

Ismaeel Tharwat

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EDUCATION

Paris Saclay University - Paris Sud University **Paris, France**
PhD in Economics October 2018 - January 2022

Ecole Polytechnique & HEC Paris **Paris, France**
MA in Economics, Specialization in Financial Economics June 2018

Paris Dauphine University **Paris, France**
MS in Economics and Management of the Digital Economy and Network Industries August 2016

EPF Graduate School of Engineering **Paris, France**
MSc in Business Decision Engineering July 2015

The American University in Cairo **Cairo, Egypt**
Double Major: BSc in Construction Engineering & BA in Economics, Minor in Poli Sci June 2013

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The American University in Cairo **Cairo, Egypt**
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics July 2022 - current

- Teaching graduate & undergraduate level economics courses.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nile Capital **Cairo, Egypt**
Business Development & Innovation Manager June 2018-August 2018

- Conducting feasibility studies, economic reports and investment opportunity analysis for region.

RITM Research Lab **Paris, France**
Economic Researcher, Economics & Finance Department April 2018 – June 2018

- Conducted an empirical economic study on impact of import competition on innovation in Africa.

Ministry of Local Development in Egypt **Cairo, Egypt**
Deputy Minister for Economic Development April 2017 – September 2017

- Led the ministry's Project Management Unit and first phase implementation of the World Bank's 500 million-dollar Upper Egypt Local Economic Development Program.

Instabug **Cairo, Egypt**
Growth Marketer, Product Growth April 2016 – August 2016

- Created, implemented & monitored digital marketing activities increasing product adoption by 20%.

IBM Global Business Services **Paris, France**
Financial Services Consultant, Banking Division January 2015 – July 2015

- Project management of a €6M mobile banking solution for Societe Generale in Morocco & Africa.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: Fluent in English, French & Arabic

Activities: AU EU Youth Hub Young Expert, World Economic Forum Global Shaper, President of Junior Enterprise, VP International Conference on Global Economy, France Division II Basketball Finalists

Interests: Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Standup Comedy, Basketball, Tennis, Padel & Travel

ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES

African Union – European Union Youth Cooperation Hub

Africa - Europe

Young Expert in the Governance & Social Inclusion Cluster

October 2018-present

- Designed a call for proposals for an e-governance platform & a remittances tool to be implemented in Africa & Europe.
- Actively involved in the Monitoring & Evaluation of the projects to be implemented.

World Economic Forum - Global Shapers

Cairo, Egypt

Global Shaper & Project Leader

October 2017-present

- Leading a project on civic engagement & social inclusion through the organization of ideathons across Cairo.

United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC)

Nairobi, Kenya

UNODC Youth – Project Coordinator

November 2018 – December 2018

- Organized the first ever national youth workshop on good governance, anti-corruption & integrity.

Junior Enterprise Egypt – The American University in Cairo

Cairo, Egypt

Founder & President

June 2012 – May 2013

- Led a team of 60 students in providing free consultancy services to SMEs, organized entrepreneurship seminars & networking events for startups and entrepreneurs.

International Conference on Global Economy – The American University in Cairo

Cairo, Egypt

Academic Committee Head

June 2012 – May 2013

- Recruited, coached & led a team of 30 moderators in providing sessions on the various themes of the global economy including the stock market, banking, marketing, media and advertisement.

HONORS & AWARDS

February 2022 – Moderator at the 6th European Union – African Union Summit (Brussels, Belgium): as part of the Africa-Europe week which brings together heads of state from Africa and Europe, I moderated a panel on the future of youth inclusion and the transition of the AU-EU Youth cooperation from a hub to a lab. The panel was moderated in French and included approximately 40 youth from Africa & Europe.

July 2021 – Best Young Economist Paper at the Spatial Econometrics Workshop (Paris, France): the Cem Ertur Prize aims to recognize and honor outstanding research by a junior researcher related to spatial econometrics. This prize is given to a young researcher that presents a very promising article during the workshop. A committee composed of the organizers of previous editions of the workshop selects the best paper presented.

