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Biography

Georges is an assistant professor of economics at NDU. His research is chiefly applied, using panel data econometrics. The main focus of his research has been the Arab world trade and the growth determinants in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. His research has recently tackled tourism economics.

Georges has also served as a consultant for the Economist Intelligence Unit, and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

Currently, he is working on panel econometrics techniques accounting for cross-sectional dependence and applying those techniques using gravity/origin-destination interaction models, and growth/productivity determinants models. Georges holds a “doctorat” in Economics from Sciences Po Paris. He also holds a “Diplôme d’Etudes Approfondies” in International Economics from Sciences Po Paris as well as a Master of Science in Econometrics from the University of Nottingham.

Peer-reviewed Journals

International

- Harb, Georges; Bassil, Charbel “Terrorism and inbound tourism: does immigration have a moderating effect?”; *Tourism Economics*, 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354816619843452>
- Harb, Georges; “The impact of terrorism on inbound tourism: disentangling the cross-spatial correlation”; *Economics Bulletin*, 39(1), 686-700, 2019
- Harb, Georges; Bassil, Charbel “ Gravity analysis and the ‘multilateral resistance to tourism’ ”; *Current Issues in Tourism*, published online 14 November 2018 (DOI:10.1080/13683500.2018.1544612)
- “The economic impact of the Internet penetration rate and telecom investments in Arab and Middle Eastern countries”; *Economic Analysis and Policy*, 56 (2017), 2017
- “Institutions and growth in the Arab and Middle Eastern countries”; *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, 7 (1), 2017
- “Arab trade dynamics after the implementation of the Pan Arab Free Trade Area (1998-2012)” (with Nora Abou Shady), *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, 12 (1), 2016
- “Communication infrastructures, institutional efficiency and EU-Arab trade: assessment and implications”; *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, 6 (2), 2010
- “The Greater Arab Free Trade Area and intra-Arab trade (1997-2004): an analysis”; *Journal of Development and Economic Policies*, 11 (1), 2009
- “Trade facilitation and intra-Arab trade (1996-2002): an empirical assessment”; *Journal of International Trade and Diplomacy*, 2 (2), 2008.

Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

International

- Contributed to the following report: "An assessment of the economic impact of ICT spending and identification of key ICT trends and good practice countries," the Economist Intelligence Unit, 2015
- "Institutions et croissance économique dans les pays arabes et du Moyen-Orient," the International Center for Human Sciences, CISH/UNESCO, 2015 (author)
- Contributed to the following report: "Report on the follow up on the implementation of the international conference on financing for development in the ESCWA region," United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), 2010
- Contributed to the following report "The global economic and financial crisis: regional impacts, responses and solutions," the United Nations, 2009
- Contributed to the following report: "ESCWA's annual review of developments in globalization and regional integration in the Arab countries," ESCWA, 2009
- "The impact of the financial crisis on ESCWA member countries: challenges and opportunities," ESCWA, 2009 (co-author)
- "The impact of the global financial crisis on the world oil markets and its implications for the GCC countries," ESCWA, 2009 (co-author)
- "Foreign direct investment report," ESCWA, 2009 (co-author)

International Conferences

Key speaker at the conference (Cairo, Egypt, 16-18 July, 2019) organized by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the League of Arab States, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on "Trade Integration for Food and Agricultural Commodities in Arab Countries: Challenges and Opportunities." I set out a presentation on the effects of the Pan-Arab Free Trade Agreement on intra-Arab trade in agricultural commodities.