

# Mohamed EL DAHSHAN

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2015-2016	<b>University of Oxford</b> Saïd Business School, UK	MBA Saïd Foundation Scholar
2005-2007	<b>Harvard Kennedy School</b> Cambridge, MA, USA Bashir El Haffar Public Service Fellow <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Economic Analysis of Public Policy and Quantitative Analysis	MPA in International Development <i>Thesis</i> : Lebanon's postwar reconstruction
2003-2004	<b>Sciences-Po Paris</b> Paris, France	MSc, International Economic Relations <i>Thesis</i> : The Nile Basin Initiative
1999-2003	<b>Cairo University</b> Cairo, Egypt	BA, Economics and Political Science


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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2010	<b>Heliopolis Consulting   OXCON</b> <i>Founder</i>	<b>Cairo + Oxford</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Founded a consulting firm &amp; think tank working on emerging markets, with a focus on fragile and post-crisis countries</li><li>Published several academic and policy papers in Arabic and English</li><li><i>Project highlight</i>: Co-founding one2five Financial Advisory, a sovereign advisory firm, focusing on the African public sector. Among other projects, my team developed financial reforms for a major multilateral development bank, to generate several billions of additional assistance for Lower Income Countries</li><li>Other clients include governments &amp; INGOs, such as IDRC, USIP, the Egyptian National Competitiveness Council, African Development Bank, Article19, etc.</li></ul>	
Since Jan 2017	<b>Dalberg Global Development Advisors</b> <i>Strategy Consultant</i>	<b>Abu Dhabi, UAE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dalberg is a strategy and policy advisory firm exclusively dedicated to global development and innovation</li><li>Projects include an assessment of functional capacities of 35 United Nations Development system agencies</li><li>Intensive problem-solving, as well as data-intensive analysis role</li><li>Important client-interface with ministerial-level counterparts</li></ul>	
2012, & 2014-2015	<b>African Development Bank</b> <i>Regional Economist, then Senior Cooperation Officer</i>	<b>Abidjan + Tunis</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Established and implemented a knowledge management plan, including production and dissemination of knowledge work within and outside the Bank</li><li>Negotiated fundraising agreements with national and non-sovereign partners</li><li>Coordinated researchers from 9 countries for the AfDB's flagship publication</li></ul>	
2012-2013	<b>Entrepreneurial Finance Lab, Harvard University</b> <i>Middle East Manager, Senior Research Fellow</i>	<b>Cambridge, MA + Cairo</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Led trials for groundbreaking psychometric tests, to help banks solve the problem of difficult and high-cost screening for SMEs and Entrepreneurs</li><li>Implemented the first Middle East pilot in Cairo, with the National Bank of Egypt</li><li>Worked with partners to support the project's expansion to the Islamic World</li></ul>	
2008	<b>United Nations Development Programme</b> <i>Senior TOKTEN Fellow</i>	<b>Ramallah + Jerusalem</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coordinated with ministries &amp; evaluated projects for the Palestinian Reform and Development Plan, improving the allocation of \$2.1 billion of annual donor assistance, interfacing and negotiating with the international donor community</li><li>Helped develop the national Palestinian Private sector development strategy</li></ul>	
Oct. – Dec 2007	<b>United Nations Industrial Development Organisation</b> <i>Consultant</i>	<b>Vienna, Austria</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developing the Global UNIDO Network of Chairs of Innovation project</li><li>Designing the support package for the Global UNIDO Network</li><li>Coordinating the logistics and organisation of Network meeting</li></ul>	

**July-Sept. 2007**      **Government of Dubai – The Executive Council**      **Dubai, UAE**  
 Consultant  


- Part of the Policy and Strategy Group of the Economic Policy Unit
- Member of the team developing the Dubai Economic Development Authority
- Focused on developing the Export Promotion and SME Development Agencies

**June-Sept. 2006**      **The World Bank**      **Banda Aceh, Indonesia**  
 Consultant  


- Based in Banda Aceh, extensive travel across Tsunami- and war-torn Aceh
- Assisted in launching a World Bank programme of assistance for conflict affected persons in Aceh
- Assessed and reported on the PEKKA programme for assistance to war widows

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**2011-2013**      **Ain Shams University, Faculty of Commerce**      **Cairo, Egypt**  
 Professor of Economic Development

**2009-2010**      **Amideast Egypt**      **Cairo, Egypt**  
 Professor of Political Economy of the Middle East

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## PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

**Non-Resident Fellow**, Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy, Washington DC  
**Board Member**, Arab World Internet Institute, Paris, France  
 Member of the **World Economic Forum's** Global Agenda Council on Competitiveness  
**Expert**, Arab Thought Foundation's "**80 Million Jobs initiative**"  
**Mentor**, MIT-Middle East Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow (MEET), Jerusalem  
**Volunteer** refugee relief and support missions, Lesbos [Winter 2015] and Idomeni [Spring 2016]

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## SELECT ACADEMIC AND PRESS PUBLICATIONS