June 2021 – Africa Union – European Union Youth Hub Workshop (Virtual): to showcase the efforts the AU-EU youth cooperation, workshops were organized to highlight the successes of the different projects across each cluster. I moderated a panel in which I interviewed young entrepreneurs from Tunisia

& Morocco, those part of the AU-EU business cluster project accelerators, who pitched their different startups and business models.

November 2021 – Delegate at the 2nd International Forum on the Social Solidarity Economy (Tunis, Tunisia): among the African youth leaders selected to discuss the ideas and projects related the circular economy. I was also visiting the entrepreneurs and incubators involved in the AU-EU youth hub projects.

December 2019 – Speaker at the Countdown 2030 Conference (Cologne, Germany): among 142 youth leaders selected who are involved in North-South projects to promote ideas of sustainable development.

July 2019 – Global Shapers “Uplink” Design Team at Summer Davos (Dalian, China): member of the nominated team to design & develop Uplink, the World Economic Forum’s platform for startups, investors, innovation and entrepreneurship.

November 2018 - Top 10 Governance Initiative from the Paris Peace Forum (Paris, France): For the African Union – European Union Youth Cooperation Hub projects where we received 1 year of technical support & funding.

September 2018 – Top 10 Innovative Project from the World Economic Forum in (Geneva, Switzerland): awarded for leading & launching the “Civic Engagement” project where ideathons were organized across Cairo around pressing local issues such as waste management, traffic, pollution & renewable energy.

August 2018 – Speaker at the 29th International Youth Forum (Seoul, South Korea): among 150 youth leaders selected to discuss & present actionable ideas on the “Future of Youth in the Fourth Industrial Revolution Era”.

November 2017 – 1st World Youth Forum (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt): nominated as a young leader to partake in sessions on economic development, governance & entrepreneurship.

May 2017 – Best Youth Economic Essay from the World Bank & Economic Research Forum (Cairo, Egypt): for my research on stimulating entrepreneurship in Egypt titled “Tapping into the Entrepreneurial Potential of Egypt’s Education Sector”.

2016 to 2018 – Academic Achievement Scholarship from Paris Saclay (Paris, France): full tuition scholarship from Paris Saclay to pursue my master’s in economics from Ecole Polytechnique, HEC Paris, ENSAE, ENS Cachan & Paris-Sud University.

2013 to 2015 – Campus France Academic Excellence Scholarship (Paris, France): scholarship to pursue my master’s in Business Decision Engineering in Paris at EPF-Ecole d’Ingenieurs.

May 2013 – Best Student Organization at The American University in Cairo (Cairo, Egypt): awarded for founding and leading Junior Enterprise Egypt which offers SMEs free consultancy services from students.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Paris Saclay University – IUT de Sceaux
“International Economics” (Undergraduate)

Paris, France
2020-2021

RESEARCH

2022: *PhD Dissertation – Trade, Innovation & the Technology Revolution:*

Chapter 1: Trade and Innovation: A Survey of Patents and Trademarks

Chapter 2: Import Competition and Innovation in Developing Countries: Evidence from Trademarks

Chapter 3: Importing Gender Equality: A Technological Revolution Effect

2018: *Master’s Dissertation - The Impact of Import Competition on Innovation in Developing Countries with a Focus on Africa*

2016: *Master’s Dissertation - The Economics of Mobile Payment Platforms in Egypt, Kenya & Africa*

2015: *Master’s Dissertation - The Process of Mobile Payment Platform Development in Africa*

ABSTRACTS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Tharwat, Ismaeel. “An Innovative Way Forward for the African Regional Trade Agreement”. In [African Continental Free Trade Area \(AfCFTA\) Youth Engage Series - "What are the Pros and Cons of Free Trade Agreements: How effective are they?"](#). June 1, 2022.