

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal

Italian citizen, married, two children.

Education

Ph.D. in Economics

May 2002

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA.

Dissertation title: *The Components of Output Growth: A Stochastic Frontier Analysis.*

M.A. in Economics

May 1996

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA.

Maîtrise en Sciences Economiques

June 1992

Université Tunis 2, Faculté des Sciences Economiques de Tunis, Tunis, Tunisia.

Additional Training

Attended the workshop on “Leadership and Advocacy Tools” offered by the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Nov. 2009

Attended the course on “Modern Econometrics with STATA” offered by CAWTAR, Tunis, Tunisia. July 2009

Attended the “Jobs for a Globalizing World: World Bank Labor Market Policy Core Course” offered by the World Bank Institute, The World Bank, Washington, DC. April 2008

Attended the Fifth Cambridge Advanced Program on Rethinking Development Economics (CAPORDE), hosted by the Development Studies Committee at Queens’ College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. July 2005

Research Interests

Macroeconomics
Economic growth
Economic development
Gender and economics

Employment History

Lecturer 2018
John Cabot University, Rome, Italy

Senior Lecturer 2010 – 2018
School of Economic and Business Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Courses taught

- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Mathematical Economics
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics (Honors)
- Advanced Mathematical Economics (Graduate)
- Advanced Microeconomics: Game Theory (Graduate)
- International Trade and Investment Theory (at the WITS School of Law)

Assistant Professor of Economics (tenured in 2006)

2004 – 2009

Faculté des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Nabeul, Nabeul, Tunisia.

Courses taught:

- Economic Growth
- Mathematics for Economists
- International Trade Policy and Strategies
- Introduction to Economics
- Contemporary Economic Problems

Research Analyst

2003 – 2004

Comète Engineering (consulting company), Tunis, Tunisia.

Projects:

- “Evaluation of the PDRI (Programme de Développement Rural Intégré).”
 - Commissioned by the CGDR (Centre de Développement Rural, Tunisia)
- “Exports of Tunisian services: evaluation and performance 1998-2002”
 - Commissioned by the International Trade Center, Geneva
- “The Tunisian commercial representations abroad: achievements and challenges”
 - Commissioned by CEPEX (Centre de Promotion des Exportations, Tunisia)

Teaching Assistant

1994 – 2002

Department of Economics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA.

Courses taught:

- Graduate Econometrics
- Intermediate Econometrics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics

Program Manager

1992 – 1993

Poly-interim (an interim and training company), Tunis, Tunisia.

- Training unskilled labor for temporary jobs
- Contacting companies and managing workers positions

Supervision

Several Honors (Nabeul, Tunisia and University of the Witwatersrand), Master’s (University of the Witwatersrand), and PhD (University of the Witwatersrand) students.

Other Professional Activities

Lecturer

The Mediterranean School of Business, professional MBA program (in conjunction with the University of Maryland), Tunis, Tunisia.

The School applies innovative teaching techniques through the use of interactive pedagogical methods, case studies as well as analytical applications. The courses are intended for a professional MBA degree. My tasks consisted in helping with the organization and administration of the three courses below.

Courses:

- Trade, Investment, and the Euro-med Agreement 2005
- International Macroeconomics and Finance 2005
- Statistics and Quantitative Methods 2006

I also participated in devising a course accredited with the University of Maryland Business School for an exchange program.

Project Coordinator

2007 - 2013

The Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research (CAWTAR), Tunis, Tunisia

Coordination of the Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA), a pilot research project funded by the World Bank and managed by the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR). The project consists in mainstreaming gender into ongoing or new economic research in the Middle East and North Africa and in using the research findings to formulate gender sensitive policies. My tasks consisted in the following.

- Participation in the selection of the research competition topics and formulation of the calls for papers. Three competitions were launched with more than 200 proposals received and 70 projects retained and carried on to completion. The research projects cover a broad range of topics in gender and economics including gender and trade liberalization, entrepreneurship and small and medium enterprises, the intra-household allocation of income, gender and migration and the socioeconomic analysis of gender empowerment.
- Participation in the scientific review, evaluation and management of the research.
- Organization of the following World Bank Conferences on “Gender and Economics in MENA: from theory to policy making”:
 - World Bank, Washington, DC, April 2008
 - Dubai School of Government, Dubai, November 2008
 - Harvard University, November 2009
 - University of Chicago, November 2010
 - World Bank, Washington, DC, June 2012

I also participated as a session leader in all of the above conferences (see below).

