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### Education

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- Ph.D., Economics** 2002, Northeastern University  
Dissertation: “*Three Empirical Essays on Economic Growth in the MENA Region*”
- M.A., Economics** 1995, Ben-Gurion University, *with high honors*  
Thesis: “*Macroeconomic Prediction Model of the West Bank and Gaza Strip*”
- B.A., Economics** 1990, Ben-Gurion University, *with honors*

### Employment History

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- 4/2010-present **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University
- 9/2012-8/2013 **Visiting Professor**, Department of Economics, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg, Germany
- 10/2004-3/2010 **Lecturer**, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University
- 10/2002-9/2004 **Post Doctoral Fellow**, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University
- 9/1998-6/2002 **Instructor**, Department of Economics, Northeastern University
- 9/1992-8/1995 **Economics and Accounting Teacher**, Eksifa High School, Eksifa

### Research Interests

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- Labor force participation of Arab females
- The Israeli-Arab conflict
- Economic growth of the MENA region
- Applied econometrics, mainly related to growth
- Sources of growth and productivity measurement
- Returns to Schooling

## Articles in Refereed Journals

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- Asali, M., **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Beenstock, M. (2017), “The Cycle of Violence in the Second Intifada: Causality in Nonlinear Vector Autoregressive Models,” *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 32(6), 1197-1205.
- Abdelfattah, Y., **Abu-Qarn, A. S.**, Dunne P. and Zaher, S. (2013) “The Demand for Military Spending in Egypt,” *Defence and Peace Economics*, 25(3), 231-245.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2012), “On Defense and Growth of Israel and its Neighbors,” *The Economic Quarterly*, 59(1/2), 7-20 (In Hebrew).
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2010), “The Defense-Growth Nexus: An Application for the Israeli-Arab Conflict,” *Defence and Peace Economics*, 21(4), 291-300.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2010), “Economic ramifications of the Israeli-Arab conflict – Introduction,” *Defence and Peace Economics*, 21(4), 285-289.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2010), “Trade Liberalization or Oil Shocks: Which Better Explains Structural Breaks in International Trade Ratios?,” *Review of International Economics*, 18(2), 250–264.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2009), “On the Dynamics of the Israeli-Arab Conflict”, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 49(3), 931-943.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2009), “Getting Income Shares Right: A Panel Data Investigation for OECD Countries”, *Economic Development Quarterly*, 23(3), 254-266.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “The Relationship Between GATT Membership and Structural Breaks in International Trade”, *Global Economy Journal*, 8(4), article 1, 1-16.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2008), “On the Optimality of a GCC Monetary Union: Structural VAR, Common Trends, and Common Cycles Evidence”, *The World Economy*, 31(5), 612-630.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2008), “Structural Breaks in Military Expenditures: Evidence for Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Syria”, *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 14(1), article 3, 1-25.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “Six Decades of the Israeli-Arab Conflict: An Assessment of the Economic Aspects,” *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 3(2), 8-15.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “Financial Development and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from Six MENA Countries”, *Review of Development Economics*, 12(4), 803–817.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “The Impact of GATT on International Trade: Evidence from Structural Break Analysis”, *Applied Econometrics and International Development*, 8(2), 23-36.
- Abu-Bader S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2008), “Financial Development and Economic Growth: The Egyptian Experience”, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 30(5), 887-898.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader S. (2007), “Sources of Growth Revisited: Evidence from Selected MENA Countries”, *World Development*, 35(5), 752-771.
- **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** and Abu-Bader, S. (2004), “The Validity of the ELG Hypothesis in the MENA Region: Cointegration and Error Correction Model Analysis”, *Applied Economics*, 36(15), 1685 – 1695.
- Abu-Bader, S. and **Abu-Qarn, A. S.** (2003), “Government Expenditures, Military Spending and Economic Growth: Causality Evidence from Egypt, Israel and Syria”, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 25(6-7), 567-583.

## Work in Progress / Submitted

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- Determinants of Economic Growth in the MENA Region: A Panel Data Inquiry (under review)
- Solow Growth Model with Country-Specific Technologies (under review)
- Determinants of Labor Force Participation of Bedouin Females (under review)
- Development, Fertility, Education and Female Labor Force Participation: Evidence from Arab Countries.
- Does it Pay to Study? Returns to Schooling of Arabs in Israel.
- The Impact of Lack of Prenatal Care on Birth Outcomes: Exploiting the Introduction of Public Transportation to Bedouin Communities in Israel.
- Instability and Long-Run Growth.

## Editorial and Refereeing Activities

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- **Guest Editor**, *Defence and Peace Economics*
- **Grants Referee**
  - Israeli Science Foundation
  - Regional Research and Development Centers Grants, Israeli Ministry of Science, Culture, and Sport
- **Publisher Referee**, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- **Journal Referee** (# of reviews)
  - Defence and Peace Economics (6)
  - Eastern Economic Journal (2)
  - Economic Development Quarterly (3)
  - Economic Inquiry
  - Economic Modelling (4)
  - Economic Quarterly
  - Economics Bulletin
  - Economics of Peace and Security Journal (2)
  - Emerging Markets Finance and Trade (2)
  - Empirical Economics
  - European Journal of Comparative Economics
  - European Journal of Development Research
  - Journal of applied Economics
  - Journal of Economic Growth
  - Journal of Economic Studies (2)
  - Journal of Law and Conflict Resolution
  - Journal of Peace Research (2)
  - Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy
  - Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance
  - Review of World Economics (2)
  - Social Security
  - World Development (3)

