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CURRENT POSITIONS

2023 – Present Executive Director, J-PAL MENA at the American University in Cairo
2022 – Present Associate Professor, the American University in Cairo

APPOINTMENTS HELD

2022 – 2023 Director of Research, JPAL MENA at the American University in Cairo
2018 – 2022 Deputy Program Director of research area "Labor & Development", IZA – Institute of Labor Economics, Germany
2017 – 2022 Deputy Program Director of the special program area "Gender, Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income-Countries (G²LM|LIC)", IZA – Institute of Labor Economics, Germany
2017 – 2022 Senior Research Associate, IZA – Institute of Labor Economics, Germany
2015 – 2018 IZA Deputy Program Director of research area "Gender & Family"
2014 – 2017 Research Associate, IZA
2013 – 2014 Non-Resident Research Affiliate, IZA
2010 – 2014 PhD Candidate, Research Centre for Education and Labor Market (ROA), Maastricht University School of Business and Economics
2008 – 2010 Research Assistant, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) Assistantship Program

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Econometrics, Development, Labor, Migration, and Experimental Economics

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2022 – Present	Research Fellow, IZA- Institute of Labor Economics, Germany
2021 – Present	Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt
2014 – Present	Research Fellow, ROA – Maastricht University

EDUCATION

2015	Ph.D. Economics, Maastricht University
2010	M.Sc. Business Research, Maastricht University
2005	B.Sc. Commerce, Zagazig University (Egypt), with honors

PUBLICATIONS

A) Journal Articles

The Women Empowering Effect of Higher Education, *Journal of Development Economics*, Forthcoming, 2023 (with A. Shirshikova)

Economic Development and the Organisation of Labour: Evidence from the Jobs of the World Project, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2022, 20(6), 2226 - 2270 (with O. Bandiera, A. Heil, and A. Smurra)

Youths, Jobs and the Development of Africa, *Journal of Economic Perspective*, 2022, 36 (1), 81-100 (with O. Bandiera, A. Smurra, and C. Zipfel)

Empowering women in conservative settings: evidence from an intervention in rural Egypt, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2022, 20, 1287–1322 (with S. Namoro and R. Roushdy)

Migration Shocks and Housing: Short-Run Impact of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan, *Journal of Housing Economics*, 53, 2021, 101761 (with I. Alhawarin and R. Assaad)

Global Terror, Well-Being and Political Attitudes, *European Economic Review*, 2020, (123) 103394 (with A. Akay, and O. Bargain)

Political Change and Informality: Evidence from the Arab Spring, *Economics of Transition*, 2019, 27(1), 31-66 (with J. Wahba)

Gradual Retirement, Financial Incentives, and Labor Supply of Older Workers: Evidence from a Stated Preference Analysis, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2018, 150, 277-294 (with A. de Grip, D. Fouarge, and R. Montizaan)

Terrorism and the Integration of Muslim Immigrants, *Journal of Population Economics*, 2018, 31(1), 45-67 (with A. de Grip)

Computer Use, Job Tasks, and the Part-Time Pay Penalty, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, 2017, 55(1), 58-82 (with A. de Grip and D. Fouarge)

B) Books

Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries: Challenges and Opportunities (with D. Lam), Oxford: Oxford University Press, in print, November 2021

C) Datasets

Jobs of the World Database (with O. Bandiera), September 2021

D) Working Papers

Overcoming Youth Unemployment in Egypt: Randomized Evaluations Showcase the Promise of Active Labor Market Programs (with A. Osman and K. Hempel), 2018

Less School (Costs), More (Female) Education? Lessons from Egypt Reducing Years of Compulsory Schooling, IZA DP No. 13402 (with O. Marie)

Terrorism, Mental Health, Risky Behaviors and Human Capital: Evidence from Iraq, ERF WP No. 1440

E) Book Chapters, Policy Briefs & Other Publications

Jobs of the World Database: A New Dataset on Labour Markets of Developing Countries, (with O. Bandiera), G²LM|LIC Policy Brief 41, 2021

Labour Market Effects of COVID-19 in Developing Countries and Policy Response, (with O. Bandiera), G²LM|LIC Synthesis Paper 12, 2021

Covid19 and the Labor Markets: Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities. *Al-Ahram Democracy* (in Arabic), 79, 55-60. July 2020

Housing and Living Conditions in Jordan, in *The Jordanian Labor Market Between Fragility and Resilience*, Caroline Krafft and Ragui Assaad (Eds.) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Empowering Young Women through Business and Vocational Training: Evidence from Rural Upper Egypt (with R. Roushdy), IFAD/ILO Impact Brief Series 10, 2018.

Informality during Political Turmoil: Evidence from the Arab Spring (with J. Wahba), the Forum Policy Portal, Feb. 2018

Policy report on “Behavioral Economics and Saudization” for the World Bank and Ministry of Labor of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, (with J. Feld), March 2012

WORK IN PROGRESS

Impacts of Small-Scale Biogas Technology on Energy Access in Egypt: Field Experiment (with O. Deschenes, N. Pestel, M. Witte, and S. Atallah)

Job Counseling and Labor Market Outcomes: Field Experiment (with A. Osman)

Jobs, Training, and Irregular Migration: Field Experiment (with B. Crépon, D. Abdel Fattah, and J. Gazeaud)

Labor Supply Adjustments to Work-Related Stress (with T. Dohmen)

RESEARCH GRANTS

Impact Evaluation of multifaceted programs on combating root causes of irregular migration, joint with B. Crépon, D. Abdel Fattah, and J. Gazeaud, EU funding (\$350,000)

Impact Evaluation on the Indirect effects of nurses training, joint with Marc Witte, Selim Gulesci, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (\$200,000)

