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Education and affiliations

PhD, Economics, Sciences Po Paris

Master's in International Economics, Sciences Po Paris

MSc, Economics and Econometrics, the University of Nottingham

BS, Economics, Université Saint Joseph (Beirut)

Research Fellow: Economic Research Forum (ERF), the EU-Mediterranean and African Network for Economic Studies (EMANES)

Teaching interests

Microeconomics, macroeconomics, mathematical methods for economics, game theory, econometrics

Research interests

Middle East and North Africa region, international trade, tourism economics, growth/productivity analysis

Publications (peer-reviewed journals)***Papers on growth/productivity analysis***

- 2024: Georges Harb; Charbel Bassil, Roula al Daia, "Tourism and productivity in NUTS regions: revisiting the Tourism-Led-Efficiency hypothesis", *Current Issues in Tourism*, 1–19. Published online: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13683500.2024.2428761>
- 2024: Georges Harb; Charbel Bassil; Zouheir el Sahli, "Club convergence in productivity among European regions: recent evidence and policy implications", *Journal of Economic Integration*, 39(3)
- 2023: Georges Harb; Charbel Bassil, "TFP in the manufacturing sector: long-term dynamics, country and regional comparative analysis", *Economies*, 11(2)
- 2023: Charbel Bassil; Georges Harb; Roula al Daia, "The economic impact of tourism at regional level: a systematic literature review", *Tourism Review International*, 27(2)
- 2022: Georges Harb; Charbel Bassil, "Regional growth, domestic and foreign tourism in NUTS regions: new insights from the Old continent", *Journal of Travel Research*, 61(2)
- 2021: Georges Harb; Charbel Bassil, "Harnessing cross-regional disparities to assess the impact of tourism on regional growth in Europe", *Current Issues in Tourism*, 24(11)
- 2017: Georges Harb, "The economic impact of the Internet penetration and telecom investments in the Arab and Middle Eastern countries", *Economic Analysis and Policy*, 56(2017)

- 2017: Georges Harb, "Institutions and growth in the Arab and Middle Eastern countries", International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues, 7(1)

Papers on bilateral (trade and tourism) flows determinants

- 2025: Nora Abou Shady; Georges Harb; Chahir Zaki, "Aid for trade and export performance of recipient countries: the moderating role of institutions", The Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, 34(4)
- 2020: Georges Harb, Charbel Bassil, "Gravity analysis of tourism flows and the 'multilateral resistance to tourism' ", Current Issues in Tourism, 23(6)
- 2020: Georges Harb, Charbel Bassil, "Terrorism and inbound tourism: does immigration have a moderating effect?", Tourism Economics, 26(3)
- 2019: Georges Harb, "The impact of terrorism on inbound tourism: disentangling the cross-spatial correlation", Economics Bulletin, 39(1)
- 2016: Georges Harb, Nora Abou Shady, "Arab trade dynamics after the implementation of the Pan-Arab Free Trade Area (1998-2012)", Review of Middle East Economics and Finance, 12(1)
- 2010: Georges Harb, "Communication infrastructures, institutional efficiency and EU-Arab trade: assessment and implications", Review of Middle East Economics and Finance , 6(2)
- 2009: Georges Harb, "The Greater Arab Free Trade Area and intra-Arab trade (1997-2004): an analysis", the Journal of Development and Economic Policies, 11(1)
- 2008: Georges Harb, "Trade facilitation and intra-Arab trade (1996-2002): an empirical assessment", the Journal of International Trade and Diplomacy, 2(2)

Other publications (working papers, policy briefs, columns/blogs)

- 2024: Nora Aboushady, Georges Harb, Chahir Zaki: Aid for trade and exports in the MENA region: when institutions matter, Economic Research Forum, ERF Policy Brief 129, June 2024
- 2024: Nora Aboushady, Georges Harb, Chahir Zaki: Making aid for trade more effective in the MENA region, Economic Research Forum, the Forum
- 2023: Georges Harb, Charbel Bassil, Zouheir el Sahli: Revisiting TFP regional convergence in the EU, The EU-Mediterranean and African Network for Economic Studies, EMANES Working Paper 71, September 2023
- 2023: Nora Aboushady, Georges Harb, Chahir Zaki: aid for trade and export performance of recipient countries: the moderating role of institutions, The EU-Mediterranean and African Network for Economic Studies, EMANES Working Paper 68, April 2023
- 2022: Georges Harb, Charbel Bassil, "Manufacturing and productivity in MENA: a long term perspective", Economic Research Forum, the Forum

Reviewer for

Current Issues in Tourism; International Journal of Tourism Policy; International Journal of Tourism Research; Journal of Economic Surveys; Regional Studies; Review of Development Economics; Review of Middle East Economics and Finance

Non-academic experience

Served as a consultant/contributor for: the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD); the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA); the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)