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Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Davis, USA, *June 2005*.

Dissertation: “Knowledge Flows, Innovation and Multinational Firms: Evidence from US Patents”

Committee: Giovanni Peri, Robert Feenstra, and Deborah Swenson.

M.A., Economics, Stanford University, Stanford, USA, *September 2000*.

M.A., Economics, The American University in Cairo, Egypt, *June 1998*.

B.A., Economics (***Summa Cum Laude***), The American University in Cairo, Egypt, *June 1995*.

Minor in Business Administration and Computer Science

Research Interests

Economic Development; Labor Economics and Gender Issues; International Economics; Applied Microeconomics; Econometrics

Published Research Papers

- “Return Migration and Earnings Mobility in Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia” (with Vladimir Hlasny), *Journal of Income Distribution*, *forthcoming*.
- “[Last in After COVID-19: Employment Prospects of Youths during a Pandemic Recovery](#)”, (with Vladimir Hlasny) *Forum for Social Economics*, Vol. 51, no.2, 2022, pp. 235-244.
[10.1080/07360932.2022.2052738](https://doi.org/10.1080/07360932.2022.2052738)
- “[Youth Labor Market Vulnerabilities: Evidence from Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny) *International Journal of Manpower ahead-of-print (-)*. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJM-04-2021-0239>.
- “[Firms’ Lifecycle under Conflict-Related Mobility Restrictions in Palestine: Evidence from Establishment Censuses](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny), *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, Vol. 27, no. 4, 2021, pp. 431-504. <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/peps-2020-0054/html>
- “[Happily, Ever After? Egyptians Values and Life Satisfaction after the Arab Spring](#)” (with Ronia Hawash) *International Journal of Happiness and Development*, Vol. 6, no. 4, 2021, pp. 325-350.
<https://doi.org/10.1504/IJHD.2021.117784>
- “[Regional and Income Disparities in Cost of Living Changes: Evidence from Egypt](#)”, *Middle East Development Journal*. Vol. 12, 2020, no.2, pp.243-267. DOI: [10.1080/17938120.2020.1770476](https://doi.org/10.1080/17938120.2020.1770476)
- “[Household asset wealth and female labor supply in MENA](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny), *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*. Vol. 73, August 2019, Pages 3-13.
- “[Household Asset Inequality in MENA: the missing dimension?](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny), *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*. Vol. 73, August 2019, Pages 44-55
- “[Disparities in the Cost of Living Changes After a Large-Scale Devaluation: The Case of Egypt 2016](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny), *Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economies*, Vol. 21, Issue 2, September 2019.
- “[Do Endowments Matter? Exploring the Gender Dimensions of Poverty in Egypt](#)”, *Review of Income and Wealth*. Vol. 64, pp. S189-S224, 2018.
- “[Return Migration and Social Mobility in MENA: Evidence from Labor Market Panel Surveys](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny), *Topics in Middle Eastern and African Economies*, Vol. 20, Issue No.2, September 2018.
- “[How Muslims Understand Democracy: An Empirical Investigation](#).” (with Mo’amen Gouda), *Topics in Middle Eastern and African Economies*, Vol. 19, Issue No. 2, September 2017.

- “Did Trade Liberalization Benefit Female Workers? Evidence from Egypt on Wage and Employment Effects” in Karshenas, M. & Chamlou, N. (Eds.) *Women, Work and Welfare in the Middle East and North Africa: The Role of Socio-demographics, Entrepreneurship and Public Policies*. Imperial College Press, (2016).
- “[Trade liberalization, industry concentration and female workers: the case of Egypt](#)”, *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 3 (20) September (2014).
- “[Do Workers in Exporting Industries Earn Higher Wages? Evidence from Recent Trade Liberalization Episodes in Two Developing Countries](#),” *Global Business and Economics Review* 16 (4): 369-395 (2014) (with M. Said).
- “Dynamics of Multidimensional Poverty and Trade Liberalization: Evidence from Panel Data for Egypt.” (with M. Said), in Berenger, Valerie; Bresson, Florent (Eds.) “Poverty and Social Exclusion around the Mediterranean Sea.” Part of the Springer book series: “[Economic Studies in Inequality, Social Exclusion and Well-Being](#)”, Vol. 9 (2013), New York: Springer.
- “[Innovation, Productivity, and Foreign Direct Investment-Induced R&D Spillovers](#).” *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, 21 (5): 615-653 (2012).
- “[Multinational Corporations and Knowledge Flows: Evidence from Patent Citations](#)” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 59 (3): 649-680 (2011).
- “Knowledge Flows and Knowledge Assets in High -Technology Mergers and Acquisitions” *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics*, 21: 48-67 (2008).

