




PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2020

Teacher***University of Amsterdam – UvA***

The workshops (3 x 2,5 hours) aimed at teaching students (12 per workshop) from four master courses – political geography, economic environmental and urban geography – and one research master course – urban studies – how to extrapolate actionable recommendations from their research findings and present their research effectively (PPT, infographics) to policy makers.

Business or sector: education.

April 2019 – December 2019

Expert to the Rapporteur***European Economic and Social Committee – EESC***

The appointment concerned the information report REX/519 - SMEs and digitalisation in the Mediterranean, prepared by the EESC Euromed Follow-up Committee. The report was presented at the 2019 Euromed Summit held in Barcelona on 22-23 October 2019, event which brought together Economic and Social Councils and similar institutions in EU Member States and Mediterranean Partner Countries to deepen dialogue and interregional exchange.

Business or sector: social dialogue; European Union; Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

October 2015 – September 2019

Assistant Scientific Coordinator***Euro-Mediterranean Network of Economic Studies – EMNES***

Assistance to the overall scientific coordination of the research network, including:

- support to the preparation of the EMNES overall concept;
- organisation, participation and reporting of EMNES Steering Committees, Scientific Workshops, Policy Workshops, Annual Conferences and other events;
- contribution to research conducted under the six research areas, with a focus issues related to SMEs, education systems and labour markets, migration and regional integration.

Business or sector: policy-oriented research, Euro-Mediterranean cooperation

September 2015 – September 2019

Junior Researcher***Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association – EMEA***

Member of the research team, co-author of publications and panelist in conferences:

- **JOCICEF**: series of conferences co-funded by the European for Citizens Programme to offer a platform for structural dialogue between citizens and policy-makers on the future of the EU;
- **UFM2**: study commissioned by the Union for the Mediterranean to develop a set of indicators to monitor and evaluate progress in regional economic integration in the Euro-Mediterranean region;
- **ICMPD**: study commissioned by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development to propose mechanisms for labour matching and migration across and beyond the Mediterranean Sea, based on a survey of existing institutions, instruments and information systems;
- **UFM1**: study commissioned by the Union for the Mediterranean to examine if and how regional integration can lead to employment creation and youth employability in the Euro-Mediterranean region;
- **EP**: study commissioned by the European Parliament to investigate the impact of EU policies implemented in Tunisia before and after the revolution and to draw lessons from their evolution;
- **PAM**: mid-term evaluation of strategic goals and organisational aspects of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and preparation of alternative scenarios for the future development of the organisation.

Business or sector: policy-oriented research, Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

November 2015 – October 2016

Visiting Junior Researcher

International Research Centre on Cooperative Finance – IRCCF

October 2016

- The second research visit (1 month) consisted of participating on behalf of the centre to the 2016 International Summit of Cooperatives, carrying out literature reviews and attending research seminars on financial cooperatives and microfinance.

November 2015 – December 2015

- The first research visit (2 months) consisted of carrying out research for the EMNES project (see above), following the preparation of monitors of business models in the banking sector and attending monthly seminars on research work in financial economics.

Business or sector: research; cooperatives.

January 2014 – March 2015

Assistant

January 2015 – March 2015

EU project “Improved Regional Statistics in the Republic of Moldova – STATREG”

On-site support in Chisinau to the Technical Assistance Team, including:

- preparation of the first Steering Committee meeting;
- identification of relevant users and indicators of regional statistics in Moldova;
- formulation of a monitoring and evaluation system for regional development strategies.

January 2014 – January 2015

EU project “Support to Ukraine’s Regional Development Policy – SURDP”

On-site support in Kiev and backstop to the Key Expert in Monitoring and Evaluation in the development of a system for the monitoring of the State Strategy for Regional Development in Ukraine (SSRDU), including:

- overview of regional development strategies and monitoring instruments in EU Member States;
- identification of relevant users and indicators of regional statistics in Ukraine;
- modelisation of the institutional set-up for the monitoring of the SSRDU.

Business or sector: international technical assistance, regional development, regional statistics.

September 2013 – August 2014

Junior Consultant

DevStat

International cooperation projects

- monitoring of project implementation, including revision of expert inputs;
- preparation of surveys and analysis of the findings;
- support to the drafting of activity reports.

Business development

- identification of relevant tenders, potential partners and relevant experts;
- support to the preparation of proposals, including logical frameworks and draft budgets.

Spatial analysis

- data visualisation through maps and graphics (Tableau Software);
- design and implementation of basic GIS-related tasks (ArcGIS, QGIS);
- exploration of innovative spatial analysis techniques (R Geostatistics Package).

Business or sector: development cooperation; statistical consulting.

