

Ayah Bohsali

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Nationality: Lebanese American

Education

- **Universitat Pompeu Fabra**, Barcelona, Spain
PhD Candidate in Economics
Papers:
 - *Job Market Paper*: Conflict, Forced Displacement, and Growth: Evidence from Uganda
 - Team Size and Performance: Experimental Evidence from India (joint with Giorgia Barboni and Elisa Giannone)
 - The Gender Gap in Consumption and Savings*Master's in Research in Economics* — 07/2021 - 09/2021
- **Barcelona Graduate School of Economics**, Barcelona, Spain
Master Program in Economics, Degree awarded by Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
09/2019 – 07/2020
- **American University of Beirut (AUB)**, Beirut, Lebanon
B.A in Economics, GPA: 4.0/4.0, Graduated with High Distinction
09/2016 – 06/2019
- **Università Bocconi**, Milan, Italy
Exchange Semester, GPA: 29/30
09/2018 – 12/2018

Professional Experience

- **Research Positions:**
 - Research Assistant* at CREi for Elisa Giannone — 07/2022–12/2024
 - Research Assistant* for Prof. Humberto Llavador — 07/2021–09/2021
- **UNDP**, Beirut, Lebanon
Economic Development Intern
05/2019 – 07/2019
Drafted economic reports, helped organize equitable tax policy negotiations, and conducted research on social and economic affairs in Lebanon.
- **The Office of International Programs**, Beirut, Lebanon
Peer Advisor and Mentor
01/2017 – 06/2018
Assisted students in studying abroad, mentored foreign exchange students, and organized events for students.
- **Amel Association**, Beirut, Lebanon
Research Intern
01/2018 – 04/2018
Researched market assessment and entry strategies for the Soap Cooperative project.
- **Jusoor NGO**, Beirut, Lebanon
English Language Tutor for adult Syrian refugees
09/2016 – 12/2016
- **In Theatre**, Beirut, Lebanon
Assistant Director and Manager
01/2019 – 06/2019
Worked on AUB Theatre Initiative's adaptation of *Blood Wedding* and other productions.

Languages & IT Skills

- Languages: Arabic (Native), English (Native), Spanish (Advanced), French (Intermediate), Italian (Beginner)
- IT Skills: Python, STATA, R, Microsoft Office, QGIS

Teaching Experience

- TA to Introduction to Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) — 02/2025
- Master Project Advisory TA (Barcelona School of Economics) — 03/2023 – 07/2024
- Instructor of Intro to Programming in R for Master's Students — 10/2023
- TA to Labor Economics (Undergraduate) — 04/2022
- TA to Introduction to Microeconomics (Undergraduate) — 10/2021
- TA to Introduction to Data Analysis (Undergraduate) — 10/2021

Conferences and Workshops

Presentation

2025- 1st Workshop of Early Career Women in Economic Geography and Spatial Economics, CSAE Conference: Economic Development in Africa, Urban Economics Association meeting Berlin, CREi International Lunch Workshop, UPF Applied Economics Internal Seminar

2024- 49th Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía, Urban Economics Association meeting Copenhagen, CREi International Lunch Workshop, UPF Applied Economics Internal Seminar, BSE Ph.D. Jamboree

2023- CREi International Lunch Workshop, UPF Applied Economics Internal Seminar, UPF Applied Economics Student Workshop, BSE Ph.D. Jamboree

2022- CREi International Lunch Workshop, UPF Applied Economics Student Workshop, BSE Ph.D. Jamboree

Organization

- CREi International Lunch Seminar — 2023-2024
- UPF Applied Economics Student Workshop — 2022

Training

2024- Fifth SAEe PhD School in Economics, Africa Training Workshop in Development Economics

Awards

- Suad Sabbagh Sanioura Memorial Prize — 05/2019
- IMF Fund Challenge Winner — 04/2019

References

Professor **Elisa Giannone** (advisor)
CREi, BSE & UPF
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Professor **Jaume Ventura** (advisor)
CREi, BSE & UPF
Email: jventura@crei.cat

Professor **Gianmarco León-Ciliotta**
UPF, BSE & IPEG
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