

# Hassan Sherry, PhD

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## Objective

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To build a long-term career in the field of economics and economic policy. With a professional background in academia and research-based advocacy, I look forward to contribute to the research and practice in the area of economics and economic policy.

## Experience

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From 09/22 to present  
Position held: **Lebanese American University (LAU)  
Tenure-Track Assistant Professor**

From 01/20 to 08/22  
Position held: **Lebanese American University (LAU)  
Adjunct Assistant Professor**

Courses taught:

- 1- *Microeconomics (ECO201, CRN: 24914)*
- 2- *Macroeconomics (ECO 202, CRN: 24349, 24350)*
- 3- *Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECO 306, CRN: 24355)*
- 4- *Economic Development (ECO 311, CRN: 22563)*
- 5- *Economics of the Modern Middle East (ECO 402, CRN: 13728)*
- 6- *Public Finance (ECO422, CRN: 12916)*
- 7- *Topics in the Economic Development of the Middle East (ECO 880J, CRN: 31274)*
- 8- *MA Applied Economics Project (ECO898)*

The first course introduces students to the fundamentals of economics, covering consumer behavior, firm theory, price determination, and resource allocation.

The second and third courses focus on macroeconomic models and techniques that determine income, prices, employment, interest rates, and aggregate demand and supply, while highlighting the role of fiscal and monetary policies in economic stabilization.

The fourth course covers economic development, its history, and theories, with an emphasis on poverty, population growth, foreign aid, and financial stability.

The fifth course examines the economic structures, institutions, and policy challenges in MENA countries, addressing topics such as the oil sector, labor markets, migration, capital flows, population transitions, and industrialization in resource-based economies.

The sixth course explores government interventions in market failures, focusing on public debt, expenditure patterns, and tax structures.

The seventh (graduate) course critically analyzes contemporary economic development in the MENA region, including globalization, IMF and World Bank

reforms, the roots of the Arab uprisings, and poverty reduction in the context of social policies.

The eighth (graduate) course is a research project requiring students to apply economic models and econometrics to address real-world economic problems.

From 01/17 to 07/17  
Position held:

**SOAS, University of London**  
**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Module taught:

Economic Development of the Modern Middle East (Code:153400031)

The module focuses on the economic structures, institutions, and policy challenges in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

From 01/13 to 08/15  
And 05/17 to 08/17  
Position held:

**Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)**

*Research Officer*

Research on economic and social policy reforms in Arab states with emphasis on:

- IMF structural adjustment programs (SAPs)
- Tax reforms
- Trade negotiations (EU-Arab states, and Arab states in accession to the WTO)
- Post-2015 UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs)

The research and policy output sought to enhance civil society's knowledge and advocacy on social and economic policy-making processes.

From 08/10 to 10/10  
Position held:

**Consultation and Research Institute (CRI)**

*Intern*

1. Desk review: The Lebanese Labour Force (1945-2007).
2. Analysis of data on the Lebanese labour market by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

## Education

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From 09/15 to 12/19

**School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)**  
*Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (PhD)*

London, UK

PhD topic:

Manufacturing Competitiveness and Export Performance: The Case of Lebanon

From 09/11 to 12/12

**University of Manchester**  
*Masters in Development Economics and Policy (MSc)*  
*With Merit, December 2012*

Manchester, UK

From 09/07 to 07/11

**American University of Beirut**  
*Bachelor in Economics*  
Graduated in June 2011

Beirut, Lebanon

## Volunteer Experience

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40 hours of community service in Lebanon in 2007.

## Book Chapters/Conference Papers

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1. Sherry, H. 2024. Debt and Dignity: Protecting Human Rights Amid Debt Distress in the Arab Region. Arab NGO Network for Development. Forthcoming.
2. Sherry, H., 2024. Inequality and Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa. Policy Paper. Oxfam. Forthcoming.
3. Sherry, H., 2021. [Aligning Business with Sustainable Development, the Case of the Food & Beverages Sector in Lebanon](#). Arab NGO Network for Development.
4. PhD thesis submitted in 2019: Manufacturing Competitiveness and Export Performance: The Case of Lebanon. SOAS, University of London.
5. Sherry, H., 2017. [Debunking the Myth of a Changing IMF: Unpacking Conditionality in the Arab Region Post-Uprisings](#). Arab NGO Network for Development.
6. Zaid, A., Sherry, H., El-Badrawi, M., and Haber, J., 2014. [Arab Uprisings & Social Justice: Implications of IMF Subsidy Reform Policies](#). Arab NGO Network for Development, Egyptian Center for Economic & Social Rights and New America Foundation.
7. Sherry, H., 2014. [Post-war Lebanon and the influence of international financial institutions: A “Merchant Republic”](#). Civil Society Knowledge Center.

