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Current position

Sept. 2021 - Present	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE)
Mar. 2022 - Present	Research Affiliate at IZA Bonn - Institute of Labour Economics
June 2022 - Present	Research Fellow at Economic Research Form (ERF)

Education

2016-2020	Ph.D. in Economics, Universität Hamburg <i>Dissertation:</i> "Essays in the Economics of the Resource Curse"
2014-2016	M.Sc. in Economics of the Middle East, Philipps Universität Marburg (Grade 1.3, outstanding achievement) <i>Exchange semester:</i> 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, Resource Economics, Labour Economics, and Gender & Family Economics

Professional experience

Academic positions

Oct. 2021 - Feb. 2022	Adjunct Lecturer, Freie Universität Berlin, John F. Kennedy Institute of North American Studies, Department of Economics
Oct. 2020 - Aug. 2021	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Freie Universität Berlin, John F. Kennedy Institute 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 (<i>Host:</i> Prof. Dr. Hannes Mueller)

International organizations experience

May 2022 - August 2022	Short-term consultant (STC), World Bank <i>Mission:</i> contribute to 2 projects on a) women empowerment in Yemen and b) discrimination in Arab countries
Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020	Short-term consultant (STC), United Nations Economic and Social Commission to West Asia (UNESCWA) <i>Mission:</i> contribute to the project on "Rethinking the Human Development Index"
June 2019 - Sept. 2019	Intern, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Middle East and Central Asia Department, Washington DC

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. (2022). Murder Nature: Weather and Violent Crime in Rural Brazil. **World Development**, *forthcoming*

Ishak, P. W., and Méon, P.-G (2020). A Resource-Rich Neighbour is a Misfortune: The Spatial Distribution of the Resource Curse in Brazil. **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, *forthcoming*

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.

Working papers

Losing My Religion (or Maybe Not): Religion and Fertility Patterns in Africa (with Mark Gradstein) (*Job Market Paper*)

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*)

Gradstein, M., and Ishak, P. W. (2021). Mother Africa's Exceptionalism? Income and Fertility Redux. **IZA DP No. 15265**. (*Under review*)

Selected work in progress

Fertility Choices during Resource Booms: Evidence from Brazil (with Pierre-Guillaume Méon and Roberta Ziparo)

The Legal Origins of Fertility (with Mark Gradstein and Marc Klemp)

Policy papers

Institutions and Human Development: A panel Granger Causality Analysis. **UNESCWA, 2021** (with Klalid Abu-Ismaïl)

Healthy Life Expectancy Index reveals a regional paradox. **UNESCWA, 2021** (with Klalid Abu-Ismaïl and Oussama Safa)

Quality of Education: Measurement and Implications for Arab States. **UNESCWA, 2021** (with Klalid Abu-Ismaïl and Oussama Safa)

Environmental sustainability and human development: perspectives from the Arab region. **UNESCWA, 2021** (with Marlene Tomaszewicz and Radia Sedaoui)

Research dissemination

Ishak, P. W., and Méon, P-G. La géographie de la malédiction des ressources naturelles vue du ciel brésilien, **The Conversation (May 2022)**

Ishak, P. W., and Méon, P-G. Le retour de la malédiction des ressources naturelles?, **La Libre Eco (March 2022)**

Ishak, P. W., and Farzanegan, M. R. Oil price shocks, protest and the shadow economy, **ERF Policy Portal - The Forum (December 2021)**

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

Teaching experience

Fall 2022	Lecturer - Economic Analysis using R (M.Sc. course), AMSE
Spring 2022	Lecturer - Text Mining using R (PhD course), AMSE
Fall 2021	Lecturer - Topics in Economic Development (Seminar– B.Sc.), FU Berlin
Spring 2021	Lecturer - Topics in Economic History (Seminar– B.Sc.), FU 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.), FU 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>)

Grants, Scholarships and Awards

2022	World Bank grant - MNACE's Labor & Gender Research Programs (7,000 USD)
2021	Economic INSIGHTS grant to organise the Berlin Workshop on Empirical Public Economics at FU Berlin - funded by Leibniz Association (10,000 Euros)
2019	Universität Hamburg travel grant (1000 Euros)
2014	Deutscher Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) - Full M.Sc. scholarship.
2012	Certificate of Highest Academic Achievement in Economics Department, Cairo University (Ranked 4 th on class)
2011	International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) Fellowship, US Department of State, United States of America
2008-2012	MFK Foundation for Community Development - Full undergraduate scholarship

Selected conferences and seminars

- 2022 Brazilian Meeting on Family and Gender Economics (GeFam - online); AMSE Ecolunch Seminar (Aix-Marseille School of Economics); 21st Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV) (Aix-Marseille School of Economics); European Society for Population Economics (University of Calabria)
- 2021 The Verein für SocialPolitik (VfS) annual meetings (Online), HiCN Annual Workshop on “Conflict, Migration, and Displacement” (University of Göttingen), Aix-Marseille School of Economics (Online), University of Stavanger (Online), Research Seminar in Economics (Freie Universität Berlin - *invited*), Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB - 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 (IMF) 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), Silvaplane 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)

Workshop organization

The 2022 French Stata conference in applied econometrics - Aix-Marseille School of Economics (co-organized with Timberlake Consultants)

Academic services

Refereeing: Empirical Economics; Economics of Education Review; IZA Journal of Development and Migration; Demographic Research; Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy; Digest of Middle East Studies (DOMES); Springer Nature (book review)

Administrative: Universität Hamburg - member of the Economics department PhD program admission committee (2017-2020)

Thesis supervision: Jan-Niclas Franz Schubert (M.Sc. - FU Berlin)

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 (proficient), French (intermediate - *currently learning*)

Statistical Software

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

References

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