 2019, pp. 225- 251.
- Guns and Butter? Military Expenditure and Health Spending on the Eve of the Arab Spring (with Adam Coutts, Adel Daoud, Walid Marrouch and Bernhard Reinsberg), ***Defence and Peace Economics***, volume 30, issue 2, 2019, pp. 227-237.
- Environmental Kuznets Curve, a Mirage? A Non-parametric Analysis from MENA countries (with Walid Marrouch), ***International Advances in Economic Research***, volume 25, issue 1, 2019, pp. 113-119.
- Government and Financial Institutional Determinants of Development in MENA Countries (with Mahmoud Arayssi and Mohamad Kassem), ***Emerging Markets Finance and Trade***, volume 55, issue 11, 2019, pp. 2473-2496.
- Decision to Emigrate Amongst the Youth in Lebanon (with Ghassan Dibeh and Walid Marrouch), ***International Migration***, volume 56, issue 1, 2018, pp. 5-22. (LEAD ARTICLE).
- What Determines Vacation Leave? The Role of Gender, ***Bulletin of Economic Research***, volume 70, issue 1, 2018, pp. 1-19. (LEAD ARTICLE).
- The Finance-Growth Nexus, Again: New Evidence from Kenya (with Mahmoud Arayssi), ***Economic Issues***, volume 22, issue 2, 2017, pp. 33-59.
- Finance-Growth Nexus in a Changing Political Region: How Important was the Arab Spring? (with Mahmoud Arayssi), ***Economic Analysis and Policy***, volume 55, 2017, pp. 106-123.
- R&D and Innovation in Food Processing Firms in Transition Countries (with Pascal Ghazalian), ***Journal of Agricultural Economics***, volume 68, issue 2, 2017, pp. 427-450.
- Assessing the Role of Financial Deepening and Remittances in Growth: The Experience of Lebanon (with Salaheddin Abosedra), ***Global Economy Journal***, volume 17, issue 1, 2017, pp. 1-17.
- Decomposing the Gender Wage Differentials Using Quantile Regression: Evidence from Lebanese Banking Sector (with Abdallah Dah), ***International Advances in Economic Research***, volume 22, issue 2, 2016, pp. 171- 185.
- The Impact of Syrian Refugees on the Labor Market in Neighboring Countries: Empirical Evidence from Jordan (with May Ibrahim), ***Defence and Peace Economics***, volume 27, issue 1, 2016, pp. 64-86.
- What Factors Influence Firm Perceptions of Labour Market Constraints to Growth in the MENA Region? (with Pascal Ghazalian), ***International Journal of Manpower***, volume 36, issue 8, 2015, pp. 1181-1206.
- The Electricity Consumption, Employment, and Growth Nexus: Evidence from Lebanon (with Walid Marrouch), ***OPEC Energy Review***, volume 39, issue 3, 2015, pp. 298-321.

- Institutions and Development in MENA Region: Evidence from the Manufacturing Sector (with Mahmoud Arayssi), ***International Journal of Social Economics***, volume 42, issue 8, 2015, pp. 717-732.
- Female Employment in MENA's Manufacturing Sector: The Implications of Firm-related and National Factors (with Pascal Ghazalian), ***Economic Change and Restructuring***, volume 48, issue 1, 2015, pp. 37-69.
- Vacation Leave, Work Hours and Wages: New Evidence from Linked Employer-Employee Data, ***LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations***, volume 28, issue 4, 2014, pp. 376-398.
- Which Firms Export? An Empirical Analysis for the Manufacturing Sector in the MENA Region (with Pascal Ghazalian), ***Journal of Economic Studies***, volume 41, issue 5, 2014, pp. 672-695.
- The Relationships between Economic Growth, Financial Deepening, and Information and Communication Technology: Empirical Evidence from Lebanon (with Salaheddin Abosedra), ***Journal of Economic Research***, volume 19, issue 1, 2014, pp. 1-17.
- Who Hires Foreign Domestic Workers? Evidence from Lebanon (with Walid Marrouch), ***Journal of Developing Areas***, volume 48, issue 3, 2014, pp. 339-352.

