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Professional Appointments

2015–present	Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
2017-2019	Director, Institute of Financial Economics, American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
2016-2017	Chairperson, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
2008–2015	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

Honoric Appointments

Feb.2020-present	Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Economy and Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helped in drafting the Competition Law, a proposal for subsidies reform, and an e-single window for the Ministry - Served on the national committee that developed Lebanon's Financial Recovery Plan, as well as worked on several economic policy proposals.
May 2020-present	Committee member of the Lebanese delegation negotiating with the IMF Co-lead on the Government of Lebanon's Economic Plan .
April 2020-present	Steering Committee Member, Mashreq Gender Facility (https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/mashreq-gender-facility).
2019-2020	Visiting Fellow, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center, KAPSARC, December 2019 to June 2020.
2018-present	Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum.
Summer 2013	Research Fellow, Joint Institute for Strategic Energy Analysis, Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Washington D.C.
Summers 2011-2012	Research Fellow, Joint Institute for Strategic Energy Analysis, Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, CO.
Summer 2010	Research Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government with the Environment and Natural Resources Program, Cambridge, MA.

Education

2008	Ph.D., Mineral Economics, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO <i>Dissertation: Analysis of Sectoral Electricity and Natural Gas Demand at the Utility Level</i>
1998	Bachelor in Engineering, Electrical Engineering, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Visiting Positions and Other Affiliations

2016-present	Adjunct professor at George Washington University, Washington D.C.
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Summer 2018	Visiting scholar at UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.
Summer 2016	Visiting scholar at Virginia Tech's Advanced Research Institute, Arlington, VA.
Summer 2014	Visiting scholar at the George Washington University, Washington D.C.
2005–2008	Teaching Assistant at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO.
2005–2008	Research Participant, Strategic Energy Analysis and Applications Center, Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, CO.
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Peer-Reviewed Publications

Journals

- Ishrakieh, L.M., Dagher, L. and El Hariri, S., 2020. A financial stress index for a highly dollarized developing country: The case of Lebanon. *Central Bank Review*, 20, 2, 43-52. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cbrev.2020.02.004>
- Dagher, L., Fattouh, B., and Jamali, I., 2020. Oil price dynamics and energy transitions in the Middle East and North Africa: Economic implications and structural reforms. *Energy Policy* 139, 1-3 (5-year IF: 5.03).
- Ishrakieh, L.M., Dagher, L. and El Hariri, S., 2019. Not the usual suspects: Critical indicators in a dollarized country's Financial Stress Index. *Finance Research Letters* 32, 1-6 (5-year IF: 1.467).
- Dagher, L., Bird, L., Heeter, J. 2017. Residential Green Power Demand in the United States. *Renewable Energy* 114, 1062-1068 (5-year IF: 4.98).
- Dagher, L., Harajli, H. 2015. Willingness to pay for green power in an unreliable electricity sector: Part 1. The case of the Lebanese residential sector. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 50, 1634-1642 (5-year IF: 10.09).
- Cuddington, J., Dagher, L. 2014. Estimating Short and Long-Run Demand Elasticities: A Primer with Energy-Sector Applications. *Energy Journal* 36, 185-209 (5-year IF: 2.67).
- Dagher, L., El Hariri, S., 2013. The impact of global oil price shocks on the Lebanese stock market. *Energy* 63, 366-374 (5-year IF: 5.58).
- Dagher, L., Yacoubian, T., 2012. The causal relationship between energy consumption and economic growth in Lebanon. *Energy Policy* 50, 795-801 (5-year IF: 5.03).
- Dagher, L., 2012. Natural Gas demand at the utility level: An application of dynamic elasticities. *Energy Economics* 34, 961-969 (5-year IF: 4.96).
- Dagher, L., Ruble, I., 2011. Modeling Lebanon's electricity sector: Alternative scenarios and their implications. *Energy* 36, 4315-4326 (5-year IF: 5.58).
- Ruble, I., Dagher, L., 2010. Challenges to International Climate Policy – Lessons Learned and Alternatives. *International Journal of Climate Change: Impacts and Responses* 2 (1), 87-101.
- Dagher, L., Ruble, I., 2010. Challenges for CO₂ Mitigation in the Lebanese Electric Power Sector. *Energy Policy* 38, 912-918 (5-year IF: 5.03).

Book Chapters and Policy Briefs

- Dagher L, Schreurs M. et al. (2020). [Towards a Comprehensive Approach to Youth Empowerment for Climate Action. T20 Policy Brief](#). T20 Policy Brief.
- Dagher L, Jamali I., & Badra, N. (2020). The Predictive Power of Oil and Commodity Prices for Equity Markets. In S. Goutte and K. Guesmi (Eds.), [Risk Factors and Contagion in Commodity Markets and Stocks Markets](#), (pp. 47-82). World Scientific, DOI: 10.1142/11549.
- Dagher L., Heeter J., & Mansour M. (2020). What can GCC countries learn from well-established green power markets in other countries? In A. Bumajdad et al. (Eds.), [Gulf Conference on](#)

[*Sustainable Built Environment*](#), (pp. 309-326). Springer International Publishing, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-39734-0.