## Working Papers/Articles in Refereed Journals

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1. Maddah, L., Sherry, H. and Zeaiter, H., 2024. Economic and Political Determinants of Sovereign Default and IMF Credit Use: A Robustness Assessment Post 2010. *Economies* 12: 181. Available at: <https://www.mdpi.com/2227-7099/12/7/181>
2. Sherry, H. and Zeaiter, H., 2024. IMF Conditionality and Government Education Spending: The Case of 10 MENA Countries. *Economies*, 12(9), p.234. Available at: <https://www.mdpi.com/2227-7099/12/9/234>
3. Abbas, S., Waheed, A., Blueschk, D. & Sherry, H. 2024. Environmental Management and Labour Productivity: The Role of Educational Quality and ICT Infrastructure. (Revise and resubmit).

## Academic Theses

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1. Sherry, H., 2019. Manufacturing Competitiveness and Export Performance: The Case of Lebanon. PhD Thesis. SOAS, University of London.
2. Sherry, H., 2012. The Impact of FDI on Economic Growth and Human Development in Developing Countries. MSc Dissertation. University of Manchester.

## Newsletter Articles and Blogs

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1. [Civil Society Welcomes Progress Towards a UN Tax Convention](#). 2024.
2. [A History of Dutch Disease: Can Lebanon Get the Better of It?](#) 2024
3. [An Economy and a State for Lebanon in its Second Century](#). 2023. Arabic.

4. [Drivers of low female labour force participation in the Arab region - Political-Economy vs Culture](#). 2023
5. [From Exchange Rate Stability to Exchange Rate Liberalization](#). 2023. Arabic.
6. [Dutch Disease and its Remedy: The Case of Lebanon](#); 2022. Arabic.
7. [Proposed "Capital Control" Law: A Political Economy Approach](#); 2022. Arabic.
8. [Production vs Rentierism: The Case of the Mach&Equip Sector](#); 2022. Arabic.
9. [Lebanon and the IMF: Not to Undermine Social Security](#); 2021. Arabic.
10. [Lawyers at the Forefront: No Place for Semi-Solutions](#); 2021. Arabic.
11. [Insurgency of Union Funds: The Inevitable Confrontation](#); 2021. Arabic.
12. [Lebanon's Twin Crisis \[2\]: The Developmental Role of BDL](#); 2020. Arabic.
13. [Lebanon's Twin Crisis \[1\]: Towards Managing Inflation](#); 2020. Arabic.
14. [Lebanon's Sovereign Default: Turning Misfortunes into Opportunities](#); 2020.
15. [An Uncalculated Gamble](#); 2019. Arabic.
16. [Lebanon's Promising Sectors: the Case of Food and Beverages](#); 2019. Arabic.
17. [Towards an Alternative Development Paradigm](#); 2019. Arabic.
18. [Lebanon's Industrial Exports: Light at the End of the Tunnel](#); 2019. Arabic.
19. [Contrary to Popular Belief: Lebanon Can Industrialize](#); 2019. Arabic.
20. [The Secret Behind Trump's Electronic Ban](#); 2017. Arabic.
21. [The Empire of Banks: Destiny of Lebanon and the Lebanese](#); 2016. Arabic.
22. [The Arab World's Subsidy Nightmare: Pondering Alternatives](#); 2015. English.
23. [Taxation: A Powerful Tool for Alleviating Inequality](#); 2014. Arabic.

## Seminars and Workshops

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1. Discussant on a panel entitled "The Lebanese Economy in its Second Century", organized by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) at AUB, November 2023.
2. Keynote speaker at the "Dialogue on the Economic Recovery Plan", organized by the Economic and Social Council of Lebanon, November 2022.
3. Presented two policy papers at the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings and Civil Society Policy Forum in October 2013, 2014, and 2017; at SOAS in Dec 2017.
4. Presented PhD project a conference by the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) in Manchester, UK in November, 2016.
5. Guest speaker at the American University, ME Studies in Washington D.C in 2014.
6. Chair of a session at the EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum in Warsaw, Poland and Tbilisi Georgia in May, 2014 and 2015, respectively.
7. Chair of a session, "Accession of LDCs to the WTO", during the WTO 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference of the WTO in Bali, Indonesia in December 2013.

## Summary Skills

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**Computer Skills:** Microsoft Office; Statistical and Econometric Software (Stata); Data Visualization Tools (Tableau).

**Soft Skills:** Adaptability; Work Ethic; Critical Observation and Analysis; Teamwork and Leadership.

**Research Skills:** Data and Policy Analysis; Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods; Report Writing and Presentation; Project Management.

**Languages:** Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), and French (Conversational).

## Interests and Hobbies

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- Reading; playing music; conversing about economics, philosophy and music.

## Reference

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### **Dr. Ali Fakh**

Chair, Professor

Department of Economics, Lebanese American University (LAU)

Fellow: IZA Institute of Labor Economics; Economic Research Forum (ERF); Global Labor Organization (GLO), GLO Country Lead; Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Analysis of Organizations (CIRANO)

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