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EDUCATION

PhD in Health Economics and Policy <i>Lancaster University, United Kingdom</i> Thesis: Money, Health and Well-being: Essays on Cash Transfers and Universal Health Insurance in Egypt Supervisors: Bruce Hollingsworth, Jean-François Maystadt and Saurabh Singhal Examiners: Kara Hanson and Catherine Porter	2026 (Viva passed on 1 July 2026)
MSc in Economics <i>The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), United Kingdom</i>	2012
BA in Economics <i>The American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt</i>	2011

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Economic Policy, Development Economics, Health Economics
Secondary: Public Economics, Labour Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Publications

- El-Enbaby, Hoda, Daniel O. Gilligan, Naureen Karachiwalla, Yumna Kassim, and Sikandra Kurdi. "Cash Transfers, Gender Norms, and Women's Control over Decision-Making in Egypt." *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 73, no. 4, 2025, pp. 1721–1760.
- El-Enbaby, Hoda, Bruce Hollingsworth, Jean-François Maystadt, and Saurabh Singhal. "Cash Transfers and Mental Health in Egypt." *Economics and Human Biology*, vol. 54, 2024, p. 101396.
- Abay, Kibrom A., Lina Abdelfattah, Hoda El-Enbaby, Mai Mahmoud, and Clemens Breisinger. "Plot Size and Sustainable Input Intensification in Smallholder Irrigated Agriculture: Evidence from Egypt." *Agricultural Economics*, vol. 53, 2022, pp. 792–810.
- Galal, Rami, and Hoda El-Enbaby. "Inequality of Opportunity in Earnings and Assets in Egypt." *Applied Economics*, vol. 52, no. 38, 2020, pp. 4146–4161.
- El-Enbaby, Hoda, Rana Hendy, and Chahir Zaki. "Do SPS Measures Matter for Margins of Trade? Evidence from Firm-Level Data." *Applied Economics*, vol. 48, no. 21, 2016, pp. 1949–1964.
- El-Enbaby, Hoda, Rana Hendy, and Chahir Zaki. "The Impact of Standards on Egyptian Trade: Evidence from SPS Measures." *Topics in Middle Eastern and African Economies*, vol. 17, no. 2, 2015.

Chapters in Edited Books

- El-Enbaby, Hoda, and Hoda Selim. "Fiscal Outcomes in Bahrain: Resource Volatility, Fiscal Institutions or Politics?" *Institutions and Macroeconomic Policies in Resource-Rich Arab Economies*, ed. Mohaddes, Nugent & Selim, Oxford University Press, 2019.

Policy Briefs

- El-Enbaby, Hoda, Olivier Ecker, Jose Luis Figueroa, Jef L. Leroy, and Clemens Breisinger. Leveraging Agricultural Interventions for Improving Nutrition in Egypt. MENA Policy Note 1, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2019.
- Breisinger, Clemens, Hagar ElDidi, Hoda El-Enbaby, Daniel Gilligan, Naureen Karachiwalla, Yumna Kassim, Sikandra Kurdi, Amir Hamza Jilani, and Giang Thai. Egypt's Takaful and Karama Cash Transfer Program: Evaluation of Program Impacts and Recommendations. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2018.

Reports

1. Singhal, Saurabh, Smriti Sharma, Finn Tarp, Alessandra Hidalgo Arestegui, Ariana De Cross, Hoda El-Enbaby, and Timothy Kell-Fien. Characteristics of the Vietnamese Rural Economy: Evidence from a 2020 Rural Household Survey in 12 Provinces of Vietnam. DERG, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen, 2022.
2. El-Enbaby, Hoda, and Clemens Breisinger. "Social Protection Responses to COVID in the Middle East and North Africa: The Case of Egypt." *Leveraging Food Systems to Reduce Poverty and Malnutrition*, edited by A. Raza and F. Soares, Policy in Focus, vol. 18, no. 1, Dec. 2020, FAO and International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG).
3. Kurdi, Sikandra, Clemens Breisinger, Hagar ElDidi, Hoda El-Enbaby, Daniel Gilligan, and Naureen Karachiwalla. "Targeting Social Safety Nets Using Proxy Means Tests: Evidence from Egypt's Takaful and Karama Program." *Boosting Growth to End Hunger by 2025: The Role of Social Protection*, edited by Fleur Stephanie Wouterse and Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2018, pp. 135–153.
4. Nin-Pratt, Alejandro, Hoda El-Enbaby, Jose Luis Figueroa, Hagar ElDidi, and Clemens Breisinger. *Agriculture and Economic Transformation in the Middle East and North Africa: A Review of the Past with Lessons for the Future*. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), 2018.