Other Publications

- “[The Predictive Power of Oil and Commodity Prices for Equity Markets](#),” with Ibrahim Jamali and Nasser Badra, IFE Working Paper Series, No. 2, 2019.
- “[The Institute of Financial Economics Financial stress Index \(IFEFSI\) for Lebanon](#),” with Layal Mansour Ishrakieh and Sadika El Hariri, IFE Working Paper Series, No. 2, 2018.
- Dagher L., 2013. [Nuclear economics: one size cannot fit all](#). Arab Forum for Environment and Development.
- “Greening Energy” chapter in AFED’s report *Green Economy: Sustainable Transition in a Changing Arab World*, with Ibrahim Abdelgelil and Farid Chaaban, 2011.
- “The National Economic, Environment, and Development Studies for Climate Change Project”, with Nadim Farjallah, Marcus Marktanner, and Philip Zgheib, 2010.
- “[Green Power Marketing in the United States: A Status Report \(Tenth Edition\)](#)”, with Lori Bird and Blair Swezey, *NREL Technical Report TP-670-42502*, December 2007.
- “[Industry Stakeholder Recommendations for DOE's RD&D for Increasing Energy Efficiency in Existing Homes](#)”, with Patricia Plympton and Bill Zwack, *NREL Technical Report TP-710-41705*, June 2007.
- “[Home Performance with ENERGY STAR: Utility Bill Analysis on Homes Participating in Austin Energy's Program](#)”, with G. Mosey, P. Plympton, and D. Belzer, *NREL Technical Report TP-640-41903*, July 2007.
- “Electricity Demand Elasticities: A Survey and New Results”, with C. Dahl, IAEE Conference Proceedings, New Zealand, February 2007.
- “A Winner in Austin, Texas”, with P. Plympton, *Home Energy*, November/December 2006.
- “From HVAC to Home Performance Contracting”, with P. Plympton, *Home Energy*, March/April 2007.
- “Pushing the Home Performance Contracting Envelope”, with P. Plympton, *Home Energy*, January/February 2007.

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations

- 2020**
- Speaker at the Mashreq Gender Facility Childcare Clinic organized by the World Bank and IFC, November 24.
 - Presented the Government of Lebanon’s Economic Plan to economic attaches of various embassies, Grand Serail of Beirut, October 24.
 - Panelist on the T20 Summit Season: Task Force 2 Webinar discussing how the G20 can support youth involvement in addressing climate change, September 27.
 - “Towards a comprehensive approach to youth empowerment for climate action,” presented at the T20 Inception Conference, January 19-20, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
 - Presented a paper (“Oil revenues, growth and political institutions in the MENA region: Is there a resource curse?”) and chaired a session at the ASSA Annual Meeting/Middle East Economics Association session, January 3-7, San Diego.
- 2019**
- “Oil revenues, growth and political institutions in the MENA region: Is there a resource curse?” presented at (1) the Energy Policy Research group Seminar Series, University of Cambridge, October 15, 2019, United Kingdom, (2) the Paris School of Business, October 18, 2019, Paris, France, (3) the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, November 26, Qatar, (4) University of Southern California, January 10, 2020, Los Angeles, USA.
 - Chaired the “Future Environment Leaders Forum” at the Arab Forum for Environment and Development’s annual conference, November 14-15, Beirut, Lebanon.
 - “The potential for voluntary green power markets in the GCC countries,” presented at the 7th International Symposium on Environment and Energy Issues, May 23-24, Paris, France.

