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Current position

September 2005 to date: Economic Expert, Arab Planning Institute (API). The economic expert's position is the second most senior academic appointment at API and is equivalent to associate professorial status in universities. API is a capacity building and research institution dealing with economic development problems and issues facing the Arab countries. My current portfolio involves me as coordinator of the Consultancy Committee of API which is charged with advising the management on all issues relating to the consultancy process.

Education

- Habilitation Thesis in Applied Econometrics, University of Bourgogne, France, 1999.
- Ph.D. in Economics and Econometrics: University of Bourgogne and CREST-INSEE, France, 1993.
- M. Sc. in Mathematical Economics: University of Bourgogne, France, 1988.
- B.A. in Economics: Université de Tunis III, 1986.

Professional Experience

- 1995-2005 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of South Britain, France.
- 2003-2005 Instructor in Economics, Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers (CNAM), Cergy, France.
- 1998-2002 Instructor in Modern Econometrics, CEPE-INSEE, Paris, France.
- 1994-1995 Associate Professor, University of Rennes 1, France and University of Tunis El-Manar, Tunis, Tunisia.
- 1992-1994 Assistant Professor, University of Panthéon Sorbonne, Assas-Paris II, Paris
- 1990-1992 Instructor, University of Panthéon Sorbonne Paris I, Paris

Research Grants

- Coopération Franco-Tunisienne, French Government/University of Bourgogne: Research Grant for Estimation of Dynamic Disequilibrium Models : 1986-1991.
- Centre de Recherche en Economie et en Statistique (CREST/INSEE, Paris): Research Grant for Non-Linear Estimation Methods (simulated pseudo-maximum likelihood methods, static and dynamic versions): 1992-1993.
- Ministère de l'éducation nationale, French Government: Research Grant to study the social assimilation and return migration decision of Tunisian migrants in Europe: 1997-1998.

Affiliation and Editorial duties

- Research associate of the Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo.
- Member of the editorial board of the Journal of Development and Economic Policies, Kuwait.

Referee for Scientific Journals

Economie et Prévision, Journal of Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization, Journal of Development and Economic Policies, Middle East Development Journal.

Research Publications: Books and Refereed International Journals

- Learning and Productivity Performance in Arab manufacturing Industries, *Journal of Development and Economic Policies*, vol.12, No.1, 2010, pp.7-30.
- Entry, Exit, Resource Reallocation and Productivity Growth in the Tunisian Private Manufacturing Industries, (with M. Goaid), *Middle East Development Journal*, vol.1, Issue 2, December 2009, pp.189-208.
- Entry, Exit and Productivity in Tunisian Manufacturing Industries , (with Goaid M.) in Market Dynamics and Productivity in Developing Countries, Edited by Khalid Sekkat, **Springer**, 2009, pp.73-108.
- Competition, Efficiency and Competition Policy in Tunisia in Competition and Efficiency in the Arab World, Edited by Khalid Sekkat, **Palgrave Macmillan**, 2008, pp.159-202.
- Tourism in Arab Countries: its Structure and Competitiveness, *Journal of Development and Economic Policies*, (language Arabic), vol.10, No.1, January 2008.
- Markup Pricing and Import Competition: Has Import Disciplined Tunisian Manufacturing Firms? *Journal of Development and Economic Policies*, vol.8, No.2, June 2006.
- Technical Progress and Investment in Tunisian Manufacturing Firm: Evidence from Firm Level Panel Data, *Journal of Development and Economic Policies*, vol.7, No.2, June 2005.
- Femmes et développement régional en Tunisie (book in two volumes, with S. Cherif), Publisher : Centre de Recherches, d'Etudes, de Documentation et d'Information sur la Femme (**CREDIF**), Tunis, 2003.
- Transferts des migrants Tunisiens et qualification : Théorie et évidence, (with M. Jellal) *l'Actualité Economique*, vol. 78,n°3, Septembre 2002.
- Rural-Urban Migration and Self-Selection in Tunisia, (with H. Mzali) *Papers in Regional Science*, Vol 77#4, 1999.
- Rural-Urban Migration : On the Harris-Todaro Model, *Les Annales d'Economie et de Gestion*, FSEG Tunis, December 1998
- Assimilation sociale des immigrants tunisiens en Europe et décision de retour de migration : estimation d'un modèle logit ordonné, *Région et Développement*, n°6, 1997.
- Investissement et rationnement sur le marché tunisien des importations de biens intermédiaires et d'équipement : estimation par le PMVS, *Economie et Prévision*, n°119, 1995.
- Le Pseudo-maximum de Vraisemblance théorique et Simulé : application au cas des modèles de déséquilibre, (with F., MIHOUBI and S., HAMMOUCHE), *Economie et Prévision*, n°112 ; 1994.