Policy Briefs and Book Chapters:

- “Egypt: Economy.” In *The Middle East and North Africa 2023*, Europa Regional Surveys of the World, *forthcoming*. in Europa Publications (Eds.): Routledge.
- “[Women and Youth labor market outcomes during Covid19: evidence from Egypt and Jordan](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny) AFD Policy Dialogues No. 57, May 2022.
- “Egypt: Economy.” In *The Middle East and North Africa 2022*, Europa Regional Surveys of the World (pp.211–218). in Europa Publications (Eds.): Routledge.
- “[Precarious Employment For Youth In Egypt, Jordan, And Tunisia](#)”, WIDERAngle. 2021.
- “Egypt: Economy.” In *The Middle East and North Africa 2021*, Europa Regional Surveys of the World (pp.209–216). in Europa Publications (Eds.): Routledge.
- “[Informality, market fragmentation and low productivity in Egypt](#)”, *The Forum*, ERF Policy Portal (with Vladimir Hlasny). August 15, 2020
- “[Asset inequality in Egypt, Ethiopia, Jordan and Tunisia](#)”, *The Forum*, ERF Policy Portal (with Vladimir Hlasny).

Work in Progress

- “The evolution and dynamics of poverty feminization in the Arab region: Recent evidence from Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia” (with Hai-Anh H. Dang, Vladimir Hlasny, Kseniya Abanokova)
- “Distributional Impacts of the Russia-Ukraine Crisis in Egypt and Jordan” (with Vladimir Hlasny)
- “The Distributional Impact of a Large-Scale Devaluation: the Case of Egypt in 2016” (with Vladimir Hlasny) (*Revise and Resubmit* at an academic journal).

Working Papers

- “[First out, Last in Amid Covid-19: Employment Vulnerability of Youths in Arab Countries](#)” with Vladimir Hlasny) ERF Working Paper No. 1566, August 2022.
- “[First Out, Last In amid COVID-19: Employment Vulnerability of Youths in the Middle East](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny) Agence Francaise de Developpement FD Research Paper No. 245, April 2022.
- “[Lives versus Livelihoods: Who can work from home in MENA?](#)” ERF Working Paper No. 1471, April 2021.
- “[Return Migration and Earnings Mobility in Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia](#)” (with Vladimir Hlasny). ECINEQ, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality Working Paper No.562, October 2020.