WORKING PAPERS

Revise and Resubmit

- Is there a Tradeoff between Informality and Export in the MENA Region?, Revise and Resubmit, **Journal of Applied Economics**
- Arab Youth at Work: Factors Shaping Job Satisfaction, Revise and Resubmit, **Journal of Youth Studies**

Under Review

- Formal Training, Export, and SMEs: A Global Perspective (with Zein Alamah and Dareen Fayyad)
- Ethnic Divisions and the Onset of the Civil War in Syria (with Salah Abosedra and Nathir Haimoun)
- Threshold Inflation and Relative Price Variability – A proposal for inflation targeting in Lebanon (with Salah Abosedra and Sartaj Rasool Rather)
- The Ascendance of Social Media during the Arab Spring: Evidence from Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and Morocco (with Hassan Bairam)
- Business Internal Response Effects on Business Continuity amid COVID-19: The Case of Eastern and Southern Europe (with Renata Chantiri and Jean Pierre El Hawat)
- COVID-19, Employability, and Gender: Evidence from the MENA Region (with Pierre Boutros)
- COVID-19 and Food Security among Families with Young Children in the MENA Region (with Pierre Boutros)
- The Dilemma of Self-Employment Entry in Egypt: Recent Empirical Evidence (with Wafaa El-Baba)
- COVID-19 and Households' Income in the MENA Region: Evidence from Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia (with Mariam Tarraf)
- Access to Finance and SMEs Performance during COVID-19: The Case of the MENA Region (Pascal Ghayth)
- Does Government Social Support Mitigate COVID-19 Income Effects in the MENA Region? (with Wafaa El-Baba and Pascal Ghayth)
- Who is most at Risk of Mental Distress during the COVID-19 Lockdown? (with Jana El Chaar and Jad El Arissy)
- Decision to Adopt Preventive Measures during Pandemics: Evidence from a US Household Survey on COVID-19 (with Nagham Sayour)
- Individual Perceptions, Government Performance, and Job Creation in the MENA region (with Hasan Shehimy)
- What Made People Support the Arab Spring? Closer Looks at The Religious Factors (with Mariam Tarraf and Ahmad Toufaily)
- Determinants of Life Satisfaction in the MENA Region: Evidence from the Arab Spring (with Sabine Bejjani)
- What Determine the Decision of Arab Youth towards Marriage in the Post-Arab Spring Era? (with Anas Diab)
- The Trade-off between Family-Friendly Practices and Earnings

- An Empirical Analysis of Urban-Rural Female Obesity: Some New Evidence from MENA Region (with Adnan Bazzi)

Working Papers Completed

- Re-examining the Contribution of Labor Reallocation to Aggregate Productivity Growth in Canada
- Quelle est la contribution de la réallocation de la main-d'oeuvre à la croissance de la productivité? (with Benoit Dostie and Robert Clark)

Work in Progress

- COVID-19 in Lebanon: Lessons and Strategies Learned (With Mohammad Hammoud and Issam Abo Ahmad)
- Do you Trust in Religious Institutions? Evidence from a Post-Arab Spring Youth Survey (with Pascal Ghazalian)