Pilot grant on biogas technology adoption, joint with Samer Atallah, Nico Pestel, Marc Witte, Olivier Deschenes, K-CAI/ JPAL (\$70,000)

Research grant for the construction of the Jobs of the World Database, IZA/FCDO G²LM|LIC initiative 2019-2022, Joint with Oriana Bandiera (€240,000)

Impact Evaluation of the NEQDAR Program for Women Empowerment in Egypt, ILO/Taqeem, 2016-2017 (\$50,000)

RCT on the Impact of Counseling on Youth Employment, World Bank/ EU Emergency Employment Investment Project (EEIP) 2015-2018, Joint with Adam Osman (\$250,000)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2010 – 2014 Netherlands Scientific Research Organization (NWO) PhD funding

2008 – 2010 UM High Potential Scholarship, Maastricht University

2006 Honor by President of Egypt, top graduates of Egyptian universities

2004 Traveling grant to Germany, Ministry of Youth, Egypt

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 – Present Economics of Poverty Alleviation, Advanced Topics in Economics, AUC school of Business

2017 – 2022 IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation, IZA

2017 – 2022 Gender Inequality and Public Policies, German Development Institute

2010 – 2014 Labor Economics (Master course), Maastricht University

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP SCIENTIFIC CO-ORGANIZATION

Dec 2022	5th IZA/World Bank/NJD/WIDER Jobs and Development Conference, Cape Town
May 2022	IZA/FCDO G ² LM LIC - Jobs of the World Project Launch Workshop, London
Feb 2022	IZA/FCDO Book Launch “Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries: Challenges and Opportunities”
Dec 2021	6th IZA/FCDO G ² LM-LIC Research Conference: New Research on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, Online
Sep 2021	IZA/FCDO ONLINE Short Course on Research Skills for South Asia, Online
Sep 2021	4th IZA/World Bank/NJD/WIDER Jobs and Development Conference: Building Better Jobs for the Post-Covid19 Era, Planned
Dec 2020	IZA/FCDO ONLINE Short Course on Research Skills for Sub-Saharan Africa, Online
Dec 2020	5th IZA/FCDO G ² LM-LIC Research Conference: New Research on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, Online
Sep 2020	3rd IZA/WB/NJD/WIDER Conference on Jobs and Development Conference, Online
Dec 2019	Labor Markets in South Asia: Evidence and Policy Lessons, Kathmandu, Nepal
Jun 2019	Jobs, Gender and Poverty - IZA/DFID G ² LM LIC Launch Workshop, LSE, London
Jun 2019	2nd IZA/World Bank/NJD Conference on Jobs and Development: Improving Jobs Outcomes in Developing Countries, WB, Washington DC
Apr 2019	IZA 3rd Workshop on Gender and Family Economics, Viña del Mar, Chile
Dec 2018	Labor Markets in Eastern Africa: Evidence and Policy Lesson, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Sep 2018	GLM LIC Conference on Labor in Low-Income Countries, Michigan
May 2018	GLM LIC session on Labor Market Policies in Developing countries in 1st IZA/World Bank/NJD Conference on Jobs and Development, Bogota, Colombia
Apr 2018	IZA 2nd Workshop on Gender Economics, Barnard College, New York
Mar 2017	IZA 1 st Workshop Gender & Family Economics, Bonn

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2022	WB-MENA Seminar Series (online) / German Development conference (Stuttgart) / Society of Labor Economists Meeting – SOLE (Minneapolis) / IZA/FCDO G ² LM LIC - Jobs of the World Project Launch (London)
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- 2021** CSAE Conference (online)/ Sawiris Foundation for Social Development Webinar/ JPAL MENA Future of work in Jordan post-Covid-19 Webinar / 25th Spring Meeting for young Economists (online)/ FCDO Webinar of Data for Development/ European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) annual conference (online) / ERF Panel Discussion on the Future of Work (online)
- 2020** ASSA 2020 Annual Meeting (San Diego) / GLAD Research Seminar (Gottingen & DENEb)/ ERF annual conference (online)/ IZA/WB/NJD/WIDER Conference (online)/ IZA-ECONtribute Human Capital Workshop (online)
- 2019** CSAE Conference (Oxford) / IZA/HSE Workshop on Skills and Preferences in Post-transition Economies (St. Petersburg)/ University of Bamberg
- 2018** Bielefeld University/ University of Sheffield/ University of Reading/ Maastricht University/ Central Bank of Turkey (Antalya)/ Labor Markets in East Africa Conference (Addis Ababa)/ IZA Workshop on education (Bonn)
- 2017** IZA Migration Meeting (Bonn)/ ERF Conference (Amman)/ IZA Labor & Development Workshop (Bonn)/ CMR-IZA Workshop (Cologne)/ ILO Seminar (Geneva)/ ERF Refugees Workshop (Cairo)
- 2016** EALE (Ghent) / IZA, OECD, World Bank, UCW Workshop (Rome)
- 2015** ERF Conference (Tunisia) / LEER Workshop (Leuven)/ LSE Labour Seminar (London)/SOLE/EALE Conference (Montreal)/ Workshop on Labor Market Dynamics in MENA (Cairo)
- 2014** EALE Conference (Ljubljana)/ DUHR Seminar (Maastricht)
- 2013** ERF Conference (Kuwait)/Migration, Global Development, New Frontiers Conference (UCL)/ IZA Summer School (Buch-Ammersee, Germany)
- 2012** BIBB/IAB Workshop (Bonn)/ DUHR Seminar (Maastricht)/ Conference Inequalities, Skills, and Globalization (Lille, France)
- 2011** INSCOPE Conference (Twente University)/ Workshop on Skills over the Life Cycle (Maastricht)

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), Dutch (Good), German (Good)