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Biography

Professor Louis Hobeika holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He was Dean of the Faculty of Economic Sciences at Université Saint Joseph, Chairman / CEO of Sodetel, Secretary General of ICC- Lebanon and an Economist at the World Bank in Washington DC. He taught in many Universities including the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, George Mason University, Bordeaux Business School and AUB. He wrote over 3 thousand articles in local, regional and international publications. He has visited 50 countries.

Peer-reviewed Journals

- "Telecommunications in the Region". Middle East Executive Reports. May 1997.
- "Making Beirut a Regional Financial Center". Middle East Executive Reports. September 1994.
- "Une Etude Econometrique de l'Equilibre de la Balance Libanaise des Paiements. Proche-Orient Etudes Economiques. 1985.
- "La Theorie du Portefeuille et les marches de capitaux: Resume et Exemples. Proche-Orient Etudes Economiques. 1986.
- "Theories on Dividend Policy". Proche-Orient Etudes Economiques. 1986.
- "Une Etude Econometrique de l'endettement public des pays en voie de developpement. Proche Orient Etudes Economiques. 1988.
- "Aluminum and Bauxite". In Price Prospects for Major Primary Commodities. World Bank. 1990.
- Proche-Orient Etudes Economiques. 1987.
- "Strategy and The Internet". The General Manager. 2001.
- "The Outlook for Lebanese Banking after September 11". The General Manager. 2002.
- "Lebanon, the Arab World and the WTO". The General Manager. 2002.
- "Key Issues in the Reconstruction of Lebanon". Middle East Insight. 1990.
- "An Economic Analysis of Commodity Swaps". Nigerian Financial Review. 1989.
- "On the Efficiency of the Aluminum Market". Nigerian Financial Review. 1990.
- "Banking on Beirut". Middle East Insight. 1994.
- Over 3 thousand articles published in the Lebanese, Arab and international Press.

Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

- "Globalization and its Impact in the Arab Countries". International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Regional Conference. Bahrain. 2001.
- "Financing of the Telecommunications Projects in the Arab States". Middle East Telecommunications Congress (MIDCOM). UAE. 1999.

- “Mobilizing Capital for Privatization of Telecommunications Enterprises in the Middle East”. Middle East Telecommunications Congress (MIDCOM). UAE. 1998.
- “Structural Changes Offer New Privatization Opportunities in the Middle East Telecommunications Sector”. Middle East Infrastructure Development Congress (MEIDC). UAE. 1997.
- “Building Government and Private Sector Partnerships in the Middle East Telecommunications Sector”. Middle East Telecommunications Congress (MIDCOM). UAE. 1997.

Selected activities within the Allied Social Sciences Association Meetings (USA)

- Discussant for 4 papers on “North American Integration”. Washington D.C. 1990.
- Discussant for 2 papers on “Foreign Investment, Human Capital and Economic Growth in the Middle East”. New Orleans. 1992.
- Presented my paper “Beirut as a Regional Financial Center”. Los Angeles. 1994.
- Presented my paper on “The Economics of the Middle East”. Chicago. 1997.
- Chaired a session on the “Turkish Economy” in Boston 2006.
- Presented a paper on “Investment in Telecommunications and Economic Development in the MENA region”. Boston 2006.

Selected Activities within the International Chamber of Commerce

- I presented papers on “Telecommunications” at the Hungary, Shanghai and the Monaco Summits, and on the Lebanese Economy at the forum of Crans Montana.
- “On the Efficiency of the Aluminum Market”. Metal Bulletin Conference. Singapore. 1990.
- “The GCC Countries and the WTO”. Presented at an Arab League Conference in Cairo. 1994.

Selected Public Lectures

- “Intégration Régionale et Négociations Internationales dans le Bassin Méditerranéen”. USJ. Lebanon. 2001.
- “Outlook for the Lebanese Banking Sector”. NDU. 2001.
- “The Arab Economy and Globalization”. USEK. 2003.
- “The Lebanese Public Debt”. USJ. 2004.
- “Economic Reforms in Lebanon”. Antonin University. 2006.
- “Business Journalism in Lebanon”. AUB. 2006.
- “The role of ICC”. Sharjah. UAE. 2006.

Specialized Reports

- For ESCWA, I wrote 2 papers: “Trade Issues of the ESCWA Region” and “Competition Issues in Lebanon”.
- For the Lebanese industrialists association, I wrote a paper: “The Role of Government in Creating an Enabling Environment for Industrial Innovation in Lebanon”. 1999.
- I wrote several papers and reports for the World Bank on Aluminum, Rwanda and Tanzania.
- I wrote regular annual reports for several companies.