CONSULTANCY AND POLICY WORK

Consultancy Written Reports

- National Consultant, Economics Inclusion and Labor Market Activation Policies, Project "Support the Preparation of the 3-Year National Social Protection Strategy Action Plan, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, and Costing Exercise for Lebanon", **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, 2026.
- Sectoral Investment Strategies for Job Creation and Female Employment in Lebanon: An Input-Output Analytical Approach, **UN Women**, 2025.
- Empowering Arab Women through Wage Equality: A Comprehensive Study on Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value, **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA)**, 2025.
- The Burden of Corruption: How Systemic Exploitation Marginalizes Vulnerable Communities in Lebanon, **Transparency International**, 2025.
- Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Legal Aid Helpdesks Project in Lebanon, forthcoming, **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, 2025.
- The Impact of Trade and Investment Policies on Productive and Decent Work Country Report on Lebanon, forthcoming, **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, 2024.
- Livelihoods in Sudan amid armed conflict: Evidence from a national rural household survey, **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, 2024.
- Women's economic participation in Lebanon: a mapping analysis of laws and regulations, **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA)**, 2022.
- The economic impact of the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon: What it means for current policies (with Cathrine Brun, Maha Shuayb, and Mohammad Hammoud), **World Refugee & Migration Council, Georgetown University**, 2021.
- The Provision of Family-Friendly Work Practices in Lebanon: Challenges and Consequences for the Private Sector, **Arab Institute for Women**, 2021.
- The Effect of Family-Friendly Work Practices on Firm Productivity in Lebanon: Evidence from Parental Leave and Childcare Provision, **Arab Institute for Women**, 2021.
- Fiscal Incidence Analysis for Lebanon, **World Bank**, 2021.
- Employment Profile and Challenges of the Private Sector in Iraq (with Salim Araji), **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA)**, 2019.
- Collection of statistical data and information on vocational education and training, skills and employment in 8 countries, **European Training Foundation (ETF)**, 2019.
- Alternatives to the Kafala (sponsorship) System for Women Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon, Coauthored with Walid Marrouch, commissioned by the PROWD project at the **International Labour Organization Regional Office for the Arab States**, 2014.

Policy Written Work

- Closing the gender gap in political participation in MENA, **The Forum, Economic Research Forum (ERF),** 2026.
- Debunking the myth of the economic burden of refugees (with Catherine Brun), **Op-ed, New Humanitarian**, 2022.
- Economy of Lebanon (with Wafaa ElBaba), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2022.
- Economy of Jordan (with Pierre Boutros), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2022.
- Economy of Syria (with Mariam Tarraf), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2022.
- Economy of Lebanon (with Mohammad Hammoud), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2021.
- Economy of Jordan (with Issam Abdo Ahmad), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2021.
- Economy of Syria (with Mohammad Hammoud), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2021.
- Power-sharing, ethnic divisions and the onset of civil wars in Syria (With Nathir Haimoun and Salah Abosedra), **The Forum, Economic Research Forum (ERF),** 2020.
- Economy of Jordan (with Mohammad Hammoud), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2020.
- Economy of Syria (with Nathir Haimoun), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2020.
- Economy of Jordan (with Nathir Haimoun), **The Middle East and North Africa (Routledge)**, 2019.
- The Poor and Marginalized in Lebanon: Labor Market Challenges and Policy Implications, Coauthored with Ghassan Dibeh and Walid Marrouch, SAHWA Policy Paper No. 1, **Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)**, 2016.
- The Economic Impacts of Syrian Refugees: Challenges and Opportunities in Host Countries, Coauthored with Walid Marrouch, **Georgetown Journal of International Affairs**, 2015.
- Why does Institutional Development Matter for MENA's Manufacturing Sector?, Coauthored with Mahmoud Arayssi, Policy Paper, commissioned by the **Menapolis project**, 2015.

GRANTS

- Collaboration en recherche scientifique Québec-Liban, Canada, "Health, Happiness, and Violent Conflict in the MENA Region, **US$ 8,500**, 2025-2026.
- **Bursary Award Program**, Centre for Lebanese Studies (CLS), Lebanon, "Non-Universal Social Protection Systems and Labor Market Outcomes: The Case of Lebanon", **US$ 5,000,** 2022-2023.
- **U.S. Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Funds**, Graduate Studies and Research Office (GSR), Lebanon, "COVID-19, Employability, and Gender: Evidence from the MENA Region", **US$ 3,622**, 2021-2022.
- **U.S. Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Funds**, Arab Institute for Women (AiW), Lebanon, Research Paper entitled "The Effect of Family-Friendly Work Practices on Firm Productivity in Lebanon: Evidence from Parental Leave and Childcare Provision", **US$ 9,000**, 2020-2021.
- **U.S. Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Funds**, Arab Institute for Women (AiW), Lebanon, White Paper entitled "Family-Friendly Work Practices Provision in Lebanon: Challenges and its Consequences for the Private Sector", **US$ 9,200**, 2020-2021.
- **Research Grant Program**, Economic Research Forum (ERF), Egypt, "Addressing Postwar Syria's Fundamental Issues", Co-investigators: Salaheddin Abosedra and Nathir Haimoun, **US$ 6,000**, 2018-2020.
- **Research Grant Program**, National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS), Lebanon, "The Impact of the Syrian Crisis on Tourism in Lebanon", Co-investigators: Ghassan Dibeh and Walid Marrouch, **LBP 12,600,000**, 2016-2018.
- **Summer Grant**, School of Business, Lebanese American University, "Management Practices and Firm Productivity: Recent Evidence from the Lebanese Employee-Employer Survey", **US$ 4,500**, June 2015.
- **European Union**, Seventh Framework Programme-FP7, "Researching Arab Mediterranean Youth: Towards a New Social Contract in South and East Mediterranean Countries (SAHWA)" as part of a consortium led by the