- [“Vulnerable employment of Egyptian, Jordanian, and Tunisian youth: Trends and determinants”](#), WIDER Working Paper, No. 2020/166, September 2020, Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [“Youth Vulnerability in Egypt and Jordan: Dimensions and Determinants”](#) (with Vladimir Hlasny). ERF Working Paper No. 1275, December 2018.
- [“Firms’ Lifecycle under Conflict-Related Mobility Restrictions in Palestine: Evidence from Establishment Censuses”](#) (with Vladimir Hlasny). ERF Working Paper No. 1250, November 2018.
- [“Household Asset Wealth and Female Labor Supply in MENA”](#) (with Vladimir Hlasny). ERF Working Paper No. 1202, May 2018.
- [“Asset Inequality in MENA: The Missing Dimension?”](#) (with Vladimir Hlasny). ERF Working Paper No.1177, April 2018.
- [“Return Migration and Socioeconomic Mobility In MENA: Evidence From Labour Market Panel Surveys”](#). (with Vladimir Hlasny) WIDER Working Paper 2018/35, March 2018. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [“Did the Cost of Living Rise Faster for the Rural Poor?”](#) ERF Working Paper 1091, 2017.
- [“Endowments or Discrimination? Determinants of Household Poverty in Egypt”](#) ERF Working Paper 931, 2015.
- [“Is there Feminization of Poverty in Egypt?”](#) ERF Working Paper 926, 2015.
- [“Did Trade Liberalization Benefit Female Workers? Evidence on Wage and Employment Effects from Egypt”](#) (earlier version) ERF Working Paper 787, 2013.
- [“Trade Liberalization and Labor Rewards in Egyptian Manufacturing: Is There a Wage-Job Quality Tradeoff?”](#) (with M. Said), Center for Research on the Economies of the Mediterranean (CREMed) Working Paper #3, *Best Paper Award Finalist*, December 2010.
- [“The Dynamics of Poverty and Inequality in an era of Economic Liberalization: The Case of Egypt”](#) Economic Research Forum (ERF) Working Paper no.539, 2010.
- “Trade liberalization, inter-industry wage differentials and job quality in Egyptian manufacturing.” (with M. Said), Gender and Work in the MENA Region Working Paper Series, No.6 (2009), Cairo: Population Council.
- “To Fix or Not to Fix? On the Choice of Exchange Rate Regimes for Emerging Markets” Unpublished MA Manuscript, Stanford University.
- “Constructing True Cost-of-Living Indices for Egypt” Unpublished MA Thesis, American University in Cairo.
- “The Effect of the Economic Reform and Structural Adjustment Program on Poverty in Egypt” Unpublished MA Manuscript, American University in Cairo

Academic Experience

- Lecturer, Department of Economics, Santa Clara University, CA *2010 to present*
Teaching courses in International Economics, Development and Growth; Economic Development; International Finance and Open Economy Macroeconomics
- Faculty Research Mentor, Global Social Benefit Fellowship, Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship *2016 to 2018*
Advised students on their research with Nazava, a social enterprise in Indonesia, working to provide clean water filters, and Awaaz.De, a social enterprise in India that develops and supports mobile solutions for social mission-driven organizations in education, health, agriculture, and microfinance.
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, San Jose State University, CA *2009*
Taught a Masters level course in International Trade and Finance
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University in Cairo, Egypt *2005-2008*
Taught Principles of Microeconomics; Economic Development; Economic Growth; Economics of Poverty and Inequality (*a Community-Based Learning course*); Masters level: Economic Growth and Development, and Development Research Workshop
- Research Assistant, Professor Giovanni Peri, Department of Economics, UC Davis *2002-2004*
Exploring the intensity of inter-regional knowledge flows, R&D spillovers and innovation.

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of California, Davis, CA 2000-2005
Taught Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of Macroeconomics; Analysis of Economic Data
- Lecturer, Department of Economics, The American University in Cairo, Egypt 1998
Taught Principles of Macroeconomics
- Research Investigator, Professor Heba Nassar, Social Research Center, AUC 1998
Investigating the Socio-Economic Status of Women in Egypt.
- Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, The American University in Cairo, Egypt 1996-1998
Taught Principles of Macroeconomics; Intermediate Microeconomics

Affiliations

- Research Fellow, Economics Research Forum (ERF)
- Member, American Economic Association (AEA)
- Member, Middle East Economics Association (MEEA)
- Member, Western Economic Association International (WEAI)
- Member, International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW)

