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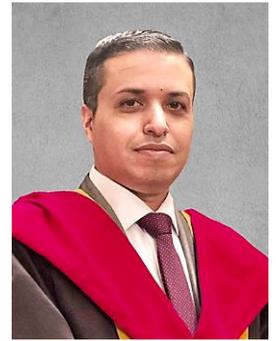
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Profile

- Full Name: Ghazi Ibrahim Mohammed Al-Assaf
- Nationality: Jordanian
- Marital Status: Married
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Current Employment

2017- now	UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN <i>Associate Professor of Economics</i>	Amman, Jordan,
2016- now	ROYAL JORDANIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE <i>Directing Staff</i>	Amman, Jordan,

Previous Employment

2011- 2017	UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN <i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	Amman, Jordan,
2015- 2017	CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES / UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN <i>Non-Resident Research Fellow</i>	Amman, Jordan,
2015- 2016	UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN <i>Assistant Dean for Students Affairs</i>	Amman, Jordan,
2013- 2015	UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN <i>Head of Business Economics Department</i>	Amman, Jordan,
2008-2011	UNIVERSITY OF WALES SWANSEA <i>Tutorial Assistant</i>	Swansea, UK,
2006-2008	UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Amman, Jordan,
2006-2006	TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATORY COMMISSION <i>Competition Officer</i>	Amman, Jordan,
2005-2006	INSTITUTE OF BANKING STUDIES <i>Higher Studies Division</i>	Amman, Jordan,

Higher Education

- 2008-2011 **SWANSEA UNIVERSITY** Swansea, UK.
- PhD in Economics, Applied Econometrics, Macroeconomics, and Financial Development.
- PhD dissertation title: *Workers' Remittances in Jordan, their Macroeconomic Determinants and Impact on Financial Development.*
Supervisors: Dr. Dimitrios Vougas and Prof. Steve Cook.

Lower Education

- 2003-2006 **UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN** Amman, Jordan.
- MSc in Business Economics, International Trade.
MSc dissertation title: Trade Creation and Trade diversion Under Jordan-United States Free Trade Area.
Supervisor: Prof. Talib Awad
- 1999-2003 **AL AL-BAYT UNIVERSITY** Mafraq, Jordan.
- BSc in Economics.

Research Interests

- Macroeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Economics of Remittances, Financial Development, Labour Economics, Time Series Analysis, Cointegration Analysis.

Grants and Scholarships

- University of Jordan, School of Business, PhD scholarship, 2008-2011.
- The European Commission, EPIC Erasmus Mundus Scholarship for academic staff, visiting scholar at Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, June-July, 2013.
- NCHRD, Jordan, Funded Research Project about The Determinants of Female Labour Force Participation in Jordan, 2015.
- Economic Research Forum (ERF), Funded Research Project on the Effects of Remittances and Migration on Labour Market Performance in Jordan, (2015-2016).
- The European Commission, Erasmus+ Scholarship for academic staff, visiting professor at Jagiellonian University, Poland, May, 2018.
- The European Commission, Erasmus+ Scholarship for academic staff, visiting professor at Izmir University of Economics, Turkey, May, 2019.

Consultancy

- Conducting A Pre- Feasibility Study for Commercial Complex and Private Hospital, The University of Jordan, (2018).
- A study on the Determinants of Housing Market in Jordan, working as a senior consultant. A project conducted by Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. Consulting (TAG-Consult), The World Bank and Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Jordan (Feb. 2017- June. 2017).

- A study on the Economic and Social Returns to Early Childhood Development (ECD) in Jordan, working as a local economist. It is a joint work with Queen Rania Foundation and University of Harvard, (Feb. 2016- Oct. 2016).
- The Arab Knowledge Report, writing background papers submitted for this project to evaluate the main indicators used in the report, UNDP & MBRF, (2015 & 2016).
- The Ministry of Health- Jordan and the WHO, Health Care Cost and Health Care Financing Study for Jordan, (2016).
- A study on the Determinants of Woman Labour Force Participation in the Private Sector in Jordan, Social and Economic Council, Jordan, (2015).