Centre for International Information and Documentation in Barcelona (CIDOB) (Co-investigators: Ghassan Dibeh and Walid Marrouch), **€ 180,000**, 2014-2017.

- **Seed Fund**, School of Business, Lebanese American University, "Estimating the Contribution of Labor Reallocation to Productivity Growth in Low- and Middle-Income countries", **US$ 5,000**, 2013-2015.
- **Research Stay**, HEC Montreal, "The Contribution of Labor Reallocation to Aggregate Productivity Growth", July 2012.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

- **PhD thesis committee member**
  - External reviewer, Razan Albaradhi, "The Impact of the Lebanese Economic Crisis on Quality of Studies, Students' Life, and Expectation", Beirut Arab University, 2026.
  - External reviewer, Nour Fakhreddine, "The Relationship between Intellectual Capital and Economic Sustainability: Empirical Study in the European Union and the Middle East and North African Countries", Beirut Arab University, 2026.
  - External reviewer, Nour Fayad, "The Impact of Corruption on Economic Growth: An Empirical Study in the MENA Region", Beirut Arab University, 2025.
  - External reviewer, Mohammad Hammoud, "School Dropout and Social Integration in Forced Displacement Settings: Evidence from Lebanon, Turkey, and Australia", Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 2021-2024.
  - External reviewer, Marie Dahdah-Karey, "The Reform of Lebanon's Tax System: An impossible Equation?" Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University, 2018-2020.
- **MA Applied Economics project advisor**
  - Michel Samaha, Spring 2024, U.S. Economic Policy Uncertainty and its impact on Cryptocurrencies Prices between 2016 and 2024.
  - Farah Younes, Spring 2024, Enabling Business Environment and Job Creation in Saudi Arabia: Insights from the World Bank Enterprise Surveys.
  - Dareen Fayyad, Spring 2024, Navigating Faith and Empowerment: The Influence of Economic Factors on Religious Practices in the MENA Region.
  - Zein Alamah, Spring 2024, From Wall Street to Crypto Street: Ethereum and the Monday Effect.
  - Zeina Lizzaik, Spring 2023, The Incidence and Wage Penalty of Overeducation: The Case of Egypt.
  - Sara Kassab, Spring 2023, Food Insecurity and Emigration in the MENA Region.
  - Rami Hammoud, Spring 2023, What Have We Learned from the Drivers of Income in Lebanon? Evidence from Pre-Crisis.
  - Anthony Fakhoury, Fall 2022, Firm-level evidence on the role of knowledge capital in driving sales and firm growth – A case study on the Arab region.
  - Khouloud Hassan Ezzeddine, Spring 2022, Working Hours, Age, and COVID-19 in the US: A Regression Discontinuity Design Approach.
  - Pierre Boutros, Spring 2022, COVID-19 and Food Security among Families with Young Children in the MENA Region.
  - Pascal Ghayth, Spring 2022, Access to Finance and SMEs Performance during COVID-19: The Case of the MENA region.
  - Wafaa El Baba, Spring 2022, The Dilemma of Self-Employment Entry in Egypt: Recent Empirical Evidence.
  - Mariam Tarraf, Spring 2022, COVID-19 and Households' Income in the MENA Region: Evidence from Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia.
  - Rana Mourawed, Spring 2022, Arab Transformations and Women Empowerment: Evidence from the Arab Spring.
  - Abdulaziz Alhaddad, Fall 2021, Disability and Employment in a Formal Sector: Evidence from Lebanon.