Dissertation

Investissement et Rationnement en Tunisie : Application des méthodes simulées et semi-paramétriques d'estimation. (Chair : Professor Pietro BALESTRA), **Thesis award of Bourgogne University**, 1993.

Technical Reports and Working Papers

- Estimation des modèles de déséquilibre dynamiques: extension de la méthode du Pseudo-Maximum de Vraisemblance Simulé ; (with F. Mihoubi), Document de travail N° 9304 de l'Institut de Mathématiques Economiques (IME, Dijon), 1993.
- Tunisian Imports and Capital Formation: Disequilibrium and Dynamic Spillovers, mimeo Université de Rennes 1, 1995.
- Assimilation, attachement et migration de retour: la cas des immigrants tunisiens, (with H. Mzali), mimeo Université de Bretagne Sud, 1996.
- Migration inter-régionale en Tunisie et autocorrélation spatiale, (with H. Mzali), mimeo Université de Bretagne Sud, 1997.
- Migration et paradoxe des transferts: Théorie et évidence, (with M. Jellal), mimeo Université de Bretagne Sud, 1998.
- Fondement empirique à la conjecture de sous-investissement dans les secteurs productif non agricole et manufacturier en Tunisie, Rapport, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 1998.
- Performances et comportement d'investissement des entreprises manufacturières tunisiennes: analyse micro-économétrique, Rapport, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 1998.
- Dépenses publiques et croissance économique en Tunisie: une évaluation économétrique, Rapport, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 1999.
- Soutenabilité de la politique budgétaire, solvabilité de l'Etat et stabilité de la dette en Tunisie (1972-1996), Rapport, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 1999.
- Performances et comportement d'investissement des entreprises manufacturières tunisiennes: analyse micro-économétrique, Rapport, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 2000.
- Compétitivité des entreprises manufacturières privées tunisiennes: ce que révèle l'enquête qualitative 2000, Rapport, Institut d'Economie Quantitative, Tunis, 2000.
- Investment, Markup and Capacity Utilization in Tunisia, ERF Eighth Annual Conference, Cairo-Egypt January 2002, and the first European conference of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) in Cooperation with The Centre of Near & Middle Eastern Studies, London University in the summer of 2001. ERF Working Paper series N°: 200132.
- Markup pricing in Tunisian manufacturing industries, Cairo-Egypt, Conference paper ERF, January 2002.
- Technical Progress and Investment in Tunisian Manufacturing Firm: Evidence from Firm Level Panel Data, Marrakech-Morocco, ERF Conference paper December 2003, Award best policy oriented paper.
- Les statistiques de l'assurance en Tunisie, Rapport, Unité d'étude et de recherche sur le financement de l'économie nationale, Institut de Financement du Développement, IFID, Tunis, Mars 2004.
- Markup Pricing and Import Competition: Has Import Disciplined Tunisian Manufacturing Firms? , Beirut-Lebanon, ERF Conference paper, December 2004.

