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## Research interests

Development Economics, Family and Gender Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## References

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University of Namur

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## Education

- 2021 – current **Ph.D Economics**, *Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE), CNRS and EHESS*,  
Advisors: Patricia Augier & Marion Dovis, Thesis: The role of Traditional Social Norms in Determining Women's and Children's Well-being in MENA Countries
- 2020 – 2021 **Master 2 ETE**: Research track, *AMSE, Aix-Marseille University*
- 2017 – 2020 **Master's in International Economic Policy**, *Paris School of International Affairs PSIA Sciences Po Paris*
- 2016 – 2017 **Exchange Student**, *Economics Department, The University of Warwick*
- 2014 – 2016 **BA in Social Sciences** – Cum Laude Distinction (top 10%), *Menton Campus, Sciences Po*

## Research Visits

- May 2024 Visiting at **Princeton University**, *New Jersey (USA)*, with Prof. Pascaline Dupas.
- March–April 2024 Visiting at **Vancouver School of Economics**, *University of British Columbia (Canada)*, with Prof. Siwan Anderson.

## Research

### **Arab Spring Protests and Marriage Markets: Evidence from Egypt** (Job Market Paper).

*Abstract:* This paper explores the changes in Muslim mandatory payments caused by socio-political uncertainty shocks. Marriage markets in the Middle East North Africa region are regulated by traditional customary norms involving substantial payments, notably prompt dower, due upon religious marriage by the husband to his wife and deferred dower, paid by the husband to his wife in case of repudiation or widowhood. Using exposure to the Egyptian Arab Spring uprisings (2011-2014), I study how exposure to heavy political uncertainty and perceived widowhood risk affected these payments that are practiced in 90% of marriages in Egypt. Utilizing a novel dataset that harmonizes the different waves of the Egypt Labour Market Panel Survey (2006, 2012, 2018), I conduct a double difference analysis comparing women married before and after 2011 and exploiting the geographical heterogeneity in exposure to fatalities during protests. I find that, while prompt dower is not affected, a higher exposure to deadly protests is associated with higher amounts and probability of promised deferred dower for women married after 2011, especially in the post-coup d'Etat phase of the revolution. It appears

that this period of great socio-political uncertainty and heavy death toll, is linked with a higher demand for insurance against widowhood, which is accentuated by the drop in female educational attainments throughout the revolution.

**To Leave or Not to Leave: The Role of Aspirations and Networks in Shaping Young Women's Migration Decisions in Lebanon**, *ERF Working Paper 1715*, with Bou Khater L., DAVIS M., Kass-Hanna J. & Raiber E.

*Abstract:* Migration aspirations, the hope and ambition to leave the origin country, are recognized as the key initial step that may lead to actual migration. Drawing on data from a nationally representative survey conducted in Lebanon among 1,500 women aged 18-35, this study investigates the role of social networks and life aspirations (education, career, marriage and fertility) in shaping migration aspirations, in a context of severe economic crisis and massive emigration wave. Based on a stylized model that integrates aspirations into a standard utility maximization problem, we postulate that individuals aspire to migrate if their life aspirations cannot be locally fulfilled. Furthermore, we focus on local networks to examine their influence on women's migration aspirations. Our analysis reveals a peer effect, where a higher share of women's network planning migration increases their migration aspirations. Additionally, unlikely career and education aspirations, but not family aspirations, are associated with a stronger desire to emigrate. These findings highlight the need for a nuanced approach to understanding the interplay between social networks, aspirations, and migration decisions. They offer valuable insights for researchers and policymakers aiming to address the drivers of women's emigration in Lebanon and other crisis contexts.

**Empowerment or Backlash: Egyptian women and the long-term consequences of the Arab Spring** (Thesis Chapter).

*Abstract:* The Egyptian Revolution (2011-2014) has been shown to have triggered important socio-economic changes directly affecting women, who have played an unprecedented role in protests. Nonetheless, no consensus has been found on the consequences of exposure to Arab Spring protests on women's outcomes. Using a novel dataset from the Egypt Labour Market Panel Survey (2006, 2012, 2018), this paper investigates the middle-term changes in women's decision-making, self-perceived gender roles and freedom of mobility after the Arab Spring. While the first stages of the Egyptian revolution were accompanied by a positive shock to female's political representation and associated with weaker stereotypes, the election of the Muslim Brotherhood candidate and the state-led counter-revolution against women challenged gender equality and emancipation. Relying on district-level data, from the Statistical Database of the Egyptian Revolution on demonstrators who died during protests, I exploit the variation in exposure to extreme incidents to run a difference-in-difference strategy using pooled OLS. I find that women exposed to violent protests, participate less to household decision-making in 2018 compared to 2006 and 2012. Their views on gender roles also become more conservative, notably when it comes to the compatibility of work outside the house with motherhood and marriage. Additionally, an increase of exposure to protests' intensity is associated with a decline in freedom of mobility for women post-revolution. Preliminary analysis of mechanisms shows that this conservatism backlash seems to occur after the 2012 presidential election.