Published Work

- The Impact of Urban Concentration on Economic Growth: An Empirical Investigation for a Sample of Countries, a joint work with Maha Al-Jebouri and Prof. Ahmad F Oran. *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, Vol. 10 No.4, (2020).
- The Impact of Political Instability on the Economic Growth: An Empirical Analysis for the Case of Selected Arab Countries, a joint work with Khadiga Elbargathi. *International Journal of Business and Economics Research*, Vol. 8 No.1, (2019).
- Does Trade Openness affect Banking Sector Development in Jordan?, a joint work with Dr. Alaaedin Altarawneh. *International Journal of Economics and Business Research*, Vol.16, No.3, (2018).
- Macroeconomic Drivers of Stock Market Development: Evidence From Jordan, a joint work with Dr. Alaaedin Altarawneh. *International Journal of Financial Research*, Vol.9, No.3, (2018).
- An Early Warning System for Currency Crisis: A Comparative Study for the Case of Jordan and Egypt. *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, Vol.7, No.3, (2017).
- Oil Price Fluctuations and Their Impact on Stock Market Returns in Jordan: Evidence from an Asymmetric Cointegration Analysis, a joint work with Dr. Buthiana Al-Muhtaseb. *International Journal of Financial Research*, Vol.8, No.1, (2017).
- Noninterest Income and Financial Performance at Jordanian Banks, a joint work with Dr. Alaaedin Altarawneh and Dr. Bashar Abu Khalaf. *International Journal of Financial Research*, Vol.8, No.1, (2017).
- The Impact of Trade Liberalization on the Manufacturing Sector in Jordan, a joint work with Prof. Mohammed Alawin and others. *Journal of Sustainable Development*, Vol.10, No.1, (2017)
- Remittances and Real Investment in Jordan, is there a link?, a joint work with Dr. Alaaedin Altarawneh. *Applied Economics Quarterly*, Vol.62, No.1, (2016).
- The Validity of Export-Led Growth Hypothesis for Jordan: A Bounds Testing Approach, a joint work with Prof. Bashier Al-Abdulrazaq. *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, Vol.5, No.1, (2015).
- Testing for Asymmetric Cointegration Relationship between Banking Sector Development and Trade Openness: Evidence From Jordan. *Dirasat: Administrative Sciences*, Vol.41, No.2, (2014).
- Investigating the effect of Financial Development on Output Growth Using the ARDL Bounds Testing Approach, a joint work with Dr. Abdullah Al-Malki. *International Journal of Economics and Finance*, Vol.6, No.9, (2014).

- Modelling the Macroeconomic Determinants of Workers' Remittances in Jordan, a joint work with Dr. Abdullah Al-Malki, *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, Vol.4, No.3, (2014).
- Long-run and Short-run Relationship between Stock Market Index and Main Macroeconomic Variables Performance in Jordan , a joint work with Dr. Ahmad Al-Majali, *European Scientific Journal*, Vol.10, No.10, (2014).
- Determinants of Currency Crisis in Jordan - A Multinomial Logit Model, a joint work with Dr. Alaadin Altarawneh, *European Scientific Journal*, Vol.9, No.34, (2013).
- Do Workers' Remittances Promote Banking Sector Development in Jordan?, with Dr. Alaadin Altarawneh, *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics*, No.117, (2013)
- Workers' Remittances in Jordan, (Published Book), LAMBERT Academic Publishing, Germany, (2012), ISBN 978-3-659-25839-8.
- “Macroeconomic Determinants of Workers' Remittances: the Case of Jordan”. Co-author with Dr. Dimitrios Vougas, the conference proceeding of the 7th International Conference on Applied Financial Economics, July, 2010, Samos, Greece.

Work in Progress

- The Impact of Political Instability on Economic Development in selected MENA Countries: An Empirical Investigation.
- Banking Sector Development and Private Saving: The Case of Developing Countries.
- International Remittances and Private Consumption, a joint work with Dr. Alaaddin Al-Tarawneh.
- The Effect of Fiscal Policy on Economic Development in Jordan.
- Remittances and Stock Market Liquidity in Labour Exporting Countries, a joint work with Dr. Mohammed Tayeh.

