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Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics (Tenure-Track), Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) and Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST), 2012-
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University, 2017-2018

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

1. “On the Road to Heaven: Taxation, Conversions, and the Coptic-Muslim Socioeconomic Gap in Medieval Egypt,” *Journal of Economic History*, 2018, Vol. 78 (2), pp. 394-434.
 - Awarded the Economic History Association’s Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best *Journal of Economic History* article of the year.
2. “Does Improved Local Supply of Schooling Enhance Intergenerational Mobility in Education? Evidence from Jordan” (with Ragui Assaad), forthcoming in *World Bank Economic Review*.
3. “Does Industrialization Affect Segregation? Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Cairo,” (with Christophe Lévêque), *Explorations in Economic History*, 2018, Vol. 67, pp. 40-61.
4. “A “New” Economic History of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region,” *Economics of Transition*, 2017, Vol. 25 (2), pp. 149–163.
5. “Public Mass Modern Education, Religion, and Human Capital in Twentieth-Century Egypt,” *Journal of Economic History*, 2016, Vol. 76 (3), pp. 697–735.
6. “The Reluctant Transformation: State Industrialization, Religion, and Human Capital in Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” *Journal of Economic History*, 2015, Vol. 75 (1), pp. 65-94.
7. “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

1. “Taxing Identity: Fiscal Policy and Conversions in Early Islam,” (with Jean Tirole)
2. “The Cotton Boom and Slavery in Nineteenth-Century Rural Egypt”
3. “Impact of Syrian Refugees in Jordan on Education Outcomes for Jordanian Youth,” (with Ragui Assaad and Thomas Ginn)

Work in Progress

1. “Fertility and Child Survival Before the Demographic Transition: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Claire Galez)
2. “Non-Muslim Minorities and Capitulations in Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Cihan Artunç)
3. “Parliamentary Elites in Autocracies and their (Lack of) Support for Democracy: The Case of Egypt,” (with Carlos Velasco Rivera)
4. “Numeracy in Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Joerg Baten and Rima Ghanem)
5. “Nation-Building Policies and Cultural Integration: Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” (with Salma Mousa)
6. “The Cotton Boom and Bedouin Settlement in Nineteenth-Century Rural Egypt,” (with Adi Greif)

Book Chapters

1. “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.
2. “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.
3. “Socioeconomic Inequality across Religious Groups: Self-Selection or Religion-Induced Human Capital Accumulation? The Case of Egypt” in *Advances in the Economics of Religion*, Edited by Jean-Paul Carvalho, Sriya Iyer, and Jared Rubin, Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.

Book Reviews

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

- Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best *Journal of Economic History* article of the year for “On the Road to Heaven: Taxation, Conversions, and the Coptic-Muslim Socioeconomic Gap in Medieval Egypt,” Economic History Association, 2018
- IAST Multidisciplinary Prize (40,000 Euros) for “Parliamentary Elites in Autocracies and their (Lack of) Support for Democracy: The Case of Egypt” (with Carlos Velasco Rivera), 2017-2019
- Visiting Fellowship, Stanford Center for International Development, France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Stanford’s Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, and European Union’s Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Staff Exchange program, 2017-2018
- TSEconomist Best Teacher Award at the Master 2 Level, TSE, 2015

- Data Collection Grant (50,000 USD), North Atlantic Population Project (NAPP), 2012-2015
- PhD Completion Award, Phi Beta Kappa, 2011-2012
- Ibn Khaldun Prize, Middle East Economic Association, 2011
- Advanced Doctoral Research Award, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, USC, 2010-2011
- Gold Family Graduate Fellowship, USC, 2010
- Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowship, Economic History Association, 2010-2011
- Data Collection Grant (15,000 USD), IPUMS, Minnesota Population Center, 2009-2010
- 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, 2006-2012
- Fulbright Scholarship, Fulbright Commission in Egypt, 2005-2006
- 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), PhD Student Workshop (G), Institutions and Economic Behavior (G), Topics in Applied Economics (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

Invited Seminars (Economics Departments Unless Else Noted)

2019: U of Bonn (planned); Oxford (planned); U of Groningen (planned)

