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CURRENT POSITIONS

- Qatar University** *2020-Present*
Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Finance and Economics.
- University of Basel, Switzerland** *2019-Present*
Research Fellow, Economic Theory Group.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Washington University in St. Louis, USA** *2019-2020*
Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics.
- University of Basel, Switzerland** *2014-2019*
Lecturer, Teaching Assistant, Economic Theory Group.

EDUCATION

- University of Basel, Switzerland** *2014-2019*
PhD in Economics.
Dissertation title: *Three Essays on the Macroeconomics of Developing Countries*.
Advisor: Prof. Aleksander Berentsen. Co-advisor: Prof. Pedro Gomis-Porqueras, Deakin University.
- Study Center Gerzensee, Foundation of the Swiss National Bank, Switzerland** *2015-2016*
Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics.
- University of Lausanne, Switzerland** *2012-2014*
Master of Science in Economics.
Thesis title: *DSGE Models for Developing Economies: An Application to Morocco*.
Advisor: Prof. Kenza Benhima.
- CFA Institute, USA** *2012*
Candidate to the Chartered Financial Analyst certification (Level II CFA Candidate).
- ISCAE Casablanca Business School, Morocco** *2005-2009*
Bachelor in Finance.

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, Search and Matching.

Published Papers

A Model of Endogenous Financial Inclusion: Implications for Inequality and Monetary Policy, with Pedro Gomis-Porqueras, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* (2021).

Working Papers

Nonlinear Unemployment Effects of the Inflation Tax, with Garth Baughman, Stan Rabinovich and Hugo van Buggenum (submitted).

Informality, Frictional Markets and Monetary Policy.

Terms of Trade Shocks and Labor Market Dynamics in Commodity-Exporting Economies.

Work in Progress

Monetary Policy and the Unbanked: Consequences for Stabilization, with Pedro Gomis-Porqueras and Christopher Waller.

Optimal Monetary Policy under Downward Nominal Wage Rigidity, with Lukas Altermatt and Stan Rabinovich.

Monetary Policy in an Environment with Domestic and Foreign Denominated Bank Accounts, with Pedro Gomis-Porqueras and Sébastien Lotz.

RESEARCH VISITS

Nov. 2019: Deakin University, Australia.

Jun. 2019: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, USA.

Jun.-Jul. 2018: Deakin University, Australia.

Nov.-Dec. 2017: Deakin University and Australian National University, Australia.

Jun.-Aug. 2017: Fund Internship Program, International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, USA.

Apr.-Jun. 2014: Bank Al-Maghrib (Central Bank of Morocco), Rabat, Morocco.

TEACHING

College of Business and Economics, Qatar University

2020-Present

- Spring 2021, Fall 2021: *Business Statistics I* (Undergraduate).

Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Basel

2015-2019

- Spring 2017, 2018, 2019: Lecturer for *Money, Banking and Payment Systems* (Undergraduate).
- Spring 2017, 2018, 2019: Lecturer for *Introduction to Scientific Computing in Python* (Undergraduate).
- Spring 2015, 2016: Teaching Assistant to Prof. Aleksander Berentsen, *Monetary Theory* (Master).
- Fall 2015, 2016: Teaching Assistant to Prof. Aleksander Berentsen, *Monetary Theory* (PhD, University of Zurich).

REFEREEING

European Economic Review; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; Macroeconomic Dynamics; Spring Meeting of Young Economists 2019, 2020, 2021.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2021: 7th International Conference on "The Shadow Economy, Tax Behaviour and Institutions" (scheduled); XXVI Annual Meeting of the Central Bankers Researchers Network (scheduled); Econometric Society European Meeting (online); African Meeting of the Econometric Society (online); Doha Institute for Graduate Studies SPADE seminar (online); Sogang Search and Matching Workshop (online).

2020: National University of Singapore Economics seminar (online); Qatar University DFE research seminar (online); The Economics of Informality Conference, Universidad del Rosario (online); Osaka University ISER seminar (online); University of Basel Economic Theory seminar (online) × 2; Bank of Canada FBD seminar (Ottawa); University of Guelph seminar; Ozyegin University seminar (Istanbul).

2019: Workshop of the Australasian Macroeconomics Society (Hobart); University of Missouri-Columbia research seminar; LACEA-LAMES (Puebla); University of California-Irvine macro brownbag seminar; Mini-conference on Search and Money, University of Wisconsin-Madison; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Seattle); 6th Macro Marrakech conference; 4th International Days of Macroeconomics and Finance (Marrakech).