Academic Conferences and Workshops

- Training Workshop on “Applied Micro-econometrics and Public Policy Evaluation”, 6th – 9th Sep., 2020, The Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt. (Online)
- National Continuity of Government Exercise and Workshop, The NATO Defense Capability Building Trust Fund Program & National Centre for Security and Crisis Management. 28th – 30th Sep., 2020. (Online)
- NESAs & Royal Jordanian National Defense College Faculty Development Seminar, National Defense University, Washington, USA, 31st Aug. – 3rd Sep., 2020. (Online)
- The International Week of Mendel University in Brno (IW 2019), 14th – 18th Oct., 2019. Brno, Czech Republic.
- The 2nd Annual Meeting and International Conference of the Consortium for Research in Political Theory (CRIPT), 16th – 20th July, 2018. Ankara, Turkey.
- The Economic Research Forum (ERF) 23rd Annual Conference, “Regional Economic Cooperation, Peace and Development: Issues, Experiences and Lessons for MENA”, 18th – 20th March, 2017. Amman, Jordan.
- The Knowledge Summit 2016, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation (MBRF) and UNDP, 5th – 6th, Dec. 2016. Dubai, UAE.

- International Conference on Sustainable Development, Business and Economics, 2nd – 3rd August, 2016. London, UK.
- Oxford Symposium on Population, Migration, and Environment, 1st – 2nd August, 2016. University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.
- Workshop on “Estimating Tobacco Health (economic), Cost of Tobacco Use in Jordan”, 21st Dec. 2015, Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, Amman Jordan.
- Workshop on “The Use of Labor Market Panel Survey Data”, 26th – 28th July, 2015, The Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
- The Second International Conference Business Dilemma: Green, Ethical, and Performance Requirements, 27th -29th May, 2014. Faculty of Business, The University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.
- First International Conference on Understanding Global Business Environment: Its Economic, Financial, Accounting, Marketing, and IT Dimensions, 30th -31st October, 2013. Faculty of Business, The University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.
- Determinants of Currency Crisis in Jordan , a joint work with Dr. Alaadin Altarawneh, (2013). *The DAAD Workshop on Exchange Rate Regimes in Developing Countries*, Berlin, Germany.
- The Finance and Economic Conference, 17th-18th August 2010 at Lupcon Center for Business Research, Frankfurt, Germany.
- Conference Paper Workshops, 10th February, and 10th March, 2010 at Postgraduate Research Faculty, Swansea University, UK.
- Conference on Macro and Financial Economics, 27th May, 2010 at Brunel University, West London, UK.
- The 7th International Conference on Applied Financial Economics, 1st -3rd July, 2010 at Research and Training Institute of East Aegean, Samos, Greece.
- Welsh Economic Colloquium, 25th-27th March, 2009 at the University of Wales, Gregynog, Mid Wales, UK.
- Max Fry Conference on Finance and Development, 14th-15th May, 2009 at the University of Birmingham, UK.
- Economics PhD Conference, 23rd June, 2009 at the University of Bath/ Economics Department, Bath, UK.

Membership of Academic and Administrative Committees

- Member of the Higher Consulting Committee for the Investment Future Plans, Jordan Investment Commission, 2020.
- Member of Students Investigation Committee at the Deanship of Students Affairs, The University of Jordan. 2019-2020.
- Member of scientific research committee at Faculty of Business, The University of Jordan, 2012-2014.
- Member of organising committee of the International Conference on Trade Policies and Sustainable Development in Arab Countries, 26-27 September, 2012, The University of Jordan, Amman- Jordan.
- Journal reviewer for Economic Modelling, Middle East Development Journal, Int. J. of Trade and Global Markets, J. of Int. Migration and Integration, DIRASAT Administrative Sciences Journal,

Amman, Jordan, Jordan J. of Economic Sciences, Applied Finance and Economics, Abhath Al-Yarmouk, and for IISTE Journals.

