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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date and Place of Birth: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1990-Palestine  
Nationality: Palestinian (French resident)

## EDUCATION

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- 2015-2019 Ph.D. in Economics. Aix-Marseille University, France.  
Thesis Subject: “A Roadmap to Attain Universal Health Coverage: A Micro-Simulation Dynamic Model Applied to Developing Countries”  
Thesis Jury: Pr. Bruno Venteluo (director), Pr. Mohammad Abu-Zaineh (director), Ramses H. AbulNaga, Najat El-Mekkaoui, Gijs Dekkers, and Patricia Augier.  
Date of defense: 25 September 2019
- 2012-2014 MA in Economics. Awarded with Distinction. Birzeit University, Palestine.
- 2008-2012 Bachelor of Mathematics Applied to Economics. Awarded with Distinction. Birzeit University, Palestine.

## PROFESSIONAL STATUS

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- 2019 Research assistant (ingénieure d'étude), Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD), France.
- 2018 Research assistant (ingénieure d'étude), Protisvalor, France (December 2019).
- 2015-2019 Doctoral research fellow at Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Aix-Marseille University, France.
- 2015- Assistant coordinator-responsible for communication of “Applied Health, Equity and Development (AHEAD) research network.”
- 2014-2015 Deans Academic Assistant, college of Business and Economics, Birzeit University, Palestine.
- 2013-2015 Research assistant at college of Business and Economics and the Institute of community and public health, Birzeit University, Palestine.

## PUBLICATIONS, WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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- 2019 Awawda, S., Abu-Zaineh, M. & Ventelou, B. "The quest to expand the coverage of public health insurance in the occupied Palestinian territory: an assessment of feasibility and sustainability using a simulation modelling framework." *The Lancet* 393 (2019): S17.
- 2019 Awawda, S. and Abu-Zaineh, M. “An Operationalizing Theoretical Framework for the Analysis of Universal Health Coverage Reforms: First Test on an Archetype Developing Economy”. AMSE working paper, n°4.
- 2017 Abu-Rmeileh, N., Ghandour, R., Mataria, A., Awawda, S., Jabr, S. and O'Flaherty, M. “Time to act on diabetes mellitus prevention in the West Bank, oPt: Current and future direct cost of diabetes and its complications”. *Obesity Medicine*, 2017, 6, 18-22.

## PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- July 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 The iHEA 13<sup>th</sup> congress: New Heights in Health Economics, hosted by University of Basel, Boston, Basel, Switzerland.
- July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Training Workshop on Household Survey Data on Out-of-Pocket Health Expenditure , hosted by University of Basel, Boston, Basel, Switzerland.
- July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Workshop on Data to Drive Benefit Package Design: A Hands-on Orientation to WHO Tools for Informing Strategic Purchasing Priorities Through Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Impact Analysis, hosted by University of Basel, Boston, Basel, Switzerland.
- June 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 IMA 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress, hosted by the National University of Ireland, Galway.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 The 18<sup>th</sup> Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet, hosted by Aix-Marseille University, Aix en provence, France.
- December 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 The 40<sup>th</sup> “Journées des économistes de la santé français”, University of Paris Descartes, France.
- August 28<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Training of trainers’ workshop on financial protection in health. World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

June 25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	The 17 <sup>th</sup> Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet, hosted by Aix-Marseille University, Aix en provence, France.
March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	The 9 <sup>th</sup> Lancet-Palestinian Health Alliance Conference, hosted by American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	The AESCS 2018 and IMA Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, hosted by International University of Health and Welfare, Narita, Japan.
July 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	The iHEA 12 <sup>th</sup> congress: Revolutions in the Economics of Health Systems, hosted by Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
June 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Workshop on "Wellbeing and Justice in the Social Sciences", organized by EHES, Marseille, France.
June 21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017	The 6 <sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Microsimulation Association (IMA 2017), hosted by Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri, Torino, Italy.
March 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	The 8 <sup>th</sup> Lancet-Palestinian Health Alliance Conference, hosted by BirZeit University, BirZeit, Palestine.
June 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	AHEAD 3 <sup>rd</sup> scientific symposium: Going beyond the measurement of inequalities in health and well-being in the Middle-Eastern and North African (MENA) region: What has been learnt and what is yet to be learnt?, Marseille, France.
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	The first international conference on Universal Health Coverage (UHC): Social demands and Financial Constraints, hosted by the "Institut Supérieur De Gestion", Tunis, Tunisia.
March 20-23, 2015	The 6 <sup>th</sup> Lancet-Palestinian Health Alliance Conference, hosted by American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Workshop: Preparing to create a joint executive MBA program with Maastricht University, Birzeit University, Ramallah, Palestine.

### **WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED**

July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Training Workshop on Household Survey Data on Out-of-Pocket Health Expenditure , hosted by University of Basel, Boston, Basel, Switzerland.
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### **ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERSHIPS**

2017-	Member of the "International Microsimulation Association (IMA)".
2017-	Member of the "Internation Health Economic Association (iHEA)".
2015-	Member of "Applied Health, Equity and Development (AHEAD) research network."

### **AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROJECTS INVOLVEMENT**

2018-2020	Project UNISSAHEL funded by <i>Agence Française de Développement (AFD)</i> . Theme "Couverture sanitaire universelle au Sahel: Sénégal, Mali, Niger et Chad".
2018-2019	The 2018-2019 Carnegie Fellowship on Economic Vulnerability in the Arab World, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minnesota, US.
June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2017	Student prize sponsored by the Collegio Carlo Alberto which is awarded to the best paper co-authored and presented by a doctoral student in the 6 <sup>th</sup> congress of the international microsimulation association.
2016-2017	FEMISE (Forum euroméditerranéen des instituts de sciences économiques). Theme "Managing the Transition in the South-Med Countries".
2015-2017	ALMAQDISI project managed by l'Agence française pour la promotion de l'enseignement supérieur, l'accueil et la mobilité internationale (Campus France).
2015-2018	Aix-Marseille School of Economics Ph.D. scholarship: project (A*MEDIX).

### **REFEREE/REVIEWER**

International journal of microsimulation

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Economic evaluation, Microeconometrics, Microsimulation, Economics of inequality and wellbeing, Health Economics (Universal Health Coverage, Financing and organization of health care systems, health insurances and health care markets, Financial health protection, Costs and consequences of chronic diseases).

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

2014	Microeconomics
2015	Macroeconomics and Econometrics

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Statistical packages	STATA, Matlab, E-views, SPSS, GAMS
Languages	English: Excellent reading, writing and speaking French: Very good reading, writing and speaking Arabic: Native

## REFERENCES

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**Bruno Ventelou**, Research Professor, CNRS and Aix-Marseille University, Marseille, France.

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**Mohammad Abu-Zaineh**, Assistant Professor of Health Economics and founder of the AHEAD network, Aix-Marseille University, Marseille, France.

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