

OMAR ELZOHEIRY

EDUCATION

EAE Business School, Barcelona, Spain

MSc in Project Management

July 2018

- Professional Accreditation: Candidate to sit PMP certification exam

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK

MSc in Comparative Politics (Specialism: Politics of the Developing World)

November 2016

- Classification: Distinction (Top Percentile)
- Dissertation: Why did Tunisia's Spring Uprising Lead to Political Liberalization While Egypt's did not?

Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN, USA

BA in Political Science, International Studies, and Economics

May 2013

- Cumulative GPA: 3.5/4.00

PERTINENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Alien Technology Transfer, Barcelona, Spain

November 2020 – Present

Project Consultant and Grant Proposal Writer

- Writing stage 1 EIC Accelerator grant and equity proposals on behalf of *deep tech* startups in Europe

SEKEM Holdings, Cairo, Egypt

May 2019 – Present

Expert Consultant (in EU-Funded R&I Projects)

- Consulting in EU-funded projects as a Grant Proposal Writer, Researcher, and Business Development Expert
- Drafting studies to back proposed and funded R&I projects and estimating time and cost structures
- Leading a project to deliver Business Development support to 8 Egyptian startups
- Led a study to map the social entrepreneurship sector in Egypt at the Macro, Micro, and Meso levels (published)

Forum for Euro-Mediterranean Innovation in Action (FEMIA), Paris, France

July 2013— September 2018

Project Officer and Financial Signatory

- Managed the financial aspects of all FEMIA projects, utilising EVM and other PMI techniques
- Maintained compliance for all FEMIA projects with FP7 and, later, H2020 grant rules and regulations
- Led R&I projects and drafted call responses, most definitively the FP7 INCO-NET Bilat project, with geographic focus on the EU-MPCs (EU-Mediterranean Partner Countries), especially Egypt and Tunisia

Euro-Mediterranean Economists' Association (EMEA), Barcelona, Spain

May 2017—March 2019

Researcher and Project Officer

- Led and consulted in several EU-funded research projects, generating deadline-driven research deliverables
- Prepared extensive research outputs detailing (1) the labour and migration policy platforms in the Southern Mediterranean as part of an ICMPD publication, (2) the political economy of debt in the MENA region, and (3) income disparities and their drivers in the Euro-Mediterranean

Karam Law, Bloomington, MN, USA

August 2013—May 2014

Legal Assistant (to immigration lawyers)

- Provided office attorneys with research evidence to support various types of migration petitions
- Drafted complete (\approx 30 pages) legal pleadings or motions (under attorney supervision)
- Rendered certified translations of client documents and live interpretation from Arabic and Spanish to English

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Economic Configuration in the MENA region: what are the socio-economic causes and consequences of reform?
- Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and Dialogue (PPD) in Europe and the MENA region
- Social Entrepreneurship as a vehicle for untapped innovation and inclusive growth in the Euro-Med region
- Trade and Income Inequality: what are the linkages in the Mediterranean region?

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONOURS

- Presidential Leadership Award for Outstanding Seniors** April 2013
Awarded at graduation to the 10 students who have made the most significant contributions to campus life
- Davis United World College (UWC) Scholarship** (\$20,000/annum) September 2009—September 2012
Scholarship and honour awarded to UWC graduates for academic excellence and leadership abilities
- Kofi Annan Scholarship** (\$20,000/annum) September 2009—September 2012
Awarded to Macalester students for outstanding academic and personal achievement
- Art and Fran Bell Endowed Scholarship** (\$8,000) March 2011
Awarded for high academic ambition and achievement
- Moore-Middle East Scholarship** (\$8,000) September 2010
Awarded to a Macalester student from the Middle East who has displayed exceptional academic drive and ability
- United World College Egyptian Committee** (CAD 34,000/annum) September 2007—September 2008
Scholarship awarded to Egyptian high school students with great potential to study at a UWC

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Arabic (CEFR |C2+: native), English (CEFR |C2+: native), Spanish (CEFR |C1: working proficiency)

Computer Skills: Literate in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and their Macintosh counterparts;
Data analysis and statistics: Proficient in Ms Project, STATA, and SPSS

Writing: CRLA|1 Certified Writing Tutor January 2011 — January 2013
Awarded for completing more than 25 paid hours of writing tutoring at a collegiate level at Macalester College

PERTINENT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Nobel Peace Prize Forum (NPPF), Saint Paul, MN, USA March 10, 2013
Speaker and Local Contributor

- Spoke at the NPPF's annual conference on the role of technology in empowering political change in the Arab Middle East

Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) Political Science Conference, Saint Paul, MN, USA February 21, 2013
Speaker and Panellist

- Presented my political science senior thesis, "Toward a Democratic Constitution: Theory and a Case Study of Egypt," at the 2013 PSA conference

Minnesota Peace Initiative (MPI), Minneapolis, MN, USA November 14, 2012
Speaker, Panellist, and Organiser

- Spoke as a panellist on MPI's panel discussion on the immediate consequences of the Arab Uprisings alongside then-U.S. Ambassador to Morocco, Samuel L. Kaplan, and then-Norwegian Ambassador to Syria, Rolf Willy Hansen

Middle Eastern Student Association (MESA), Mac. Col., Saint Paul, MN, USA September 2010 — May 2011
Financial Officer and Event Organiser

- Helped lead MESA to two Community Recognition awards—Collaboration Award and Civic Engagement Award—for organising and participating in more on-campus political events than any of the 100 other national organisations