- Annual report: "Egypt" in Freedom House, "**Freedom on the Net**". Washington DC, 2014 - 2017.
- "**Egypt: News websites and alternative voices**". Heliopolis Consulting / Article 19, Washington DC, 2014.
- Contributor to "**New Entrepreneurs and High Growth Enterprises in the Middle East and North Africa**", OECD and IDRC, Paris, February 2013
- "**Enabling Entrepreneurship in Egypt: Towards a Sustainable Dynamic Model**", Entrepreneurs Business Forum, Alexandria, Egypt, December 2010 – Republished in "Innovations: Technology | Governance | Globalization", December 2011, MIT Press
- **Encyclopedia entry: "Military Observers of Peace Settlements"**, in The International Encyclopedia of Peace. Edited by Nigel Young, New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009
- Book chapter: "**Hesitant Reforms: the privatisation of Banque du Caire**" in Chroniques Egyptiennes 2008, Centre d'Etudes Economiques et Juridiques (CEDEJ), Cairo, Egypt, 2009
- **Reporting and Expert Analysis** published in Foreign Policy Magazine, The New York Times, The New Yorker Magazine, the Guardian, Le Progrès Egyptien, Egypt Independent, France 24, This Week in Palestine, etc.
- **Media interviews and appearances** on Al-Jazeera International, France 24, CNN, The Financial Times, The Times of London, CBC, RFI, Al-Hurra, Associated Press, O Globo, NRC, Público, among others.

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## SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**March 2017**      **Harvard Arab Alumni Association Conference**      **Dead Sea, Jordan**  
 Convener – Rebuilding After Conflict" panel

<b>October 2016</b>	<b>Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy</b>	<b>Washington DC, USA</b>
"Outlook on Egypt and the IMF deal"		
<b>April 2016</b>	<b>United Nations Alliance of Civilisations Forum</b>	<b>Baku, Azerbaijan</b>
"Volunteering in refugee camps: the Lighthouse Relief experience"		
<b>March 2016</b>	<b>Columbia University</b>	<b>New York, USA</b>
"Post-crisis economic development"		
<b>March 2016</b>	<b>Aspen Institute Italia Seminar</b>	<b>Palermo, Italy</b>
"Euromed cooperation in entrepreneurship"		
<b>December 2015</b>	<b>United Nations Economic and Social Commission on West Asia</b>	<b>Beirut, Lebanon</b>
"Private Sector Development Challenges in Post-Conflict Countries"		
<b>September 2014</b>	<b>Internet Governance Forum</b>	<b>Istanbul, Turkey</b>
"Evaluating MS Mechanisms to Address Governance Issues"		
<b>May 2013</b>	<b>World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa</b>	<b>Dead Sea, Jordan</b>
Moderator – Discussion with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas		
Moderator – Panel discussion: "Preparing the Workforce of the Future"		
<b>January 2013</b>	<b>World Economic Forum Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Davos, Switzerland</b>
Speaker – Panel discussion: "Meet the Millennials"		
Speaker – Panel discussion: "Financial Inclusion"		
<b>Dec. 2012</b>	<b>TEDxCAIRO</b>	<b>Cairo, Egypt</b>
"Democratising Entrepreneurship – ريادة الأعمال للجميع"		
<b>May 2012</b>	<b>Google Internet @ Liberty II</b>	<b>Washington DC, USA</b>
Panel: "What is the responsibility of United States institutions in promoting internet freedom?"		

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## PROFESSIONAL COURSES AND CERTIFICATES

<b>HiVOS &amp; Friedrich Naumann Foundation</b>	<b>Tunis, Tunisia</b>
Internet Governance and Policy in the MENA region, March 2013	
FEMISE (Forum Euroméditerranéen des Instituts de Sciences Économiques) / OECD Paris, France	
Macro-modelling – "Specification, simulation and estimation of DSGE models" (with Dynare), December 2012	
<b>American University In Cairo / George Washington University</b>	<b>Cairo, Egypt</b>
Effective Journalism for the Election Process, March 2011	
<b>Swedish Institute - Young Leaders Visitors Programme</b>	<b>Stockholm, Sweden</b>
Leadership, Collaborative development, and Social Media policy workshop. One-month programme, May 2010	
<b>United Nations</b>	<b>Vienna, Austria</b>
UN Advanced Security Training Certificate, December 2007	
UN Basic Security Training Certificate, October 2007	

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<b>Interests:</b>	Scuba Diving (Advanced Open Water), Youth mentoring, startups in the developing world, Freedom of Expression both online and offline, Internet Governance
<b>Select Distinctions:</b>	<p>"<b>100 African Economists Under 40</b>", Institut Choiseul, 2015 and 2016</p> <p>"<b>100 Most Influential Arabs Under 40</b>", Arabian Business Magazine, 2014 &amp; 2015</p> <p><b>United Nations Alliance of Civilisations</b>, Fellow, 2014</p> <p>Award-winning <b>writer and analyst</b>; frequent lecturer and media commentator.</p> <p>Co-author of "<b>Tahrir Diaries</b>", 2011 [Al Shorouk books, Egypt / Fandango, Italy]</p> <p>Member, <b>Triple Nine Society</b></p>
<b>Languages:</b>	French, Arabic, English (fluent); Hebrew, Spanish (Advanced)