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## Employment

Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) and Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST), 2012-

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California, 2006-2012

Dissertation Title: "Essays on the New Economic History of the Middle East"

Dissertation Committee: Dora Costa (UCLA) (Main Advisor), Leah Boustan (UCLA), Jeffrey Nugent (USC), Richard Easterlin (USC), and Donald Miller (USC)

M.A. Economics, University of Southern California, 2005-2006

Coursework of M.Sc. in Economics, Cairo University, 2003-2005

B.Sc. Economics, Excellent with Honors, Cairo University, 1999-2003

## Research Interests

Economic History, Political Economy, Development Economics, Middle East

## Publications

"Does Industrialization Affect Segregation? Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Cairo," (with Christophe Lévêque), forthcoming in *Explorations in Economic History*.

"A "New" Economic History of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region," *Economics of Transition*, 2017, Vol. 25 (2), pp. 149–163.

"Public Mass Modern Education, Religion, and Human Capital in Twentieth-Century Egypt," *Journal of Economic History*, 2016, Vol. 76 (3), pp. 697–735.

"Does Improved Local Supply of Schooling Enhance Intergenerational Mobility in Education? Evidence from Jordan" (with Ragui Assaad), *World Bank Economic Review*, published online in 2016.

"The Reluctant Transformation: State Industrialization, Religion, and Human Capital in Nineteenth-Century Egypt," *Journal of Economic History*, 2015, Vol. 75 (1), pp. 65-94.

"A Pre-Colonial Population Brought to Light: Digitization of the Nineteenth-Century Egyptian Censuses," *Historical Methods*, 2013, Vol. 46 (1), pp. 5-18.

### **Working Papers**

“On the Road to Heaven: Taxation, Conversions, and the Coptic-Muslim Socioeconomic Gap in Medieval Egypt,” Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Economic History*.

“The Cotton Boom and Slavery in Nineteenth-Century Rural Egypt”

“Taxing Unwanted Populations: Fiscal Policy and Conversions in Early Islam,” (with Jean Tirole)

### **Work in Progress**

“Nation-Building Policies and Cultural Integration: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Salma Mousa)

“Parliamentary Elites in Autocracies and their (Lack of) Support for Democracy: The Case of Egypt,” (with Carlos Velasco Rivera)

“Socioeconomic Status, Religion, and Fertility in Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Claire Galez)

“The Cotton Boom and Bedouin Settlement in Nineteenth-Century Rural Egypt,” (with Adi Greif)

### **Book Chapters**

“The Middle East: Decline and Resurgence in West Asia,” Under Review in *The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World (Volume II: 1870-2010)*, Edited by Stephen Broadberry and Kyoji Fukao, Cambridge University Press.

“Occupational Structure in Egypt in 1848-2006,” Under Review in *Occupational Structure and Industrialization in a Comparative Perspective*, Edited by Osamu Saito and Leigh Shaw-Taylor, Cambridge University Press.

### **Book Reviews**

Naïem A. Sherbiny and Omaïma M. Hatem, *State and Entrepreneurs in Egypt: Economic Development since 1805*, *Economic History Review*, May 2017, Vol. 70 (2), pp. 685–6.

Abbas, R. and A. El-Dessouky, *The Large Landowning Class and the Peasantry in Egypt, 1837-1952*, *Journal of Economic History*, September 2012, Vol. 72 (3), pp. 854-6.

### **Scholarships, Honors, and Grants**

IAST Multidisciplinary Prize (40,000 Euros), 2017-2019

Visiting Fellowship, France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2017

TSEconomist Best Teacher Award at the Master 2 Level, Toulouse School of Economics, 2015

Data Collection Grant (50,000 USD), North Atlantic Population Project (NAPP), 2012-15

PhD Completion Award, Phi Beta Kappa, 2011-12

Ibn Khaldun Prize, Middle East Economic Association, 2011

Advanced Doctoral Research Award, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, USC, 2010-11

Gold Family Graduate Fellowship, USC, 2010

Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowship, Economic History Association, 2010-11

Data Collection Grant (15,000 USD), IPUMS, Minnesota Population Center, 2009-10

Best Third Year Paper Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2009

International Field Research Award, USC, 2009

Exploratory Travel and Data Grant, Economic History Association, 2009  
College Graduate Merit Award, USC, 2006-12  
Fulbright Scholarship, Fulbright Commission in Egypt, 2005-06  
Ranked Second (among 350 students), Department of Economics, Cairo University, 2003  
Ranked Second (among 300,000 students), National Examination Qualifying for Higher Education, Egypt, 1999

**Teaching Experience:** (G: Graduate; UG: Undergraduate)

**Instructor:** Toulouse School of Economics (2012-Present): Topics in Economics: World Economic History (UG), Master I Research Thesis (G), Individuals and Households in Developing Countries (G), Applied Econometrics (G), Historical Perspectives on Development (G).