- Hassan Bairam, Summer 2021, The Ascendance of Social Media during the Arab Spring: Observations from Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and Morocco.
- Issam Abdo Ahmad, Spring 2021, Perception of Parents about Children Mental Health During COVID-19: Evidence from Canada.
- Malak El Baba, Fall 2020, Emigration and Revolutions: Evidence from the Arab Spring.
- Zahraa Barakat, Spring 2020, The Determinants of the Arab Spring Protests in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.
- Yara Sleiman, Spring 2020, The Gender Gap in Political Participation: Evidence from the MENA Region.
- Hasan Al Shehimy, Spring 2020, The Perceptions of People about Government Performance: What Factors Affect Job Creation in the MENA Region?
- Anas Diab, Spring 2020, Happiness Among Youth in the MENA Region: The Role of Religion.
- Dalia Fleihan, Spring 2020, Religion, Protests, and the Arab Spring.
- Aline Mahmoud, Fall 2019, What Determines Vote Choice in the MENA Region?
- Mohamad Jebai, Spring 2019, The Effect of Social Security on Youth Wages in the MENA Region.
- Racha Khayat, Summer 2018, How Does Identity Determine Confidence in Institutions in the MENA Region?
- Anastasia Sleiman, Fall 2017, What Drives Demand for Private Tutoring in MENA Countries? Evidence from a Youth Survey.
- Tala Nasrallah, Summer 2017, Trade Balance and its Determinants: A VAR application from the United States.
- Mohamad Berjaoui, Spring 2017, Female Employment and the Demand for Domestic Workers in Lebanon.
- Nancy Ghazzawi, Fall 2016, The Impact of Power Outages on Firm Performance in the MENA Region.
- Mohamad Dagher, Spring 2016, The Determinants of Family-Friendly Work Practices and their Effect on Wages in Lebanon.

- **MBA project advisor**
  - May Ibrahim, "The Causality between Syrian Refugees and Labor Market Outcomes in Jordan", 2013-2014.
  - Myriam Khairallah , "Impact of Crude Oil Price Fluctuations on Key Macroeconomic Variables in the MENA Region (1990-2010)", 2012-2013.
  - Hiba Omrani, "The Determinants of Sovereign Debt Default in the MENA Region Using Panel Sensitivity Analysis", 2012-2013.

FELLOWSHIPS

2009-2010: Tom Symons Research Fellowship, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Canada

2008-2009: Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics scholarship, Canada

2005-2006: Doctoral admission scholarship - HEC Montréal

2005-2006: Canadian-Lebanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry scholarship, Canada

2003-2005: Canadian International Development Agency scholarship, Canada

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Economic Research Forum, Egypt

- Fall 2012: Labor Markets in the MENA region (Workshop)

Statistics Canada

- Fall 2010: From Traditional Demographic Calculations to Projections by Microsimulations (Workshop)

Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics, Canada

- Summer 2007: Panel data analysis and statistical models for complex survey data (Summer school)
- Winter 2008: Bootstrap method used for variance estimation (Workshop)

- Winter 2008: Communicating quantitative social science research findings (Workshop)

Centre for Intercultural Learning, Canada

- Continuing education program in intercultural effectiveness (training cycle of 10 days, 2003-2005)

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Policy Presentations

2025

- Cash for Work CfW meeting, Speaker, Presentation "Sectoral Investment Strategies for Job Creation and Female Employment in Lebanon", **Lebanon, October.**
- Union of Arab Banks annual forum, **Panelist**, Presentation "Support Programs for Economic & Banking Sectors in Crisis-Affected Countries", **Lebanon, September.**
- Center for Women in Business, American University in Beirut (AUB), **Panelist,** Presentation "Women's Work in Lebanon: Status, Challenges, and the Path Forward", **Lebanon, June.**
- Arab Forum for Sustainable Development (AFSD-2025) - UN ESCWA, **Panelist,** Presentation "A gender snapshot in the Arab region", **Lebanon, April.**
- Beirut Arab University, **Panelist,** Presentation "Lebanese Economy 2025: Promises of Recovery and Reconstruction", **Lebanon, April.**
- Center for Educational Research and Development, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, **Workshop,** "Active and Digital Citizenship in the New Curricula", **Lebanon, April.**
- Templeton Foundation, **Panelist**, "Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment in Period of Crises: Challenges and Opportunities", **Lebanon, March.**