## Grants

2024 – current **Fellowship**, *J-PAL MENA Scholar Fellowship*

## Distinctions

2023 **Best Poster Award**, *IAREP SABE 47th International Conference, Nice*

2020 **Student of Honor 2020**, *PSIA, Sciences Po Paris*

2020 **Advanced Certification in Gender Studies**, for Master's Thesis on « Women's Economic Empowerment in Lebanon: Exploring the Untapped Potential of Social Entrepreneurship »; Grade: 17/20, *Sciences Po Paris*

## Teaching Activities

- 2021 – current     **Teaching Assistant**, *Faculté d'économie et de Gestion, Aix-Marseille Université*  
- Microeconomics I, Tutorials for T. VAN YPERSELE, R. ZIPARO and M. SANGNIER (Undergraduate, 1st year)  
- Macroeconomics II, Tutorials for G. DUFRENOT and F. DUFOURT (Undergraduate, 2nd year)  
- Statistics Techniques, Tutorials for I. ADO (Undergraduate, 1st year)
- 2022            **Teaching Assistant**, *Menton Campus, Sciences Po Paris*  
- CORE ECONOMICS, Tutorials for P. MARTIN (Undergraduate, 1st year)

## Policy Briefs, Articles and Reports

Tsani S., Chitou C., Moukaddem, K. and Dedi V. (October 2024). Female labor inclusion and energy policies in the Mediterranean countries: Evidence from a mixed methodology approach. *Environmentally Harmful Subsidies, Plan Bleu*.

Bou Khater, L., Dovis, M., Kass-Hanna, J., Moukaddem, K. and Raiber, E. (December 2023). Lebanon's Untapped Potential: The Persistent Challenge of High Economic Inactivity among Young Women, *ERF Policy Brief, PB 125*.

Moukaddem, K. (August 2023). Towards an Inclusive Mediterranean: Understanding and Tackling Gender-related Paradoxes. *EuroMeSCo connecting the dots, IEMed*, in "Towards more social justice and inclusiveness in the Mediterranean".

Hausser, T., Tsakas, C. and Moukaddem, K. (September 2019). Developing Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation in the Mediterranean and Middle East. *Forum Euro-Méditerranéen des Instituts d'Etudes Economiques (FEMISE), FEMISE Med Brief No 23*.

Moukaddem, K. (March 2019). Closing the gender gap: policy-making that promotes inclusive Mediterranean societies. *FEMISE, FEMISE MED BRIEF no17*.

Moukaddem, K (June 2020). "Exploring the untapped potential of Social Entrepreneurship for the economic empowerment of women in Lebanon". *Master Thesis, PRESAGE, Sciences Po Paris*.

Tonazzini, D., Fosse, J., Morales, E., González, A., Klarwein, S., Moukaddem, K. and Louveau, O. (June 2019). Blue Tourism - The Transition Towards Sustainable Coastal and Maritime Tourism in World Marine Regions. *Eco-union, Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI) and Agence de l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Énergie (ADEME)*.

Tsakas, C. and Moukaddem, K. (January 2020). « Les femmes peuvent être la clé du développement durable au Moyen-Orient et en Afrique du Nord ? ». *The Conversation France*.

Tsakas, C. and Moukaddem, K. (October 2019). Contribution au rapport « La Economía Social en el Mediterráneo », *Confederación Empresarial Española de la Economía Social (Cepes)*.

Tsakas, C. and Moukaddem, K. (May 2019). « How can social entrepreneurship contribute to the development of the private sector and support growth and employment in Mediterranean countries? ». *Chapitre 4, "FEMISE EuroMed 2019: The private sector in Mediterranean countries - Main dysfunctions and opportunities for social entrepreneurship" FEMISE, financed by the European Commission*.

## Work Experiences

- Jul. 2020 –     **Junior Consultant** | Learning Avenue Consulting Firm  
Jan. 2021     Paris, France

Oct. 2019 – **Intern** | Beyond Reform and Development  
Dec. 2019 Beirut, Lebanon

Ap. 2019 – **Intern at Social and Civil Affairs** | Union for the Mediterranean  
Oct. 2019 Barcelona, Spain

Jan. 2019 – **Junior Research Assistant** | Eco-union  
Ap. 2019 Barcelona, Spain

Jun. 2018 – **Research Assistant** | FEMISE and Institut de la Méditerranée  
Dec. 2018 Marseille, France

### Volunteer Work and Services

2022 – Co-organizer of the Discussion Group on Gender and of the AMSE Female Afterwork -  
current *AMSE, AMU*

2024 – Elected Member of the AFEPOP Steering Committee - *Association Française des*  
current *Economistes de la Population*

### Professional Activities

#### Conferences and Workshops

Upcoming AFEDEV JDD Job Market Training.

2024 Journée de la Microéconomie Appliquée, International Workshop on Migration and  
Family Economics, Louis-André Gérard-Varet, International Conference of Development  
Economics, 2024 EDGE Jamboree Conference

2023 1st Welfare and Policy Conference, 47th IAREP SABE Conference

#### External Seminars

2024 IRES Seminar at Université Catholique de Louvain, Development and Political Economy  
Lunch at Vancouver School of Economics (UBC), Summer Lunch Series 2024 of the  
Research Program in Development Economics at Princeton University

#### Supervision of Interns

2023 Houda Batari (*Undergraduate AMSE*)

### Languages

<b>English</b>	Fluent
<b>French</b>	Native
<b>Classic Arabic</b>	Native
<b>Levantine Dialect</b>	Native
<b>Spanish</b>	Advanced

### Skills and Office Tools

Stata, R, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, ODK Collect, SurveyCTO, Matlab, WordPress