Work in Progress

1. "Health Insurance and Financial Protection: Evidence from Egypt" (Job Market Paper)
2. "What is the Impact of Egypt's Universal Health Insurance on Women's Access to Healthcare and Women's Health"
3. "Conflict and Female Labour Market Participation: Does Conflict Lead to Reallocation of Labour Force? Evidence from Multi-Country Study in Africa" (with Kibrom Abay and Reem Hashad)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Short-Term Consultant, The World Bank Group

Nov. 2025 – June 2026

Remote

- Undertook a portfolio review of data governance activities within the World Bank

Consultant, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Sept. 2020 – May 2024

Remote

- Contributed to the design and implementation of the impact evaluation of Egypt's flagship conditional cash transfer programme "Takaful and Karama"
- Empirically analysed datasets, and co-authored evaluation study reports, working papers and peer-reviewed publications
- Documented, cleaned and prepared household survey datasets for publication on IFPRI's website

Senior Research Assistant, IFPRI

Jan. 2016 – Mar. 2017

Research Associate, IFPRI

Apr. 2017 – July 2020

Cairo, Egypt

- Co-authored and led research papers, policy notes and reports on a variety of topics
- Managed research projects, including a nationwide impact evaluation, overseeing all steps from evaluation design and proposal writing to survey design, data acquisition, enumerators' training and analysis, while developing data collection protocols and guidance materials
- Led and participated in pilot-testing surveys, individual interviews and focus group discussions
- Analysed quantitative and qualitative data using Stata and NVivo, and co-authored mixed-methods peer-reviewed publications based on the study findings
- Supervised research assistants within the team
- Organised seminar series and acted as the liaison between IFPRI and external stakeholders, responding to requests for data, documents and other information from partner organisations and government counterparts
- Communicated research findings at conferences, seminars, workshops and high-level policy events

Researcher, The Economic Research Forum (ERF)

June 2013 – Nov. 2015

Cairo, Egypt

- Organised and participated in policy forums bringing together researchers and policymakers from across the Middle East and North Africa region
- Contributed to writing and analysing data for research papers and reports
- Coordinated calls for proposals, participated in research project management, including coordinating contractual agreements, payments and project deliverables
- Managed ERF's online data portal, an internet-based data management system

Economist, Beltone Financial

Sept. 2012 – May 2013

Cairo, Egypt

- Prepared daily briefs on macroeconomic developments in Egypt and Gulf countries, and contributed to research output
- Tracked policy changes and performance of economic indicators in countries under coverage
- Assisted senior economists in formulating and updating economic models for analysis and forecasting

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Researcher, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, AUC

Dec. 2025 – June 2026

- Design a firm-level survey for Egypt's private sector to generate evidence on constraints to industrial policy revival, and to inform policy reform recommendations

Senior Researcher, Health Research Department, Lancaster University

May 2024 – Dec. 2024

- Conduct a scoping literature review on opioid replacement policy in the United Kingdom

Research Assistant, Economics Department, Lancaster University

May 2021 – July 2021

- Conduct data analysis and draft report chapter on Vietnamese enterprise household survey data

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Macroeconomics (UG Year 1)

2008

Economics Department, AUC

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomics (UG Year 2)

2009 – 2010

Economics Department, AUC

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Best Paper Award

2026

Poverty and Inequality Theme Annual Conference Award, The Economic Research Forum

Ibn Khaldun Award

2015

Awarded for outstanding contribution to the field, Middle East Economic Association

Dean's List of Honour

2007 – 2011

Honours Scholarship and Academic Achievement Scholarship, The American University in Cairo

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- Software: STATA, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, NVivo
- Languages: Arabic (native), English (full professional proficiency), French (advanced)

References furnished upon request.