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## PROFILE

Twenty years of work experience in the field of economic development. Solid background in economics, with strong emphasis on international economics, labor economics, industrial economics, macro and microeconomics. Experienced in designing, implementing and managing flagship activities including projects co-sponsored with international organizations such as the World Bank, the ILO, and the World Economic Forum. Facilitating of conferences, workshops and seminars. Ability to design and conduct training courses. Skilled in designing, developing and implementing academic and applied research projects. Work experience covers research institutes, development agencies, universities and banks.

## EDUCATION

### **Ph.D. in Economics**

*May 2004*

Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Thesis: "The Economic Effects of Rules of Origin: The Case of Egypt"

### **MA in Economics**

*August 1994*

Department of Economics, American University in Cairo

Thesis: "Analyzing Growth in Egyptian Industry with Endogenous Technological Change"

### **B.Sc. in Economics (Very Good)**

*June 1986*

Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

### **Thanawy Amma**

*1982*

Sacré-Cœur (*French School*)

## CAREER HISTORY

### CURRENT POSITION

#### Ministry of Trade and Industry

#### Minster's Technical Office

#### Principal Economist

*August 2008 -present*

### PAST EXPERIENCES

### RESEARCH

#### The Egyptian Centre for Economic Studies (ECES)

#### Principle Economist

*January 2008-June 2008*

#### Senior Economist

*May 2005-December 2007*

#### Senior Economist

*May 2004-July 2004*

#### Economist

*January 1999-April 2004*

#### – Flagship Activities

- Responsible for the preparation of one of the major bi-annual publications of ECES the *Business Barometer* including the design of the sample covered by the survey, the questionnaire, the methodology applied and the analysis of both the survey and the macroeconomic data. The *Business Barometer* evaluates the perceptions of a sample of almost 500 large Egyptian firms of the economy as well as their own activities during six months as well as their expectations for the coming six months. The *Business Barometer* also inquires about the major constraints that the firms face in doing their business.
- Responsible for another flagship activity related to managing and coordinating the participation of Egypt in the *Global Competitiveness Report (GCR)* issued annually by the World Economic Forum (WEF). This activity includes designing a stratified random sample of 100 local and foreign large firms, representing all economic activities and the selection of firms. This activity also includes the coordination of the completion of the Executive Opinion Survey (EOS) of the GCR, analyzing the data and coordinating with the WEF to receive the completed EOSs.

#### – Project Coordination

- Coordinating the ECES workshop as part of the Mediterranean Development Forum (MDF) one of the main activities sponsored by the World Bank in the MENA region. The coordination included the selection of more than 60 participants, preparation of workshop agenda, media coverage, and rapporteur of workshop, etc.
- Coordinator of ECES membership of Forum Euro-Méditerranéen des Instituts Economiques

(FEMISE) including preparation of grants proposals.

– **Research Activities**

- Participating in designing ECES research work program.
- Authored and co-authored a number of solid research papers in areas covering international trade, labor economics, SMEs, industrial economics, and economic development (list of research papers is included in the publications section).
- Prepared periodical statistics of major social, demographic and economic indicators.

## **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

### **The Industrial Modernization Center (IMC)**

#### **Studies and Policy Support Unit Manager**

*August 2005 – April 2006*

– **Research Studies**

- Managing solid research studies related to the industrial sector, including business development strategies and export development strategies for different sectors as well as sector surveys. These studies are tailored to the needs of different stakeholders.
- Preparing projects' budgets, monitoring expenses and managing a budget of few million Euros.
- Preparing terms of reference and requests for proposals, carrying out competitive bidding process between local and foreign consultancy firms and evaluating proposals.
- Managing a team of researchers and provide them with on-the-job training in terms of preparation of terms of references, preparation of budgets, carrying-out bidding process, evaluation of proposals, monitoring and evaluation of projects.
- Launching an *Industrial Barometer* sponsored by the Federation of Egyptian Industries (FEI).

