

Meriam Arifa — Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

My interests include Econometrics (Theoretical and Applied), and Applied Microeconomics.

Education

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| Concordia University PhD in Economics CGPA: 3.9 | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 09/2022–current |
| Concordia University MA in Economics CGPA: 3.88 <i>Research Paper Title: The Relationship Between Remittances, Economic Growth, and Development: Evidence from a Cross-Section of African Countries</i> | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 01/2021–08/2022 |
| Queen Mary, University of London (QMUL) BSc(HONS)(ECON) Economics and Finance <i>Graduated with Upper Division Honours</i> <i>Dissertation Title: Education and Per Capita Economic Growth: Evidence from Aggregate Middle Income Country Data</i> | London, United Kingdom 09/2016–06/2019 |
| Queen Mary, University of London International Foundation Programme <i>Completed with Distinction</i> | London, United Kingdom 09/2015–06/2016 |

Experiences

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| Department of Economics: Concordia University Teaching Assistant <i>Courses: Transportation Economics, Money and Banking, Special Topics in Economics: Education, Health and Population, Introduction to Microeconomics, Health Economics, Data Analysis, Econometric Theory II (Graduate), Applied Machine Learning (Graduate)</i> | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 02/2022–current |
| Concordia University Exam Invigilator | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 04/2022–current |
| Student Success Centre: Concordia University Study Group Leader <i>Course: Introduction to Microeconomics</i> | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 09/2022–12/2022 |
| School of Economics and Finance: QMUL Student Ambassador | London, United Kingdom 09/2017–06/2019 |
| The Arab Investment and Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Intern <i>Throughout this internship, my assignment was within the Research and Studies Department, focusing on a project centered around the analysis of trade systems in several Arab States.</i> | Kuwait City, Kuwait Summer of 2017 |

Other Experiences

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| Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en économie quantitative (CIREQ) Student Committee Member | 04/2024-current |
| EconNect Africa Communications Lead | 10/2023-current |
| QM UNICEF (On Campus) Society at Queen Mary, University of London Treasurer | 09/2018-06/2019 |
| QMUL Arab Society at Queen Mary, University of London Co-President | 09/2018-06/2019 |
| Queen Mary, University of London Peer Assisted Support Session (PASS) Mentor | 09/2016-06/2019 |
| QMUL Arab Society at Queen Mary, University of London Arabic Language Teacher | 09/2017-05/2019 |
| QM UNICEF (On Campus) Society at Queen Mary, University of London President | 09/2017-06/2018 |
| QMUL Arab Society at Queen Mary, University of London Promotional Officer | 09/2017-06/2018 |
| QM UNICEF (On Campus) Society at Queen Mary, University of London Fundraising Officer | 09/2016-06/2017 |

Awards and Distinctions

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| Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC) FRQSC Scholarship | Quebec, Canada 2025-current |
| Concordia University Research Assistantship | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 2024-current |
| Concordia University International Tuition Award of Excellence | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 2022-current |
| Concordia University Graduate Fellowship | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 2022-current |
| Concordia University Merit Scholarship for Excellent Academic Performance | Montreal, Quebec, Canada 2021-2022 |
| Queen Mary, University of London Student Union Excellence Award: Silver Winner <i>Acknowledged the remarkable achievements and dedication of the Arab Society. At the time, I was serving as the Co-President of the society.</i> | London, United Kingdom 2019 |
| Queen Mary, University of London Student Union Societies Award: Best Collaboration of the Year <i>Awarded to UNICEF (On Campus) Society, Arab Society, and The North African Society. The event organised by these three societies successfully raised approximately 1500 GBP for charity. At the time, I was serving as Co-President of the Arab Society and Treasurer of UNICEF (On Campus) Society.</i> | London, United Kingdom 2019 |
| Queen Mary, University of London French Language Scholarship | London, United Kingdom 2018-2019 |

Articles

Journal of Development and Economic Policies

Analysis of Immigration Patterns Pre and Post Democratic Transition:
Evidence from Tunisia

2024

This paper delves into the impact of Tunisia's democratic transition, stemming from the Arab Spring, on immigration patterns. Leveraging data from four waves of the Arab Barometer Survey, the study employs a Probit model to scrutinise shifts in the probability of immigration pre and post the democratic transition. The paper extends to a robustness check via a Changes-in-Changes framework, with Tunisia as a treatment group and Algeria as a control group. Findings indicate that immigration patterns in Tunisia have not diminished post-democratic transition but have instead intensified. This trend is supported by the Chow Test. Moreover, the study reveals the presence of the brain drain phenomenon. On average, Tunisians demonstrate an increased inclination toward immigration post-democratic transition compared to Algerians. These patterns could be attributed to unmet economic demands precipitating the 2011 revolution, coupled with expectations of swift reforms, and the subsequent lack of immediate improvements in economic conditions following democratisation.

https://www.arab-api.org/Files/Publications/PDF/855/855_2972024.pdf

Arab Research and Advocacy Bureau

Tunisia's Economy Before and After the Arab Spring

2020

In this piece, I discuss how the Tunisian economic performance has not worsened significantly, in comparison to before the revolution.

arabbureau.org/2020/04/29/tunisias-economy-before-and-after-the-arab-spring/

Skills

Softwares: Stata, MATLAB, R, Eviews, Microsoft Office, L^AT_EX, Python (*Beginner*)

Soft: Communication, Teamwork, Problem-Solving, Leadership, Self-motivation, Organisation, Time Management

Languages

English: Native/Bilingual Proficiency

Arabic: Native/Bilingual Proficiency – *including regional dialects and Modern Arabic.*

French: Limited Working Proficiency

References

Available upon request.