Presentations and Workshops

- Economic Research Forum 26th Annual Conference, Virtual, May 2022.
- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA Virtual meetings, January 2022.
- Invited Speaker, Dialogues on the Future of Work in the Global South: Labor Market Institutions Roundtable, July 27, 2021, part of the Dialogues on the Future of Work in the Global South: Building narratives from the Middle East and North Africa – An initiative by FoWiGS , AERC, ERF, Just Jobs Network, Red Sur & CIPPEC.
- Economic Research Forum 25th Annual Conference, Virtual, May 2021.
- Invited Presenter at Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES) Virtual Annual Conference 2020: "What Pillars for Resilience of the Socio-Economic Models Post COVID-19 Pandemic in the Mediterranean?" 17-18 December, 2020.
- UNU-WIDER Virtual Workshop on "Transforming Informal Work and Livelihoods", 12-13 November, 2020, Helsinki, Finland.
- Economic Research Forum 26th Annual Conference, Virtual, September 2020.
- Invited Presenter at the joint [World Inequality Lab](#) and [Carnegie Middle East Center](#) workshop on "Tackling Inequality and Poverty: A New Priority for the Middle East?", Beirut, Lebanon, January 24, 2020.
- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA meetings, San Diego, January 2020.
- Invited Participant at UN's "[Global Sustainable Development Report](#) Consultations of multi-stakeholders in the Arab region", Amman, Jordan, 28 - 30 April 2019.
- Economic Research Forum 25th Annual Conference, Kuwait, March 2019.
- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA meetings, Atlanta, January 2019.
- Economic Research Forum 24th Annual Conference, Cairo, Egypt, July 2018.
- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA meetings, Philadelphia, January 2018.
- Economic Research Forum "Labor & Human Development Workshop", Cairo, December 15-17, 2017
- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA meetings, Chicago, January 2017.
- Invited to present my paper "Endowments or Discrimination? What Makes Female-Headed Households Poorer In Egypt?" at the World Bank's MENA Chief Economist's Seminar Series, Washington DC, May, 2016.

- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA meetings, San Francisco, CA, January, 2016.
- IARIW-CAPMAS Special Conference “Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income, Wealth, Poverty and Inequality in the Middle East and North Africa” Cairo, Egypt November 23-25, 2015
- Middle East Economics Association Annual Conference at ASSA meetings, Boston, MA, January 3-6, 2015.
- ERF Workshop on “Women Economic Empowerment in the MENA Region”, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, November 29, 2013.
- IZA Workshop on “Labor Markets and Labor Policy in MENA Countries”, Tunis, Tunisia, March 15 to 16, 2013.
- Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA) Annual Meeting, The World Bank, Washington DC, June 24-25, 2012.
- GERPA “Middle East and North Africa Gender and Economics Symposium II: Translating Research into Action”, Gleacher Center, University of Chicago, October 16-19, 2010.
- Workshop on "Economics of the Mediterranean and the Euro-Mediterranean Process", Barcelona, Spain, July 16-17, 2010.
- African Econometric Society International Conference, Cairo, Egypt, July 7-9, 2010.
- Workshop on “Inequality of Income and Inequality of Opportunity”, ERF, Cairo, Egypt, June 21-24, 2010.
- Western Economic Association International Conference, Hawaii, USA, June 29-July 3, 2008.
- American University in Cairo Annual Research Conference, May 12-14, 2008.
- “*Community-Based Learning (CBL): Principles, Practices, and Assessment*” Training Workshop, March 2008, John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement, the Center for Learning and Teaching, and the Department of Rhetoric and Composition, American University in Cairo.
- Western Economic Association International Conference, Seattle, USA, June 29-July 3, 2007.
- Conference on “Philanthropy and Development” organized by the Center for Development Services and the Near East Foundation, Cairo, Egypt, February 28, 2007.
- Western Economic Association International Conference, San Diego, California, June 29- July 3, 2006.
- “*Teaching Economics with Computerized Experiments*”, Experimental Economics Center, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, held in San Diego, California, June 28, 2006.
- International Industrial Organization Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, April 7-9, 2006.
- UNDP conference on the launch of Egypt Human Development Report 2005 “Choosing our Future: Towards a New Social Contract”, Cairo, February 12, 2006.
- Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco, California, July 5-8, 2005.