2024

- UN Women, **Guest Speaker,** Presentation "Employment Projections and Input–Output Model for Employment Impact Analyses", **Lebanon, June.**
- Union of Arab Banks annual forum, **Panelist**, Presentation "Arab Economic Security in Light of Geopolitical Changes", **Lebanon, April.**
- World Bank, **Guest Speaker,** Presentation, "Childcare Provision and Women's Economic Participation in Lebanon" at the launch of the "Comprehensive Assessment of the Childcare Landscape in Lebanon", **Lebanon, March.**
- Saint Joseph University of Beirut, **Speaker**, Presentation "Does Government Social Support Mitigate COVID-19 Income Effects in the MENA Region?" **Lebanon, February.**

2023

- Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs (IFI), **Guest Speaker,** Presentation "The Impacts of Lebanese Emigration in the Current Context: A Panel Discussion", **Lebanon, March**

2022

- ILO, SOLIFEM Regional meeting, Informal Economy Conference, **Panelist,** Presentation "Informality in Lebanon: Recent Facts" **Algeria, November**
- League of Arab states and UNFPA, **Guest Speaker**, Presentation "employment and inclusive economic growth for women and youth" on the margins of the 55th Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, **Cairo, April**
- HOPES-LEB and Erasmus+, **Moderator**, Higher Education in times of collapse, **Beirut, January**

2021

- UN-ESCWA, **Guest Speaker**, Presentation "Employment and Inclusion of Youth and Females in the Arab Region: Lessons for the Future" in Digital Cooperation and Development Forum, **Beirut, December**
- Arab Institute for Women (AiW), **Guest Speaker**, Presentation "Family-Friendly Work Practices in Lebanon: Challenges and Consequences for the Private Sector" in Equality for Everyone: Gender Reform from Grassroots to Government project funded by the U.S.- Middle East Partnership Initiative, **Beirut, December**
- National Commission For Lebanese Women (NCLW), **Guest Speaker,** Presentation "Mapping Analysis of Women's Economic Participation in Lebanon", **Beirut, December**

- UN-ESCWA, **Internal Presentation,** Mapping Analysis of Women's Economic Participation in Lebanon, **Beirut, December**
- King's College London, **Panelist**, Lebanon: What next?, **Virtual meeting, UK, July**

2019

- Research workshop on Youth, Civil Society and Socio-Economic Needs: New Avenues for Euro-Arab Cooperation, College of Europe, **Brussels, Belgium**
- UN-ESCWA, Expert Group Meeting on "Leaving No One Behind: Reaching the Most Marginalized in Selected Countries in the Arab Region", **Beirut**

Academic Presentations

2025

- ERF 31st Annual Conference, **Egypt, April**
- Research Seminar Series, Department of Finance and Economics, **Qatar University**, **April**

2024

- 10th Joint Research Workshop FESP (Cairo University) / EES (Panthéon Sorbonne Université Paris 1), **Cairo University, October**

2023

- International Conference on Empirical Economics, Pennsylvania State University at Altoona, **Virtual Conference, August**
- 8th Conference of the Regulating for Decent Work Network, International Labour Office (ILO), **Switzerland, July**

2022

- RCEA Conference on Recent Developments in Economics, Econometrics and Finance, **Virtual Conference, March**
- The Middle East Economic Association Annual Meeting (MEEA) /American Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, **Virtual conference, January**

2021

- University of Bath, **Seminar speaker series**, Paper "The Gender Gap in Political Participation: Evidence from the MENA Region" **UK, Virtual, October**
- International Conference on Economic Modeling and Data Science, Italy, **Virtual conference, July**
- Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society (AFES 2021), Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire), Ecole Nationale Superieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquee, **June**
- Economic Research Forum 27th Annual Conference, Egypt, **Virtual conference, May**
- Governance of Public Policies During and After Conflicts in the Middle East meeting, The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar, **Virtual conference, April**

