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Current Position

Sept. 2021 - Present Post-Doctoral Researcher, Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE).

Education

2016-2020 Ph.D. in Economics, Universität Hamburg
Dissertation: "Essays in the Economics of the Oil Resource Curse"
2014-2016 M.Sc. in Economics of the Middle East, Philipps Universität Marburg (Grade
1.3, outstanding achievement)
Exchange semester: Lebanese American University (LAU), Beirut (4
months)
2012-2013 Graduate Courses in Economics, Cairo University (pre-masters)
2008-2012 B.Sc. in Economics, minor in Statistics, Cairo University (with Distinction)

Research Fields

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Gender and Political Economy

Professional Experience

Academic Positions

Oct. 2020 - Aug. 2021 Post-Doctoral Researcher, Freie Universität Berlin, John F. Kennedy Insti-
tute of North American Studies, Department of Economics.
Oct. 2016 - Sept. 2020 Research Associate, Universität Hamburg, Department of Economics, Chair
of Methods in Economics.
Mar. 2019 - May 2019 Visiting Researcher, International Doctorate of Economic Analysis (IDEA)
Programme, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. (*Host:* Prof. Dr. Hannes
Mueller)

International Organization Experience

Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020 Consultant, United Nations Economic and Social Commission to West Asia
(UNESCWA).
Mission: contribute to the UNESCWA project on "Rethinking the Human
Development Index".
June 2019 - Sept. 2019 Summer Internship, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Middle East and
Central Asia Department, Washington DC.
Mission: contribute to the IMF report on employment and job creation in
the MENA region.

Non-Academic Positions

April 2014 - Oct. 2014 Economic Analyst, Macro-Fiscal Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance, Egypt.
Oct. 2012 - Mar. 2014 Research Assistant and Program Manager, Freedom of Information Program,
Oxifam Novib, Egypt.

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Ishak, P. W., and Farzanegan, M. R. (2021). Oil Price Shocks, Protest and the Shadow Economy: Is there a Mitigation Effect? *Economics & Politics*, forthcoming

Ishak, P. W., and Farzanegan, M. R. (2020). The Impact of Declining Oil Rents on Taxation: Does the Shadow Economy Matter? *Energy Economics* 92, 104925.

Ishak, P. W. (2019). Autocratic Survival Strategies: Does Oil Make a Difference? *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* 25(2), 1-22.

R&R Submissions

Ishak, P. W., and Méon, P.-G (2020). A Resource-Rich Neighbour is a Misfortune: The Spatial Distribution of the Resource Curse in Brazil. CEB Working Paper No. 19-019, Université Libre de Bruxelles. (*R&R Economic Development and Cultural Change*)

Working Papers

Ishak, P. W. (2021). Murder Nature: Weather and Violent Crime in Brazil. FUB School of Business & Economics Discussion Paper No. 2021/2, Freie Universität Berlin. (*under review*)

Gradstein, M., and Ishak, P. W. (2021). We Don't Need No Education: The Effect of Natural Resource Income Shocks on Human Capital. IZA DP No. 14004. (*under review*)

Work in Progress

"Fertility Choices during Resource Booms: Evidence from Brazil", with Pierre-Guillaume Méon.

"Mother Africa's Exceptionalism? Income and Fertility Redux", with Mark Gradstein.

Policy Briefs

Ishak, P. W., and Farzanegan, M. R. (2020). Oil Rents, Tax Revenues and the Shadow Economy: New Insights, ERF Policy Brief No. 54.

Teaching Experience

Spring 2021	Lecturer - Topics in Economic History (Seminar- B.Sc.), Freie Universität Berlin
Dec 2020	Lecturer - Spatial Econometrics using Stata (invited lecture course - M.Sc.), Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany - Sponsored by Deutscher Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD)
Fall 2020	Lecturer - Topics in Economic Development (Seminar- B.Sc.), Freie Universität Berlin
Fall 2019	Macroeconomics II (Tutorials- B.Sc.), Universität Hamburg
Spring 2017-2020	Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis II (Tutorials- B.Sc.), Universität Hamburg (<i>teaching language: English & German</i>)
Fall 2016-2019	Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis I (Tutorials- B.Sc.), Universität Hamburg (<i>teaching language: English & German</i>)

Conferences and Seminars

- 2021 The Verein für SocialPolitik (VfS) annual meetings (Online - *scheduled*), HiCN Annual Workshop on “Conflict, Migration, and Displacement” (University of Göttingen - *scheduled*), Research Seminar in Economics (Freie Universität Berlin - *invited*), Development Economics Network Berlin (Online Workshop), European Public Choice Society (University of Lille)
- 2020 The Verein für SocialPolitik (VfS) annual meetings (University of Cologne), Environmental Economics Research Network (EERN) (University of Orléans)
- 2019 International Monetary Fund Research Seminar, Royal Economic Society Conference (University of Warwick)
- 2018 Australasian Public Choice Conference (RMIT University), Ph.D. Economics Seminar (Universität Hamburg), INFER Annual Conference (University of Göttingen), Silvaplana Workshop on Political Economy (organised by European Journal of Political Economy, Pontresina, Switzerland), Prague Conference on Political Economy (CEVRO Institute), Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship Conference (University of Münster).
- 2017 German-Arab Master’s Programmes (GAMP) – 10 years Anniversary (Berlin) - Poster presentation.
- 2016 Ph.D. Economics Seminar (Universität Hamburg)

Refereeing Contributions

Demographic Research; Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy

Scholarships and Awards

- 2019 Universität Hamburg travel grant for conducting research visit at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (1000 Euros).
- 2014 Deutscher Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) - Full M.Sc. Scholarship.
- 2012 Certificate of Highest Academic Achievement in Economics Department, Cairo University (Ranked 4th on class).
- 2011 International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) Fellowship, US Department of State, United States of America.
- 2008-2012 Egyptian Mohamed Farid Khamis (MFK) Foundation - Full Undergraduate Scholarship.

Winter and Summer Schools

- July 2018 Big Data for Economics, University of Barcelona.
- April 2018 Event History Analysis, ECPR Winter School, Universität Bamberg.
- Mar. 2017 Applied Univariate and Multivariate Time Series Analysis, Universität Hamburg.
- Oct. 2016 Stochastic Dynamic Programming, Universität Hamburg.

Skills

Languages

Arabic (Native), English (fluent), German (Advanced), French (basic)

Statistical Software

Stata, QGIS, R-Studio, Latex, RATS, E-views.