2018: Paris School of Economics; Stanford; UC-Irvine; Stanford (Public Lecture); UC-Davis; Santa Clara; Aix-Marseille School of Economics; Harvard Business School (planned); EHESS/IISMM Seminar on Islam and Capitalism (planned)

2017: U of Barcelona; U of Rennes; UCLA; UC-Berkeley; Harvard (Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Center for European Studies)

2016: U of Arizona; UCLA (Economic History Proseminar)

2015: Yale; Carlos III Madrid; Paris School of Economics; U of Bonn

2014: London School of Economics (Economic History); Cambridge (History); U of Namur

2013: Stanford; Northwestern; UCLA (Economic History Proseminar); Oxford; London School of Economics; Stockholm School of Economics

2012: Toulouse School of Economics; Paris School of Economics; University of Southern Denmark; Warwick; Leicester; Georgetown (Public Policy); UC-Davis; UC-Irvine; Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse; Oxford (Center for Islamic Studies)

2009: National Archives of Egypt (Public Lecture)

Conferences

2018: ASSA Meeting (Econometric Society); Caltech “Early Modern Group” Meeting; UC-Irvine Conference on “Identity, Cooperation, and Conflict”; AALIMS-Princeton Conference on “Political Economy of Muslim Societies;” NBER Summer Institute (“Income Distribution and Macroeconomics” and “Development of the American Economy” Programs); UCLA Conference on Coptic Studies; Economic History of Religion Conference at Northwestern University (planned)

2017: Economic Research Forum Conference; EHESS-Toulouse Conference on “Networks and Exchanges;” IAST-Sciences Po Conference on “Political Economy;” Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society; Oxford Conference on “The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World”; Cambridge Conference on “Economics of Religion”

2016: ASSA Meeting (American Economic Association); NYUAD/CAGE/CEPR Conference on “Economic History;” AALIMS- Stanford Conference on “Political Economy of Islam and Muslim Societies;” EHESS-Toulouse Conference on “Networks and Exchanges;” CEPR-EBRD-Economics of Transition “Symposium on the Economics of the Middle East and North Africa;” CIFAR “Institutions, Organizations and Growth” Program Meeting; Warwick Conference on “Economic History”

2015: Caltech/All-UC Group in Economic History Conference; Economic History Society Meeting; Historical Economics and the Economics of Religion at Queen’s University Belfast; Economic Research Forum (ERF) Scientific Committee Meeting; World Economic History Congress; Economic History Association Meeting; Yale Conference on “The Political Economy of Social Conflict;” New Economic School Conference on Economic History

2014: Toulouse School of Economics (TIGER Forum); Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Meeting; Egyptian Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) Conference

2013: ASSA Meeting (American Economic Association); AALIMS-Rice Conference on “Political Economy of the Muslim World;” Social Science History Association Meeting

2012: Chapman University Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC); AALIMS-Stanford Conference on “Economic and Political Development of the Muslim World;” UCLA Anderson and All-UC Group in Economic History Meeting; Asian Economic History Congress

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

2010: ASSA Meeting (Middle East Economic Association); International Commission for Historical Demography Conference; Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Meeting

2009: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PACDEV); Economic History Association Meeting (Poster Session)

2008: Economic Research Forum Conference

Conference Organization

“Climbing the Social Ladder: Social and Geographic Mobility over Time,” IAST, June 2014

“Economic History and Trade,” (with Thomas Chaney and Christian Hellwig), IAST, March 2015

“Explaining Institutional Change in History,” (with Peter Turchin), IAST, June 2017

Refereeing

Economics and Human Biology; Economic History of Developing Regions; Economic History Review; Economics of Transition; European Economic Review; Explorations in Economic History; Journal of Economic History; Journal of the European Economic Association; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Social Choice and Welfare

Other Duties

Program Director in History, IAST, 2012-2018

Co-organizer of the TSE Development Economics Seminar, 2014-2017

Organizer of the IAST Economic History Workshop, 2014-2017

Member of the IAST Recruitment Committee, 2012-2019

Co-organizer of the Toulouse History Seminar (IAST, UT2, Science Po Toulouse, IAE), 2013-2017

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; Econometric Society; 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: Egyptian