2020

- 5th World Congress of European Association of Labor Economics (EALE), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) and Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE), **Virtual conference, June**
- Session Chair, Pacific Asia Conference on Information Systems (PACIS) Annual Conference, **Virtual conference, June**

2019

- Second Workshop on Conflict, National Peace Building and Post-conflict Economic Agenda, Economic Research Forum (ERF), **Cairo, Egypt**

2018

- Research workshop on Conflicts, Governance and Post-Conflict Economic Agenda in War-afflicted Arab Countries, Economic Research Forum (ERF), **Casablanca, Morocco**
- 6th International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD), European Center of Sustainable Development, **Rome, Italy**
- First Italian Workshop of Econometrics and Empirical Economics (IWEEE): Panel Data Models and Applications, **Milan, Italy**

2017

- 5th Conference of the Regulating for Decent Work Network, International Labour Office (ILO), **Switzerland**

2016

- Special conference of the journal *Economics & Human Biology*, **University of Tuebingen, Germany**

2015

- Re-configurations of Clientelism, Patronage and Corruption in the Middle East and North Africa, Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, **Marburg, Germany**
- 49th Annual conference, Canadian Economic Association, **Toronto, Canada**
- 52th annual conference, Canadian Industrial Relations Association, **Montreal, Canada**
- Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) /American Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, **Boston, USA**

2014

- International Labour Organization (ILO), Regional Office for Arab States, **Beirut**
- Economic Research Forum 20th Annual Conference: Economic Development and Social Justice, **Egypt**
- 34th Annual International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) /American Social
- Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, **Philadelphia, USA**

2013

- 33rd Annual International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) /American Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, **San Diego, USA**

2012

- Fourth Euro-African Conference on Finance and Economics, **Cairo, Egypt**
- Research Seminar Series, AKSOB, LAU, **Beirut**

2011

- Sixteenth Annual Meetings, Society of Labor Economics, **Vancouver, Canada**
- 21st Annual Warren E. Kalbach Population Conference, **Edmonton, Canada**
- Economics department, University of Lethbridge, **Lethbridge, Canada**

2010

- Prentice Institute, University of Lethbridge**, Canada**
- 78th Annual congress, Francophone Association for Knowledge, **Montreal, Canada**
- 44th Annual conference, Canadian Economic Association, **Quebec, Canada**
- 50th Annual meeting, Société canadienne de science économique, **Quebec, Canada**
- Economic Analysis Division, Statistics Canada, **Ottawa, Canada**
- Socio-economic Conference 2010, Statistics Canada, **Ottawa, Canada**

2009

- 43rd Annual conference, Canadian Economic Association, **Toronto, Canada**
- 2009 Annual meeting, Canadian Population Society, Carleton University, **Ottawa, Canada**
- 49th Annuel meeting, Société canadienne de science économique, **Sainte-Adèle, Canada**
- 77th Annual congress, Francophone Association for Knowledge, **Ottawa, Canada**
- 3rd Annual student conference on business research, **Montreal, Canada**
- 4th New Scholars' conference, Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics, **Montreal, Canada**
- CIRPÉE Ph.D. Students' conference, **Quebec, Canada**

2008

- 48th Annuel meeting, Société canadienne de science économique, **Montebello, Canada**
- 76th Annual congress, Francophone Association for Knowledge, **Quebec, Canada**
- HEC Montréal, Institute of Applied Economics, **Montreal, Canada**
- 3rd new scholars' conference, Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics, **Montreal, Canada**

MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Economic Association, CEA (current)
- Middle East Economic Association, MEEA (current)
- Society of Labor Economists, SOLE (past)
- Population Change and Life course Strategic Knowledge Cluster (past)

STEERING COMMITTEES

- ***2024-present***: Member of the Scientific Committee of the "National Educational Research and Innovation Think Tank", Centre de Recherche et de Développement Pédagogiques (CRDP).
- ***2023-present***: Member of the Arab Institute for Women (AiW) Steering Committee.
- ***2022-present***: Member of the steering committee of the project: "Survey of Citizen Perceptions of Social Protection and Experience of Conflict in the MENA region" - University of Bath.
- ***2018-2020:*** Member of the steering committee of the project: "From education to employment? Trajectories for young people in Lebanon in the context of protracted displacement" (Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK, and International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada), Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), Oxford Brookes University and the Centre for Lebanese Studies, Lebanese American University.

