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Research Employment

Sulayman Al-Qudsi is currently employed as the Chief Economist of the Arab Bank Group, Amman Jordan where he leads research teams in studying global and regional financial markets and their inter-linkages with the regional and global economies. He is also the senior editor of the refereed academic journal *Arab Bank Review* and the author of numerous Arab Bank publications including Arab Bank Weekly Economic Monitor (*ABWEM*).

Prior to that, Dr. Al-Qudsi was employed as a Senior Research Director at the Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI) where he led teams of researchers in various energy-economy interactions projects and was a member of CERI'S energy conference committee, modeling & data committees and professor of CERI courses at the University of Calgary. He is also the editor-in-Chief of CERI –published Journal, Geopolitics of Energy (GoE).

Formerly, Sulayman was employed in several organizations in the U.S and in the Middle East. As Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Finance, Saudi Arabia, Sulayman conducted studies on the impact of free-trade agreements on investment, sectoral competitiveness and economic growth. As well, Sulayman advised Senior Ministerial Team in charge of the GCC-EU trade negotiations. In 1999 he was responsible for forecasting short-term economic outlooks using the Ministry's Fiscal Policy Model. During his tenure at the Ministry (1998-2005), Sulayman evaluated alternative revenue-sharing schemes under the GCC customs union and led several projects on productivity, pension portability, education and unemployment as well as on poverty-reduction strategies in Saudi Arabia.

While at the California Energy Commission (1991-1998), Sulayman worked on several energy-economy projects including the impact on California's economy of restructuring the electricity sector. He participated in studies on R&D, on the cost functions of independent power producers, energy demand forecasts and energy efficiency programs.

While employed as a Research Scientist at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (1981-1989), Sulayman was responsible for the Labor & Human Resources Program and Energy Economics Program. He completed numerous projects for various stakeholders including the Higher Ministerial Council, the Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Petroleum, the Ministry of Electricity and Water and Kuwait Petroleum Company.

Teaching

Besides research posts, Sulayman held teaching positions at several universities including the University of Calgary(2005-07) University of California-Davis (1989-1994), Kuwait University (1979-81) and Sacramento State University (1979).

Consultancy

Sulayman implemented consultancy projects for the World Bank, Harvard Institute for International Development, OAPEC and the International Labor Office. He served as the editor and associate editor and referee for economic and energy journals. Sulayman is one of the founding committee members of the Cairo-based Economic Research Forum of Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey (ERF) and is the recipient of several grants and honors including best TA award from U.C. Davis (1977), a prize for Best Young Arab Economist, the Arab Bank (1988), a DOE grant (1995) and a prestigious prize from Kuwait (2003) and the Student's Choice Award, University of Calgary, 2007.

Short Publications List

In addition to dozens of peer-reviewed reports, his research output covers more fifty articles including:

- “Oman Country Profile”: An edited ERF volume on Oman, 2008 forthcoming.
- Trade volatility, the Dollar Peg and Inflation in the GCC Countries: Some Preliminary Research Findings”: Arab Bank Review Volume 10 (1) June 2008.
- “Emerging Opportunities and Financial Risks” (Jointly with Walid Samhouri) in Oxford Business Group: Jordan Emerging Economy, 2008.
- “The GCC Economies: Rising Opportunities and Pending Challenges” the Geopolitics of Energy (GoE) Volume 30 (1) January 2008
- “Unemployment Evolution in the GCC Economies: Its Nature and Relationship to Output Gaps” Labor Market Study No.22, Center for Market Research & Information (CLMRI), July 2006.
- “Potential Output, Total Factor Productivity and Institutions in the Private Sector of Saudi Arabia” (with Abdulwahab Abu-Dahesh). Journal of Development and Economic Policies, Vol. 6 (2) 2004.
- “The Economics of Renewable Energy: Policy Lessons from California” (with M. Masri and Michal Moore) in Miller E. (ed.) Renewable Energy: Trends and Prospects. The Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences, 2002.
- "Sustainability and the Valuation of Externalities for Electricity Generation in California" (with M. Masri) in Hohmeyer O. and Rennings K. (eds.) Social Costs and Sustainability: Valuation and Implementation in Energy and Transport Sector. 1996 Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg New York.
- “The Demand for Children in Arab Countries: Evidence from Panel and Count Data Models” Journal of Population Economics, Vol. 11, 1998.
- “Labor Participation of Arab Women: Estimates of the Fertility to Labor Supply Link” Journal of Applied Economics, Vol. 30, 1998.
- “The Economics of Water Use and Management in the Middle East” in S. Spiegel (ED.) Practical Peacemaking in the Middle East. Garland Publishers, 1995.
- "The Challenges of Unemployment in the Arab Region" (with R. Shaban and R. Assaad) International Labor Review, Vol. 134 No. 1, 1995.
- "Earnings Differences in the Labor Markets of Oil-Rich Economies: The Case of Kuwait". Journal of Development Economics, Vol. 18, No-2, 1985.
- "An Empirical Evaluation of Consumption Behavior in Oil Societies: The Case of Kuwait". Pakistan Development Review. Vol. 18, No.1, 1984.

Education

Sulayman earned his MA & PhD, degrees in Economics in 1975 and 1979 respectively from the University of California, Davis. His dissertation title was “Growth and Distribution in an Oil Economy Kuwait: A Quantitative Approach” Dissertation Committee: Steven Sheffrin, Thomas Mayer and William Moss. His fields of Study focused on Theories of Economic Growth, Resource Economics, Labor & Development Economics. Prior to that, in 1972, Sulayman earned his BA in Economics from the University of Kuwait; (Top student graduating with Distinction and First-Class Honors).

Current citizenship & Personal

U.S Citizen. Married with 3 children; two children pursue education in the US and his 18-year old daughter attends the University of Calgary.