**Teaching Assistant:** (1) University of Southern California (2006-2012): Economic History and Development (G), Economic Development of the Middle East (UG), Economics of Happiness (UG), Introduction to Econometrics (UG), Principles of Microeconomics (UG), and Principles of Macroeconomics (UG).

(2) Cairo University (2003-2005): Introductory Econometrics (UG), International Finance (UG), Intermediate Macroeconomics (UG), Applied Econometrics (G).

**Pre-Doctoral Research Assistantship Experience**

Richard A. Easterlin, Department of Economics, USC, 2011-2012  
Gary Painter, School of Policy, Planning, and Development (SPPD), USC, Fall 2008  
Jeffrey B. Nugent, Department of Economics, USC, 2006-2008  
World Bank Project of “Assessing Investment Climate in Egypt,” Egypt, 2004-2005  
Cairo Economics and Finance Research Center, Egypt, Summer 2004

**Conferences and Invited Seminars** (Economics Departments Unless Else Noted)

2017: U of Barcelona; Economic Research Forum Conference; U of Rennes; EHESS-Toulouse; Sciences Po Paris; Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, Oxford (Conference on “The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World”); Cambridge (Conference on the “Economics of Religion”); UCLA (planned); UC-Berkeley (planned); Harvard (Center for Middle Eastern Studies) (planned)

2016: AEA; NYUAD/CAGE/CEPR Economic History Conference; Arizona; UCLA Economic History Proseminar; AALIMS; EHESS-Toulouse; CEPR-EBRD-EoT Symposium; CIFAR; Warwick Economic History Conference

2015: Caltech/All-UC Group in Economic History Conference; Economic History Society 2015 Meeting; Queen’s University Belfast; World Economic History Congress; Economic History Association; New Economic School Conference; Yale; Carlos III Madrid; PSE; Bonn

2014: LSE (Economic History); Cambridge (History); TSE (TIGER Forum); IAST Economic History Workshop; Namur; Middle East Studies Association; Egyptian Statistical Agency (CAPMAS) Conference

2013: American Economic Association; Stanford; Northwestern; UCLA Economic History; AALIMS; Oxford; LSE; Social Science History Association; Stockholm School of Economics

2012: Toulouse School of Economics; Paris School of Economics; University of Southern Denmark; Warwick; Leicester; Georgetown (Public Policy); UC-Davis; Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC); AALIMS; UC-Irvine; UCLA Anderson and All-UC Group in Economic History; Asian Economic History Congress; IAST; Oxford Center for Islamic Studies

2011: Middle East Economic Association; Population Association of America (Poster Session), Cliometric Society; Western Economic Association International; NBER Summer Institute; Conference on Coptic Studies (UCLA); Economic History Association; All-UC/Berkeley Economic History Laboratory (Graduate Student Workshop); UCLA Economic History Proseminar

2010: Middle East Economic Association; International Commission for Historical Demography; Middle East Studies Association; UCLA Economic History Proseminar

2009: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PACDEV); National Archives of Egypt; Economic History Association (Poster Session); UCLA Economic History Proseminar

2008: Economic Research Forum Conference

### **Refereeing**

*Quarterly Journal of Economics; Journal of the European Economic Association; European Economic Review; Journal of Economic History; Explorations in Economic History; Economic History Review; Economics of Transition*

### **Other Duties**

Director of the IAST History Program, 2012-

Co-organizer of the TSE Development Economics Seminar, 2014-

Organizer of the IAST Annual Economic History Workshop, 2013-

Member of the IAST Recruitment Committee, 2012-

Co-organizer of the Toulouse History Seminar (IAST, UT2, Science Po Toulouse, IAE), 2013-

### **Professional Affiliations**

Faculty Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning on Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS)

Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum (ERF)

### **Membership in Professional Organizations**

American Economic Association; Economic History Association; Economic History Society; Middle East Studies Association

### **Languages**

Arabic: Native

English: Fluent

French: Very Good (Reading and Writing), Good (Speaking)

### **Personal Information**

Date of Birth: April 1, 1982

Place of Birth: Alexandria, Egypt

Nationality: Egypt