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Positions:

Associate Professor, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates, 2023- present
Assistant Professor, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates, 2020- 2023
Assistant Professor, Lebanese American University (LAU), Lebanon, 2016- 2019

Degrees:

Ph.D., Economics, McGill University, Canada, 2010 – 2016
M.A., Financial Economics, American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon, 2009
B.S., Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science (High Distinction), AUB, Lebanon, 2006

Publications:

1. “Home Affordability Crisis and Delayed Fertility: Evidence from the USA” (2024) with Irakli Japaridze. Forthcoming in *Population Research and Policy Review*.
2. “Environmental Awareness and Firm Creation” (2024) with K. Peren Arin, Alessandro De Iudicibus and Nicola Spagnolo. *Journal of Economic Studies*, 51(9), 137-147
3. “Youth Voting Behavior and Institutional Change in the Post-Arab Spring” (2023) with Ali Fakih and Mohammad Hammoud. *Economic and Political Studies*, 1-27.
4. “COVID-19, firm closure and Job Losses in the MENA Region: A Propensity Score Matching Approach” (2023) with Ali Fakih and Rihab Baltaji. Forthcoming in *Development Policy Review*, 41(6), e12722.
5. “Adaptation to climate change and emissions: halo effect or complacency?” (2022) with Salpie Djoundourian and Walid Marrouch. *Energy Journal* 43(4), 215-230.
Media Coverage: [Podcast](#), [Interview](#)
6. “Dying from Envy: The Role of Inequality.” (2021) with Irakli Japaridze, *Health Economics* 30(6), 1374-1392.
7. “After-School Care, Childcare Arrangements and Child Development.” (2020) with Ailin He, *Journal of Human Capital* 14(4), 617-652.
Media Coverage: [Interview](#)
8. “Hedonic Housing Prices and Environmental Quality in Lebanon.” (2020) with Walid Marrouch, *International Journal of Housing Markets and Analysis* 14(5), 953-968.
9. "Information Assymetry and Dividend Policy around the Sarbanes-Oxley Act." (2020) with Mostafa Harakeh and Ghida Matar, *Journal of Economic Studies*.
10. “The Impact of Maternal Care on Child Development: Evidence from Sibling Spillover Effects of a Parental Leave Reform” (2019), *Labour Economics*, 58: 167-186.
Media coverage: [Interview](#)
11. “Experimental Evidence on the Relation between Personality Traits and Preferences” (2019) with Jim-Engle Warnick and Sonia Laszlo, *Bulletin of Economic Research* 72(3), pp.288-317.

12. “The Effects of a Change in the Point System on Immigration. Evidence from the 2001 Quebec Reform” (2016) with Matthieu Chemin. *Journal of Population Economics*, 29(4), 1217-1247.

Working Papers:

1. “The Impact of After-School Care on Maternal Labor Market Outcomes” with Ailin He and Leatitia Renee. Under Review.
2. “Do Social Movements Affect Educational Outcomes? Theory and BLM Evidence” with Kemal Kivanc Akoz, K. Peren Arin and Sudipta Sarangi.
3. “Are Wars Detrimental to the Environment?” with Walid Marrouch. Under Review.
4. “The Political Economy of Resource Abundance and War: An Empirical Examination” with Farah Al Shami, Mahmoud Arayssi and Walid Marrouch. Under review
5. “Discrimination Awareness and Corporate Reputation” with Mariem Khalifa, Mehdi Khedmati and Mohammed Aminu Sualihu.
6. “Environmental Awareness and Behavior: Evidence from an Experiment” with K. Peren Arin and Jose Maria Ortiz.

Teaching Experience:

Zayed University:

Foundations of Microeconomics (ECN 201), Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

Foundations of Macroeconomics (ECN 202), Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

Lebanese American University:

Applied Econometrics III: Empirical Strategies for Applied Microeconomics (ECO 833)- Graduate class, Fall 2018, Fall 2019

Economic Development (ECO 311), Spring 2017, Spring 2019

Labor and Human Resources Economics (ECO 342), Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2018,

Microeconomics (ECO 201), Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Lecturer, McGill University:

Development Economics I (Econ 214), Summer 2017

Economic Crises (Econ 319), Fall 2015 and Fall 2014

Microeconomic Analysis & Applications (Econ 208), Summer 2015

Teaching Assistant, McGill University:

Development Economics II (Econ 314), Winter 2015, Winter 2016

Microeconomic Analysis & Applications (Econ 208), Summer 2014

Economic Crises (Econ 319), Winter 2014, Fall 2012, Winter 2012

Economic Statistics (Econ 227 D1), Fall 2013

Labor Economics (Econ 426), Fall 2012

Intro Econometrics I (Econ 337), Fall 2011

Macroeconomic Theory (Econ 330 D2), Winter 2011

Macroeconomic Theory (Econ 330 D1), Fall 2010

Presentations:

International Association of Applied Econometrics (IAAE) 2023 Annual Conference, Oslo, June 2023

2022 FMA Global Conference in the Middle East, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 2022

The Eight International Conference on Economics (ICE-TEA), virtual conference, September 2022

55th Annual Conference of the CEA, virtual conference, June 2021

EALE-SOLE-AASLE World Conference, virtual conference, June 2020

2nd AASLE Conference, Seoul, December 2018
2018 Meeting of the Lebanese Econometric Study Group, Beirut, December 2018
30th EALE Conference, Lyon, September 2018
52nd Annual Conference of the CEA, Montreal, Canada, June 2018
50th Annual Conference of the CEA, Ottawa, Canada, June 2016
9th QICSS New Researchers Conference, Montreal, Canada April 2016
Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Économie Quantitative (CIREQ) Seminar, McGill University, October 2015
11th CIREQ PhD Students' Conference, May 2015
8th QICSS New Researchers Conference, March 2015
Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Économie Quantitative (CIREQ) Seminar, McGill University, September 2014

Affiliations and Professional Services:

Memberships:

Canadian Economic Association (CEA): 2015 – present
European Association of Labour Economists (EALE): 2017 – present
Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE): 2018 - present
Middle East Economic Association (MEEA): 2018- 2020
Finance Management Association (FMA): 2022- present
International Association of Applied Econometrics (IAAE): 2023 - present

Reviewer for international journals:

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Labour Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Development Studies (2), Business Ethics: A European Review, Social Science & Medicine, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, International Migration, Applied Economics (2), Economics and Human Biology, International Journal of Finance & Economics, Journal of Economic Assymetries (2), Environmental Science and Pollution Research, International Journal of Housing Market and Analysis, Social Science Quarterly, International Journal of Economic Policy in Emerging Economies, International Studies Quarterly, Review of the Middle East Economics and Finance (2), Economics of Transition and Social Change, Comparative Economic Studies (3), L'Actualite Economique (2), Economies, Journal of Social Inclusion, International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business, Regional Science, Policy and Practice.

Fellowships, Honors and Awards:

Templeton World Charity Foundation Grant, USD \$248,325, Co-Principal Investigator, 2023-2024
Research Incentive Fund (RIF) Grant, AED 115,800, Principal Investigator, 2022-2023
UK Higher Education Academy (HEA) Fellow, 2021-present
Fellow at the Global Labour Organization (GLO), 2018-present

Languages:

Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent)

Citizenship:

Canada, Lebanon