– **Coordination**

- Acting as a coordinator between IMC and the Ministry of Trade and Industry in terms of preparation of *Egypt's Industrial Strategy 2005-2025*, and other policy related issues.
- Coordinating the upgrading of sectoral technology centers, affiliated to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, such as the food technology sector, the marble and granite technology centre and the plastics technology center, to provide them with modern technologies, modern machines and equipment as well as international experts.
- Coordinating training courses for the Ministry of Trade and Industry employees.
- Acting as a coordinator between IMC and FEI in order to carry out a multi-stages strategy for modernization of the federation and its affiliated chambers.
- Coordinating between IMC and different export councils to carry out research studies tailored to their needs and aiming at developing their sectors and raising their exports.

## **OTHER CONSULTANCIES AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

<b>Economic Policy Initiative Consortium (EPIC)</b>	<i>February 1998 - January 1999 &amp; February - July 1997</i>
<b>Development Economic Policy Reform Analysis Project (DEPRA)</b>	<i>January - May 1998</i>
<b>The International Labor Organization (ILO)</b>	<i>May 1997</i>
<b>Economic Research Forum (ERF)</b>	<i>February - May 1997</i>
<b>USAID</b>	<i>June – July 2005 June - September 1996</i>
<b>Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University</b>	<i>December 1990 - February 1991</i>

## **TEACHING AND TRAINING**

<b>The Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University</b>	
Economics Teacher	<i>2005-2008</i>
Course: History of Economic Thought (Graduate Course)	
<b>The French University</b>	
Economics Teacher	<i>Academic year: 2005 – 2006</i>
– Course: Macroeconomics (Undergraduate Course)	
<b>Ministry of Trade and Industry</b>	
Training Facilitator	<i>2004 - 2005</i>
Courses:	
– Rules of Origin	
– Rules of Origin Implied by the Egypt-EU Partnership Agreement	
– Rules of Origin in the Qualified Industrial Zones (QIZ)	

## **BANKING**

<b>Misr Iran Development Bank</b>	
<i>Credit Officer</i>	<i>May 1989 - March 1990</i>
<b>Egyptian Gulf Bank</b>	
Credit Officer	<i>September 1986 - May 1989</i>

## PUBLICATIONS

- El-Megharbel, Nihal. Forthcoming. "Rent Decontrol: The Case of Egypt," Working Paper presented to The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES).
- Metwaly, Manal and Nihal El-Megharbel. 2009. "The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Egypt: The Expected Economic Impact on Industrial Sector," Paper presented to the Economic Committee of the Egyptian Parliament. February.
- Metwaly, Manal and Nihal El-Megharbel. Forthcoming. "Promoting Industrial Competitiveness of Greater Cairo Region," part of the project entitled "Strategic planning of Greater Cairo Region 2050," organized by the Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Development (MOHUUD) General Organization for Physical Planning (GOPP)," "UNDP – HABITAT.
- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 2008. "The Efficiency of the Wholesale and Retail Distribution Services in Egypt." Paper presented at the Conference entitled "Towards More Efficient Services in Egypt," organized by The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES), December, 22-23, Grand Hyatt, Cairo, Egypt.
- Risk, Soad and Nihal El-Megharbel. Forthcoming. The National Action Plan for Youth Employment: Parts two and three; ILO and Ministry of Manpower and Migration project.
- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 2008. "Strengthening Linkages between Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Large Firms in the Egyptian Manufacturing Sector," Working Paper no. 140, The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES), October.
- El-Megharbel, Nihal and Jasmine Fouad. 2008. "Corporate Social Responsibility in Egypt," Working Paper no. 138, The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES), September.
- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 2008. "Egypt's Competitiveness Indicators," in Towards a Competitive Egypt Where Everybody Wins, The Fifth Egyptian Competitiveness Report, Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC), May.
- Gasiorek, Michael., Patricia Augier, Charles Lai-Tong, and Nihal El-Megharbel. Forthcoming. "The Role of Rules of Origin in the Process of Euro-Med Integration and in the Southern Mediterranean Countries," A FEMISE project.
- El-Ehwany, Naglaa and Nihal El Megharbel. 2008. "Employment Intensity of Growth in the Egyptian Economy with Reference to the Manufacturing Industries", Working Paper no. 130, The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES), March.
- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 2007. "The Impact of Recent Macro and Labor Market Policies on Job Creation in Egypt", Working Paper no. 123, the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES), April 2007.
- Kheir El Din, Hanaa and Nihal El-Megharbel. 2007. Real Estate Tax Draft Law. Draft Law Review, issue 2, The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, March.
- Risk, Soad and Nihal El-Megharbel. 2006. "The Impact of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership on Employment: The Case of Egypt", Background Paper on "The Impact of the EURO-Mediterranean Partnership on Employment and the Right to Work in 8 Southern and

Eastern Mediterranean Countries,” to be presented in a conference organized by Fundación Paz y Solidaridad, Comisiones Obreras, EuroMed Trade Union Forum, Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Spanish International Cooperation Agency, held in Tunisia, 8-9, September 2006.

- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 2006. "The Economic Effects of Rules of Origin on North African Countries” Background Paper presented during the AD Hoc Expert Meeting organized by the United Nation Economic Commission of Africa (UNECA) and held in Rabat, Morocco, June 20 – 22.
- Noureldin, Diah, Manuel Albaladejo, and Nihal El-Megharbel. 2006. “Industrial Competitiveness: Engine of Growth?” in The Egyptian Competitiveness Report 2005-2006, May.
- Fawzy, Samiha and Nihal El-Megharbel. 2006. "Public and Private Investment: Crowding-out or Crowding-in?" in Ahmed Galal and Nadeem Ul Haque (eds.) Fiscal Sustainability in Emerging Markets: International Experience and Implications for Egypt. The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, the American University in Cairo Press, Cairo. Egypt
- Galal, Ahmed and Nihal El-Megharbel. 2005. "Picking Winners and Losers," The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Working Paper, no. 108, December.
- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 2005. "The Impact of Rules of Origin on Egyptian Apparel Exports to the European Union," paper presented at the conference entitled "The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, Ten Years After Barcelona," organized by the Center for European Studies, the Institute of Research and Development, Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, held in Cairo on April 19-20.
- Fawzy, Samiha and Nihal El-Megharbel. 2004. "Public and Private Investment: Crowding-out or Crowding-in," The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Working Paper no. 96, April.
- El-Gamal, Mahmoud, Nihal El-Megharbel, and Hulusi Inanoglu. 2002. "Beyond Credit: A Taxonomy of SMEs and Financing Methods for Arab Countries," in Samiha Fawzy (ed.) Globalization and Firm Competitiveness in the Middle East and North Africa Region. The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- Tohamy, Sahar and Nihal El-Megharbel. 2001. "Private Participation in Airport Activity in Egypt," The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Working Paper no. 65.
- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 2001. "Analytical Study of Rules of Origin in the Arab – EU Partnership Agreements: The Expected Effects of the Arab Free Trade Area," in El-Touny, Nagi (ed.) The Effects of Arab-EU Partnership Agreements on the Future of Arab Regional Agreements, The Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait.
- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 2000. "The Implications of Rules of Origin in the Egyptian-EU Association Agreement," paper presented at the First Mediterranean Social and Political Meeting, a conference organized by the European University Institute, held in Florence, Italy on February 22-26.
- El-Gamal, Mahmoud, Nihal El-Megharbel, and Hulusi Inanoglu. 2000. "Beyond Credit: A Taxonomy of SMEs and Financing Methods for Arab Countries," The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Working Paper no. 56.

- El-Megharbel, Nihal. 1999. "Rules of Origin: Impact on Firms' Competitiveness in Egypt," paper presented to the Conference organized by the Center for Economic and Financial Research and Studies, at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, held at the Cairo Shepard Hotel on October 16-17.
- Kheir El-Din, Hanaa, Tarek Moursi, and Nihal El-Megharbel. 1996. "Macroeconomic and Sectoral Effects of Trade Policies in Egypt: A General Equilibrium Approach," paper presented to the conference of the Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University on "Implications of the Uruguay Round for the Arab Countries" January 13-15.

## AFFILIATION

- **The Economic Research Forum (ERF)**
  - Research Associate 2007
- **Egyptian National Competitiveness Council (ENCC)**
  - Member of the technical committee of the Egyptian Competitiveness Report issued annually by the ENCC 2006-2008

## COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Econometric Software: EVIEWS and GAMS
- Arabic (mother tongue)
- Fluent in written and spoken English and French

## PERSONAL DATA

- Date of Birth: June 24, 1965
- Marital Status: Married with three children