Awards and Honors

- Certificate in Effective College Instruction, Association of College and University Educators, **ACUE** [2020]
This certificate signifies my completion of a 25-module course in effective teaching practices requiring the implementation of evidence-based instructional approaches. The credential is co-issued by the American Council on Education and distinguishes faculty for their commitment to educational excellence and student success.
- Economics Department Travel Grant, Santa Clara University, *January 2020*.
- Best Paper Award, Microeconomics theme for paper titled “Regional and Income Disparities in Cost of Living Changes: The Case of Egypt”, ERF 24th Annual Conference, Cairo, Egypt, July 2018.
- Leavey Research Grant, Santa Clara University, *July 2017*.
- Economics Department Travel Grant, Santa Clara University, *January 2017*.
- Professional Development Grant, SCU Sustainability Initiative, *June 2016*.
- Economics Department Travel Grant, Santa Clara University, *January 2015*.
- Professional Development Grant, SCU Sustainability Initiative, *June 2014*.

- Principal Investigator, Second Round of the Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA) Research Competition, grant to study “Importing Equality? Trade Liberalization and Gender Discrimination in Egypt”, *May 2009*.
- Winner, Eighth Round of the Global Development Network’s Regional Research Competition, grant to study “The Dynamics of Poverty and Inequality in an Era of Economic Liberalization: The Case of Egypt”, *September 2008*.
- Faculty Support Grant, The American University in Cairo, *April 2008*.
- Faculty Support Grant, The American University in Cairo, *February 2007*.
- Faculty Support Grant, The American University in Cairo, *February 2006*.
- Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship, University of California, Davis, *Fall 2001 to Spring 2005*.
- UC Davis Graduate Studies Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, *Summer 2003*.
- Economic Policy Initiative Consortium/USAID Ph.D. Fellowship to study in USA, *1998 to 2000*.
- Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, Union of Commerce Practitioners, Egypt, *1998*.
- Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Department of Economics, American University in Cairo, *1996-1998*.
- Graduate Student Merit Fellowship, American University in Cairo, *1996-1997*.
- Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship, American University in Cairo, *1991-1995*.
- Deans Honors List, American University in Cairo, *1991-1995*.

Professional Service

Service and Committee Membership

- Study Abroad and Transfer Credit Advisor, Economics Department, Santa Clara University.
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Research in Economics.
- Lead Committee member, Poverty and Inequality Program Committee, 40th Annual Meetings of Middle East Economics Association (MEEA), January 2020.
- Chair, Research Fellows’ Meeting ERF 24th Annual Conference, Cairo, Egypt, July 2018.
- Lead Committee member, Poverty and Inequality Program Committee, 38th Annual Meetings of Middle East Economics Association (MEEA), January 2018.
- Lead Committee member, Poverty and Inequality Program Committee, 37th Annual Meetings of Middle East Economics Association (MEEA), January 2017
- Academic Advisor, Santa Clara University, undergraduate students.
- Academic Advisor, AUC, graduate and undergraduate students.
- Member, AUC Economics International Development Graduate Program Committee (charged with developing and improving the program and curriculum for the Masters Program in International Development).
- Member, Institutional Planning, Assessment, Research and Testing Task Force (charged with evaluating the degree to which AUC’s programs are monitored and supported by qualified professionals, in preparation for the Middle States Re-accreditation in 2008.)
- Member, AUC Development Studies Group (addressed issues pertaining to development in Egypt and the region and organized conferences and seminars.)
- Faculty Mentor, International Students Mentorship Program.

Refereeing

- IZA Journal of Labor and Development
- IZA Journal of Labor Policy
- World Development
- Middle East Development Journal
- World Bank Economic Review

Supervised Masters Theses

- "Economics of Semiconductor Industry in Taiwan and South Korea: Lessons for Developing Countries": Spring 2006, MA.
- "The Impact of the September 11 Attacks on the US and Egyptian Economies", Summer 2008, MA.

Data and Language Skills

- Data Analysis and Visualization: Stata, SAS, R.
- Languages: Proficient in written and spoken English and Arabic.