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

- *Scientific Committee*:
    - ***2022:*** Evaluator for Proposals, National Science Centre Poland, **Poland**
    - ***2022:*** Selection committee for the second round of the HOPES-LEB Call for Proposals funded by DAAD, **Germany**
    - ***2020:*** Associate Editor, Contemporary Issues Facing Lebanon and the Middle East Conference (CIFLM2020), **Beirut, Lebanon**
    - ***2020:*** Associate Editor, 2020 Pacific North African Conference of Information System (MENACIS 2020), **Casablanca, Morocco**
    - ***2020:*** Reviewer, 3rd International Conference on Physics, Mathematics and Statistics (ICPMS2020), **Kunming, China**
    - ***2019:*** Chair, 18th Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) International Conference, **Beirut, Lebanon**
    - ***2018:*** Member, 38th Annual Meetings of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), **Philadelphia, USA**
    - ***2017:*** Member, 37th Annual Meetings of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), **Chicago, USA**
    - ***2017:*** Member, International Conference on Statistics and Econometrics, **Mahdia, Tunisia**
    - ***2014:*** Member, Lebanese Association for the Advancement of Science 20th International Conference, **Beirut**
    - ***2013:*** Member, Lebanese Association for the Advancement of Science 19th International Conference, **Beirut**
- *Journal Reviewer*:

Oxford University Press, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Economic Psychology, Empirical Economics, Computational Economics, Journal of Economic Inequality, World Development, Journal of International Development, Applied Economics, International Review of Applied Economics, Economic Analysis and Policy, Journal of Economic Policy Reform, Econometrics, Journal of Economic Asymmetries, Economics and Human Biology, International Journal of Manpower, Economic and Labour Relations Review, Journal for Labour Market Research, Human Resource Development Quarterly, Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, International Journal of Training and Development, Education and Training, Defence and Peace Economics, Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy, Comparative Economic Studies, Bulletin of Economic Research, Economic Systems, Economic Notes, Economic Issues, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Resources Policy, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economic, Agriculture, Applied Economics Letters, Economic Change and

Restructuring, International Journal of Social Economics, Forum for Social Economics, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, EconomiA, Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy, Asian-Pacific Economic Literature, African Journal of Economic and Management Studies, Central European Economic Journal, Global Economics Review, Oxford Development Studies, IZA Journal of Development and Migration, African Development Review, Journal of Economics and Development, Development Studies Research, International Journal of Emerging Markets, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Research in International Business and Finance, International Journal of Finance and Economics, Journal of International Economics and Management, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance, North American Journal of Economics and Finance, Asian Journal of Economics and Banking, Journal of Sustainable Finance and Investment, Review of Middle East Economics and Finance, Journal of Economics and International Finance, Cogent Economics and Finance, Cogent Social Sciences, Journal of African Business, Third World Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, International Studies Quarterly, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Contemporary Review of the Middle East, Digest of Middle East Studies, Social Indicators Research, Journal of Happiness Studies, Journal of Gender Studies, Journal of Youth Studies, Emerging Adulthood, Journal of Urban Affairs, Regional Science, Asia-Pacific Journal of Regional Science, Regional Science, Policy and Practice, Policy Studies, Policy and Practice, Journal of Refugee Studies, Democratization, Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies, Comparative Migration Studies, International Migration, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Journal of Community Psychology, Global Business Review, for Journal of Business and Socio-economic Development, Politics & Gender, Review of Economics and Political Science, Journal of Political Science, Ethnopolitics, Quality & Quantity, SAGE Open, Healthcare, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), International Social Science Journal, Equality, diversity and inclusion: An international journal, Athens Journal of Social Sciences, International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics, Natural Resources Forum, Sustainability, Climatic Change, Frontiers in Public Health, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Journal of Environmental and Public Health, Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine: an Open Access Journal, Journal of Strategic Marketing, Pacific Asia Journal of the Association for Information Systems, Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Computer skills STATA, aML, LaTeX, Word, Excel, Power point, Access, Windows, DOS
- Languages English, French and Arabic