- Publication of the research compendium (2016).

- Participation in the formulation of a strategy for the advocacy and the dissemination of the research findings.
- Participation in a study on the employment trends of women in six MENA countries. The study consists in collecting existing data and building new data sets on gender related economic variables.

Additional Research Experience

Connecticut Department of Economic Development, Rocky Hill, CT, USA. 1997 - 1998

- Participation in a study on the promotion of foreign direct investments in the state of Connecticut
- Elaboration of probit and logit models on the choice of location of foreign direct investment in the state of Connecticut
- Determination of the main commercial trends of the state of Connecticut
- Contribution to data analysis
- Updating the *Connecticut Main Indicators* for the year 1998

Presentations and Conferences

“Social Institutions and Technical Efficiency,” Third ERSA Political Economy Workshop, Johannesburg, 2016. Also paper discussant.

Discussant and session leader, World Bank conference on “Gender and Economics in MENA: from theory to policymaking”, Washington DC, 2012.

Discussant and session leader, World Bank conference on “Gender and Economics in MENA: from theory to policy making”, Harvard University, 2009.

Discussant and session leader, World Bank conference on “Gender and Economics in MENA: from theory to policy making”, Dubai School of Government, 2008.

“Open Source Software, Digital Divide, and Development” with Giampaolo Garzarelli and Bjørn Thomassen. Paper presented at the World Forum on Information Society, Tunisia, 2005.

“Cross-country Growth Performance – A Stochastic Frontier Analysis with Input Quality Effects.” Paper presented at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Italy, 2002.

“Coordination, Knowledge, and Supranational Federalism: An Organizational Perspective.” Paper presented at the XIV Conferenza SIEP, Pavia, Italy, 2002.

“Domestic Capital, Investment and Growth in the Arab Countries.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Economic Association, Boston, MA, 2002.

“Cross-Country Output Growth: A Stochastic Frontier Estimation with Effective Factor Correction.” Paper presented at the Seventh European Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis, Oviedo, Spain, 2001.

Publications

“Physical Capital, Total Factor Productivity, and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa,” with G. Garzarelli, in press, *South African Journal of Economics and Management Sciences*.

“Output Growth Decomposition in the Presence of Input Quality Effect: A Stochastic Frontier Analysis”, with Stephen Miller and Giampaolo Garzarelli, *German Economic Review*, 2017 preprint doi: 10.1111/geer.12147.

“Public Governance and Productive Efficiency in Sub-Saharan Africa”, with Giampaolo Garzarelli and Stefania Rossi, *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*, 32(1-3), pp. 99-112(2014).

“Open Source Software and Economic Growth: A Classical Division of Labor Perspective”, with Giampaolo Garzarelli and Bjørn Thomassen, *Information Technology for Development*, 14(2), pp. 116-135(Spring 2008).

“Knowledge, Coordination, and Fiscal Federalism: An Organizational Perspective”, with Giampaolo Garzarelli, in *Il futuro dei sistemi nazionali tra integrazione europea e decentramento regionale*, edited by Alberto Zanardi and Daniele Franco, Milan, Franco Angeli (2003).

Selected Article Submissions & Revisions

“Social Institutions and Technical Efficiency”. Submitted.

“Theory of the Firm, Fiscal Federalism, and Benefits of Decentralization”, with G. Garzarelli, M. Holian and A. Siteo. Revising.

Selected Working Paper

“Output Growth Decomposition in the Presence of Input Quality Effects: A Stochastic Frontier Analysis”, with Stephen Miller and Giampaolo Garzarelli. *ERSA Working paper 613*, Cape Town, June 2016.

Current Paper Projects

“Institutional Quality and Economic Growth.”

“Aging Capital in OECD Countries: A Stochastic Frontier Analysis with Endogenous Regressors Effect.”

Fellowships/Scholarships

University of Cambridge scholarship for CAPORDE, University of Cambridge, UK, 2005.

Conference Travel Award, Research Foundation, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 2002.

Conference Travel Award, Research Foundation, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 2001.

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 2001.

Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 1998.

Service

Selection of Honors and Master’s applications, University of the Witwatersrand, 2010 – 2018.

BCom Committee, University of the Witwatersrand, 2010 – 2018.

Membership

Eastern Economic Association, USA (from 1999).

Languages

Fluent in Arabic, French, and English.

Working knowledge of Italian and rudimentary Spanish.

Computer Skills

Word, Excel, Power Point, Econometric software (Frontier, Stata, e-views, Limdep).

References

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