- Libéralisation financière et efficacité des banques de dépôts tunisiennes, (avec D. Dahmane), mimeo Université de Bretagne Sud, 2005.
- Normative approach of Upstream-Downstream relationships in the tourism sector: implication for the Tourism policy of the South Mediterranean Countries, (with A. Hamoudi and H. Djoufelkit), Kuwait, ERF Conference paper 2006 and ERF Working Paper series N°: 200802, 2008.
- Tourism in Arab South Mediterranean Countries: The Competitiveness Challenge, API mimeo, 2006.
- Enjeux et problèmes du développement du tourisme dans les pays du Sud de la Méditerranée, Rapport, Paris, Agence Française de Développement, 2007.
- Entry, Exit, Resource Reallocation and Productivity Growth in the Tunisian Private Manufacturing Industries, Egypt, ERF Conference paper 2008 and ERF Working Paper series N°: 477, 2009.
- The Gap in Gender Development in Arab Countries: Exploratory Results, (with A. Abdelkader Ali), API International Conference on "Women and Youth in Arab Development, Cairo, Egypt, 22-24 March 2010

Congress and Conference

- Communication: IIIèmes Journées des Jeunes Economètres à l'Université Libre de Bruxelles, May 1993.
- Communication: Xè Journées de microéconomie appliquée à l'Université de Sfax, en Tunisie, June 1993.
- Communication: Twenty First International Conference of Macromodels '94, à Lodz en Pologne, December 1994.
- Communication: XIème congrès mondial de l'Association Internationale des Sciences Economiques, Tunis, December 1995.
- Communication: XIII journées de micro-économie appliquée à Liège, June 1996.
- Discussant: Journées des Jeunes Economètres, Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, May 1997.
- Communication: XXXIIIème Congrès de l'Association de Science Régionale de Langue Française, Lille, September 1997.
- Discussant: Conference organised by Ministère du développement économique tunisien: Tunisian Economy Competitiveness, May 1998.
- Communication the first European conference of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) in Cooperation with The Centre of Near & Middle Eastern Studies, London University, July 2001.
- Communication the ERF Eighth Annual Conference, Cairo, January 2002.
- Communication the ERF Tenth Annual Conference, Marrakech, Morocco, December 2003.
- Communication: International Conference on Institutions and Development Performance, Arab Planning Institute, Beirut-Lebanon, June 2004.
- Communication: the ERF Eleventh Annual Conference, Beirut, Lebanon, December 2004.
- Communication: International Conference Jointly Organized by ECOMOD and MEEA, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN ECONOMIES, Past Perspectives and Future Challenges, Free University of Brussels, June 2005.
- Discussant the ERF 12th Annual Conference, Cairo, Egypt, December 2005.
- Communication the ERF 13th Annual Conference, Kuwait, December 2006
- Communication the ERF 15th Annual Conference, Egypt, November 2008

Teaching

- Regression Theory and Econometrics, University of Pantheon-Sorbonne, Paris I
- Microeconomics and Econometrics, University of Pantheon-Sorbonne, Paris II
- Principals of Economics and Advanced Econometrics, University of Rennes 1
- Probability, Statistics and Econometrics, University of South Britain
- Growth and Development Economics, University of South Britain
- Industrial Economics, University of South Britain
- Macro and Microeconomics, CNAM
- Unit Roots and Error Correction Models, CEPE-INSEE
- Measurement and analysis of poverty and inequality, API (Training program in Arabic)
- Return to education: Estimation and analysis, API (Training program in Arabic)
- The Millennium Development Goals, API (Training program in Arabic)
- Inequality and development, API (Training program in Arabic)
- Development and institutional reforms, API (Training program in Arabic)
- Competitiveness policy, API (Training program in Arabic)

Consulting Experience: (sample of recent involvement)

- Competitiveness of Tunisian economy, Ministry of Development and International Cooperation, Tunis, Tunisia, 1997-2001.
- Women and Regional Development in Tunisia, CREDIF, Tunis, Tunisia, 2002-2003.
- Competition, Competition Policy and Economic Efficiency in the MENA Region, IDRC project, Canada, 2003-2005.
- Tourism and Development in South Mediterranean Countries, French Development Agency project, Paris, France, 2005-2006.
- Economic policies, firm's entry and exit and economic performance in the Middle East and North Africa, IDRC project, Canada, 2006-2009.

Foreign languages

- Mother tongue: Arabic
- Foreign languages: French and English

Personal Information

Citizenships: Tunisian and French.

Permanent resident in Kuwait.

Married, two children.

Date of Birth: May 27, 1964.