2018: 4th International Conference on Applied Theory, Macro and Empirical Finance (Thessaloniki); 5th Macro Marrakech conference (discussant); 3rd International Days of Macroeconomics and Finance (Rabat); Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Mallorca); Econometric Society Australasian Meeting (Auckland); Summer Workshop on Money, Banking, Payments and Finance (St. Louis Fed); European Economic Association Annual Congress (Cologne); Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association VfS (Freiburg); University of Bern seminar; Study Center Gerzensee Alumni conference.

2017: Young Swiss Economists Meeting (Zurich, discussant); 10th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics (Dortmund); 4th Macro Marrakech conference (discussant); University Cady Ayyad Marrakech annual

PhD workshop; IMF WHD seminar (Washington DC); Association of Southern European Economic Theorists conference (Algiers); University of Bern seminar.

2016: University of Basel lunch seminar; Study Center Gerzensee Alumni conference (Switzerland); University Cady Ayyad Marrakech annual PhD workshop; University of Zurich Monetary Theory Seminar.

2015: University Cady Ayyad Marrakech annual PhD workshop.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Young Researchers' prize at the Economics of Informality conference, Universidad del Rosario and Central Bank of Colombia (2020).

Baume & Mercier award for Best Doctoral Thesis, University of Basel, Switzerland (2019).

Johann-Jakob Speiser scholarship (5'000 USD), Speiser-Baer Stiftung, Switzerland (2019).

Early Postdoc Mobility fellowship (75'000 USD), Swiss National Science Foundation (2019-2020).

Travel grant (2'000 USD), Freiwillige Akademische Gesellschaft Basel, Switzerland (2018).

PhD scholarship (25'000 USD), University of Basel, Switzerland (2014-2015).

Study grant (4'000 USD), Fondation Lichtensteiger, Switzerland (2013-2014).

Study grant (7'500 USD), University of Lausanne, Switzerland (2012-2014).

National merit scholarship (7'000 USD), Fondation Mohammed VI, Morocco (2005-2009).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Yinternet.org Foundation

Board member.

2012-Present

Geneva, Switzerland

BANCO Magazine

Investment research.

2012-2013

Lausanne, Switzerland

Capital Trust

Financial analyst, Investment Banking.

2009-2011

Casablanca, Morocco

INTERNSHIPS AND SHORT TERM POSITIONS

Jul.-Aug. 2014: Research assistant, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Feb.-Apr. 2009: Infrastructure analyst intern, Infra Invest, Casablanca, Morocco.

Jul.-Sep. 2008: Private Equity intern, Upline Investment, Casablanca, Morocco.

Jul.-Aug. 2007: Accounting intern, Royal Air Maroc, Casablanca, Morocco.

Jun.-Jul. 2006: Retail banking intern, Credit du Maroc, Tangier, Morocco.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Oct. 2018: *Disciplining or Protecting Banks?* by Prof. Charles Calomiris, at SZ Gerzensee.

Sept. 2018: *On the Instability of Banks and other Financial Intermediaries* by Prof. Randall Wright, at University of Bern.

Aug. 2018: *Financial Frictions and Incomplete Markets* by Prof. Yuliy Sannikov, at SZ Gerzensee.

Oct. 2017: *Directed Search* by Prof. Randall Wright, at University of Bern.

Sep. 2017: *Indeterminacy and Sunspots in Macroeconomics* by Prof. Roger Farmer, at SZ Gerzensee.

Oct. 2016: *Liquidity* by Prof. Randall Wright, at SZ Gerzensee.

Sep. 2016: *Understanding Dynamic Labor Markets* by Prof. Pierre Cahuc and Stephane Carcillo, at Universities of Lausanne and Geneva.

Aug. 2016: *Tools for Macroeconomists* by Prof. Wouter den Haan and Petr Sedlacek, at LSE.

Jan. 2016: *Zurich Initiative on Computational Economics* by Prof. Kenneth Judd and others, at University of Zurich.

IT SKILLS

Programming	Python (Numpy, Scipy, Pandas), MATLAB (Dynare), R, Stata.
Document editing	LaTeX, MS Office, LibreOffice.
Operating Systems	GNU/Linux, Windows.
Web	WordPress, Jekyll, Markdown, MediaWiki, HTML.
Other tools	GitHub, Jupyter.

LANGUAGES

Arabic, Berber	mother tongues
French, English	fluent
Spanish	intermediate
German	beginner

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