- Member of the faculty strategic plan committee, The University of Jordan.
- Member of organising committee of the First International Conference on Understanding Global Business Environment: Its Economic, Financial, Accounting, Marketing, and IT Dimensions, 30th - 31st October, 2013. Faculty of Business, The University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.
- Member of the technical committee of Jordan Scenario Project: 2030, Center for Strategic Studies, The University of Jordan, The University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.
- Member of the Editorial Board of Applied Economics and Finance (ISSN 2332-7294), and Applied Finance and Accounting Journals.
- External and Internal Examiner for various MA theses and Ph.D. dissertations at The University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, Mutah University, and Al albayt University.
- Member of The Royal Economic Society, UK.

Taught Courses

- Microeconomics (BSc)
- Macroeconomics (BSc, MSc and PhD)
- Economic Development (BSc and MSc)
- Managerial Economics (BSc)
- Public Finance (BSc and MSc)
- Money and Banking (BSc)
- Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics (BSc)
- Econometrics (BSc, MSc and PhD)
- Financial Economics (BSc and MSc)
- Labour Economics (BSc, MSc and PhD)
- Economics of Human Resources (PhD)

Training Experience

- Trainer at FAO, Trade Volume Analysis, 28-30 September, 2012. Amman. Targeted Group: 8 professional participants from the Ministry of Agriculture/ Iraq.
- Trainer at Ahliyya Amman University, Economics Course, June-July, 2014 & 2015. Amman. Targeted Group: Engineers, highly professional workers in different sectors.
- Trainer at Global Consultants, and Baker Telly companies, 23-27 November, 2014. Kuwait. Targeted Group: 6 professional participants from the Public Authority for Industry/ Kuwait.
- Trainer at USAID Takamol - Gender Program, 24-26 May, 13-15 Sep. 2015. Amman. Targeted Group: 32 female participants from different ministries and other public departments.
- Trainer at USAID Rule of Law Program, 23-25 July & 5-7 Sep. 2016. Amman. Targeted Group: 30 participants from different ministries and other public departments.

Postgraduate Supervision

- Manal Salman, *The Impact of Tourism Expenditures on Major Macroeconomic Indicators in Jordan*. 2014/2015.

- Raad Altell, *Corruption and Its Impact on Economic Growth in the MENA Region*. 2014/2015.
- Hussien Bani Mustafa, *Early Warning System for Financial Crises: A Comparative Study*. 2014/2015.
- Mohsen Al-Nasi, *The Impact of Development in Transformative Manufacturing Sector on the Economic Performance: The Case of United Arab Emirates*. 2015/2016.
- Salam Al-Ali, *Fluctuations in Oil Prices and their Effects on the Major Macroeconomic Variables: The Case of Jordan*. 2016/2017.
- Wea'am Amara, *The Impact of Electricity Consumption on Economic Growth: The Case of Jordan*. 2016/2017.
- Ghadeer Tawahi, *The Impact of Corruption on the Overall Price Level: The Case Selected Arab Countries*. 2017/2018.
- Khadiga Barghathi, *Political Instability and Its Impact on the Major Macroeconomic Variables: The Case of Selected Arab Countries*, Ph.D. 2018/2019.
- Rania Adnan, *The Impact of Foreign Workers on the Jordanian Economy: The Case of Housekeeping Workers*, Ph.D. 2019/2020.
- Maha AlJbouri, *The Impact of Urban Concentration on Economic Growth: A Comparative Study of a Selected Sample of Countries*, Ph.D. 2019/2020.
- Ala'a Dwik, *The Effect Of Financial and Trade Openness On Financial Development: Analysing The Symmetric and Asymmetric Effect For The Case Of Jordan.*, Ph.D. 2020/2021.
- Supervising number of students in the Royal Jordanian National Defense College investigating different *economic and political-military issues* within the Defense Course of the college.

Econometric Software

- Eviews
- Microfit
- STATA
- OxMetrics
- SAS
- SPSS

References

- Available upon request.

Hobbies and Interests

- Swimming
- Camping
- Soccer
- Watching Movies

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