August 2011 – August 2012

Trainee

EU project “Population and Housing Census, Albania”

- 3 months within the Cartography and GIS Department of the Albanian Institute of Statistics supporting the design, planning and implementation of the 2011 Population and Housing Census, including development of a census GIS and preparation of supporting materials for the collection and treatment of census data.
- 9 months of theoretical and practical training on GIS with ESRI ArcGIS software and remote work on the web-GIS census application for collection and dissemination of census data, including monitoring of census operations.

Business or sector: international technical assistance; official statistics, GIS.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

September 2014 – September 2015

MSc International Development Studies, Cum Laude

University of Amsterdam – UvA, Graduate School of Social Sciences – GSSS

Courses: Core Issues and Debates in IDS; Research and Methods for doing Fieldwork in IDS; Economics of Human Development.

Thesis: Europeanisation through Depoliticisation in Moldova – The Role of EU-funded Consultants in the European Neighbourhood Policy

December 2013

ICES Training Course – Geostatistics with R

International Council for the Exploration of the Sea – ICES

Lectures and practical work using R (RGeoS package) on state-of-the-art geostatistical methods including spatial indices, linear and non-linear geostatistics, multivariate modeling and geostatistical simulation.

September 2010 – June 2013

Double BSc Geography and Economics, Mention Assez Bien

Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne

Geography

Courses: human geography (development, geopolitics, land management, urban and rural studies, demography), physical geography (geomorphology, hydrology, climatology, biogeography), methodology (statistics, cartography).

Thesis: "Aït Oued - Sons of the River", documentary on water pollution in Ait M'hamed, a rural village in the Middle Atlas, Morocco

Economics

Courses: macroeconomics, microeconomics, spatial economics, international trade and financial flows, economic policies, economic history, methodology (mathematics, statistics, national accounts).

Thesis: "Cluster's policies: what can we expect", forward-looking essay based on an overview and analysis of cluster policies implemented around the world.

September 1994 – June 2009

French Baccalauréat, Mention Assez Bien

Lycée Chateaubriand de Rome

Major: socio-economics

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue

Other language(s)

Italian

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Dutch	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Russian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

- Ayadi, R., Fragkiadakis, K., Paroussos, L., Sessa, E. (2020), Assessing Regional Integration in the Euro-Mediterranean: A Multi-Dimensional Regional Integration Matrix, EMEA-EMNES Studies, July 2020;
- Ayadi, R., Mouelhi, R., Sessa, E. and Zaki, H. (2019), Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the Mediterranean: A Policy Roadmap to Untap the Potential for Job Creation, EMNES Policy Paper, No. 10;
- Ayadi, R. and Sessa, E. (2019), Policies for Labour Matching Within and Between Countries in the Mediterranean Region, EMNES Policy Paper, No. 3, June 2019;
- Ayadi, R. and Sessa, E. (eds) (2017), Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Development in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia: Structure, Obstacles and Policies, EMNES Studies, No. 3, December 2017;
- Ayadi, R., Kostas, F., Paroussos, L., Panagiotis, K., Ramos, R., Sessa, C. and Sessa, E. (2017), Youth Employment and Regional Integration in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis on Whether and How Regional Integration Could Lead to Youth Employment, IEMed-EMEA-EMNES study, July 2017;
- Ayadi, R. and Sessa, E. (2017), Regional Integration in the Euro-Mediterranean, EMNES Working Papers, No. 1, June 2017;
- Ayadi, R. and Sessa, E. (2016), Western Mediterranean Countries facing Common Challenges in Trade and Investment, In: IEMed (2016), The 5+5 Dialogue as a Mechanism of Integration and Regional Integration, Med Think 5+5 Policy Study, No. 1;
- Ayadi, R. and Sessa, E. (2016), EU Policies in Tunisia Before and After the Revolution, European Parliament, Committee on Foreign Affairs, published online.

Honours and awards

Rencontres Économiques Aix-en-Provence – Youth Contest “Inventez 2020”

Essay on the spread of person-to-person (dis-)information flows on the internet and related changes in the choice architecture of economic agents selected as one of the best in the contest and invitation to attend the 2013 Rencontres Économiques d'Aix-en-Provence.

Journey

Russian Trains and Chinese Silk – A Journey across Eurasia

Duration: April 2018 – August 2018

The journey was conceived as a study of overland routes linking East and West across the Eurasian continent, from the standpoint of Russia and its mental horizon, which spans former territories of the Russian Empire and later the Soviet Union, but also China, country having always taken centre stage in Russia's designs in the so-called Far East.

Countries: Russia, China, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Instagram: @ravingpeacock

My Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/drive?state=%7B%22ids%22%3A%5B%2212TDGiAZFf0bj-MIMpb3vKX6x8aJT3vmO%22%5D%2C%22action%22%3A%22open%22%2C%22userId%22%3A%22111214890070122966315%22%7D&usp=sharing>