## Conferences & Invited Seminars

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- “A High-Tech Based Dutch Disease: The Case of Israel”, *EBES Conference*, Madrid, Spain, September 2017.
- “Determinants of Labor Force Participation of Arab Women in the Negev”, *EBES Conference*, Vienna, Austria, September 2016.
- “Determinants of Labor Force Participation of Arab Women in the Negev”, *International Atlantic Economic Association Conference*, Lisbon, Portugal, March 2016.
- “Tit for Tat in the Israeli Palestinian Conflict?”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Boston, MA, March 2014.
- “The Cycle of Violence? An Empirical Analysis of Fatalities in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict”, *Institute of Middle East Studies, GIGA*, Hamburg, Germany, June 2013.
- “The Cycle of Violence? An Empirical Analysis of Fatalities in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict”, *Universität Hamburg*, Hamburg, Germany, June 2013.
- “The Cycle of Violence? An Empirical Analysis of Fatalities in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict”, *Helmut Schmidt Universität*, Hamburg, Germany, May 2013.
- “Determinants of Labor Force Participation of Arab Women in the Negev”, *International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association*, Barcelona, Spain, June 2011.
- “Determinants of Economic Growth in the MENA Region: A Panel Data Inquiry”, *International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association*, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2010.
- “The Defense-Growth Nexus Revisited: Evidence from the Israeli-Arab Conflict”, *Israel Economic Association Conference*, June 2010.
- “Testing the Solow Growth Model with Country-Specific Technologies”, *Leibniz Universität Hannover*, Germany, July 2009.
- “The Defense-Growth Nexus Revisited: Evidence from the Israeli-Arab Conflict”, *International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association*, Nice, France, March 2009.
- “On the Dynamics of the Israeli-Arab Arms Race”, *International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association*, Famagusta, Cyprus, May 2008.
- “On the Dynamics of the Israeli-Arab Arms Race”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Boston, MA, March 2008.
- “Getting Income Shares Right: A Panel Data Investigation for OECD Countries”, *Hebrew University*, Rehovot, March 2007.
- “Getting Income Shares Right: A Panel Data Investigation for OECD Countries” *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, NYC, NY, February 2007
- “Testing the Solow Growth Model with Country-Specific Technologies”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, February 2006
- *European Economic Association Annual Meeting*, Amsterdam, Holland, August 24-27, 2005.
- “The Case for a GCC Monetary Union”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Washington DC, February 2004.
- “A Versus K Revisited: Evidence from Selected MENA Countries”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, NYC, NY, February 2003.
- “A Versus K Revisited: Evidence from Selected MENA Countries”, *Economics Department, Ben-Gurion University*, Beer-Sheva, November 2002.

- “Government Expenditures, Military Spending and Economic Growth: Causality Evidences from Egypt, Israel and Syria”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, Boston, MA, March 2002.
- “Export-led Growth: Causality Tests for the MENA Region”, *Eastern Economic Association Conference*, NYC, NY, February 2001.
- *American Economic Association Meeting*, Boston, MA, January 2000.
- “Determinants of Infant Mortality: A Comparison of Results from Panel Data Regressions and Factor Analysis”, *International Atlantic Economic Society Conference*, Boston, MA, October 1998.

## Teaching Experience

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- @ Ben-Gurion University  
Statistical Inference (freshmen), Introduction to Economics for Engineering, Development Economics (seniors), Economic Growth (seniors), Middle-East Economy (seniors), Workshop in Macro, Growth, and Development (M.A.), M.A. Research Workshop
- @ Northeastern University  
Principles of Microeconomics (all years), Principles of Macroeconomics (all years), Economics 1 (freshmen), Economic Problems and Perspectives (for humanities)

## Awards, Honors and Grants

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- Research grant, Does it pay to study? Returns to schooling of Arabs in Israel, Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development, \$7000, 2012.
- Research grant, Labor force participation of Bedouin females, Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development, \$4000, 2009.
- "MA'OF" fellowship by the Council for Higher Education in Israel and the Kahanoff foundation for the period October 2004 - October 2007.
- Post-doctoral Grant from the Council for Higher Education in Israel, March 2003 – March 2004.
- Recipient of the Morris A. Horowitz Excellence in Economics award, 2000, Economics Department, Northeastern University.
- The Israeli Arab Scholarship Program (IASP) Scholarship (Fulbright), provided by the United States Information Agency (USIA), June 1995 – July 1997, full funding of graduate studies in the USA.
- The Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research at Tel-Aviv University Award for M.A. thesis proposal, 1994.
- Most outstanding graduate student in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (The Wolf Fund), Ben-Gurion University, May 1991.

## Other Duties and Activities

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- Head of M.A. degree teaching committee, Economics Department, Ben-Gurion University, 2014-present.
- Member of M.A. degree committee, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University, 2013-present.
- Academic coordinator of economics, Achva College, 2011-present.

- Head of B.A. degree teaching committee, Economics Department, Ben-Gurion University, 2007-2010.
- Member of the Statistical Yearbook of the Negev Bedouin committee, Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development.
- Member of the Research Committee of the Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development.
- Member of the steering committee for the Socioeconomic Survey administered by the Galilee Society, 2004 and 2008.
- Member of AHD, the Academic Association for the Development of the Arab Society in the Negev.
- Membership in professional associations:
  - American Economic Association
  - Eastern Economic Association
  - Middle East Economic Association