- Invited by KAPSARC to participate in the “Green Growth Pathways for Saudi Arabia” workshop, April 30, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- “The potential for voluntary green power markets in the GCC countries,” presented as keynote speaker at the International Congress of Energy, Economy and Security, April 6-7, 2019, Istanbul, Turkey.
- “The GCC Stock Markets’ Response to Oil Shocks: Revisiting the Evidence,” presented at the Western Economic Association International 15th International Conference, March 21-24, 2019, Tokyo, Japan and at the ASSA Annual Meeting/Middle East Economics Association session, January 3-7, Atlanta.
- “The potential for voluntary green power markets in the GCC countries,” presented as plenary speaker at the Gulf Conference on Sustainable Built Environment, March 10-13, Kuwait.
- 2018** - “Financing Sustainable Development Goals,” presented at the 11th annual conference of the Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED), November 8-9, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Invited to present the Institute of Financial Economics Financial Stress Index for Lebanon at the MENA Seminar Series, World Bank, DC on August 2.
- Presented two papers and chaired two sessions at the Western Economic Association International 93rd Annual Conference, June 26-30, Vancouver, Canada.
- “The Institute of Financial Economics Financial Stress Index for Lebanon,” with Layal Mansour and Sadika El Hariri. Western Economic Association International 93rd Annual Conference, June 26-30, Vancouver, Canada. (presented by Layal Mansour).
- Chaired the session “Energy sustainability trends and transitions in the Arab World,” during the Arab Energy Club meeting, May 4-6, Kuwait.
- “The role of universities in spreading the culture of compliance,” panelist at the AML/CFT Forum organized by the World Union of Arab Bankers, April 4-5, Beirut, Lebanon.
- “Time-varying causality between oil prices and stock market prices: Evidence from oil-exporting and oil-importing countries,” Western Economic Association International 14th International Conference, January 11-14, Newcastle, Australia.
- 2017** - Invited as a panelist on “A Twinning Partnership: Reconstruction & Development,” during the Annual Arab Banking Conference 2017, Nov. 23-24, Beirut, Lebanon.
- “The oil price-stock price nexus: Evidence from the GCC countries,” 2nd HAAE Energy Conference, May 18-20, Athens, Greece.
- “A high level of educational standard within a multilingual environment,” invited talk at the 3rd Lebanon International Oil and Gas Summit, May 9-10, Beirut, Lebanon.
- “Green Power Demand in the United States,” April 18, invited seminar at the University College Dublin, Ireland.
- “The oil price-stock price nexus: evidence from the GCC countries,” April 13, invited seminar at the University College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2016** - Chaired a session on Sustainable Energy and COP22 during the Arab Energy Club’s annual meeting, November 7-8, Vienna, Austria.
- “Residential green power demand in the United States,” 39th IAEE International Conference, June 19-22, Bergen, Norway.
- 2014** - “Estimating the domestic natural gas demand for Lebanon,” at the workshop on oil and gas in Lebanon, June 19-20, Beirut.
- 2013** - “The Role of Educational Institutions in the Oil and Gas Job Market,” invited talk at the Lebanon International Oil and Gas Summit, December 4-5, Beirut, Lebanon.
- “Energy for Sustainable Development: Gender and Energy Issues,” invited talk at the Arab Forum for the Environment and Development Annual Conference, October 28-29, Sharjah, UAE.
- “Recent Developments in Lebanon’s Hydrocarbon Sector”, invited talk at the East Mediterranean Oil and Gas Conference, September 10-11, Paphos, Cyprus.
- “An investigation of the energy consumption-growth nexus in the Arab countries”, 32nd USAEE/IAEE North American Conference, July 28-31, Anchorage, Alaska.
- Invited to participate in the AFED consultation workshop, May 17, in Oxford, England.
- 2012** - “Investigating the causal relationship between energy consumption and economic growth”, seminar given at the National Renewable Energy Lab, July 19, Golden, Colorado.
- 2011** - Participated in the *Symposium on Energy Poverty*, November 15-16, Vienna.

- Participated in the climate change negotiations (COP17) as an official Lebanese delegate, November 28-December 11, Durban, South Africa.
- Invited as a panelist on the *Adaptation to a Changing Climate in the Arab Countries* event, on December 3, in Durban, South Africa.
- 2010** - “Greenhouse Gases Mitigation in the Power Sector: Challenges and Opportunities”, invited talk at the Impact of Climate Change on Lebanon Conference, June 3-4, Notre Dame University, Lebanon.
- 2009** - “An ADL Model for Electricity and Natural Gas Demand in Colorado”, International Energy Workshop, June 17-19, Venice, Italy.

Grants and Awards

- American University of Beirut, Long-term Faculty Development Grant. (2010-2012-2014-2016-2018. Amount: \$28,800).
- Erasmus + Faculty Mobility Fund to visit University College Dublin (April 12-21, 2017. Amount: 2,130 Euros).
- Lebanese Center for Policy Studies grant. (2014. Amount: \$8,000).
- Arab Forum for the Environment and Development. Travel grant to participate in the consultation workshop in Oxford, England. (2013. Amount: \$1,637).
- American University of Beirut, University Research Board. (2009-2010-2012. Amount: \$12,232).
- World Bank travel grant. Member of the Lebanese delegation to the climate change negotiations (COP17) held in Durban, South Africa. (2011. Amount: \$5,000).
- American University of Beirut, Junior Faculty Research Leave Grant (2010).
- International Energy Agency (IEA). Travel grant to participate in the International Energy Workshop, Venice. (2009. Amount: 750 €).
- OPEC Fund for International Development. Travel grant to participate in the 27th International Association for Energy Economics conference, Houston. (2007. Amount: \$1,500).

Professional Service

Service to the Community

March 2019	Served as mentor at the 2019 WEAI Early Career Researcher Workshop, Tokyo, Japan.
Jan. 2018	Served as mentor at the 2018 WEAI Early Career Researcher Workshop, Newcastle, Australia.
2013-present	Member of the Board and Treasurer, Arab Energy Club.

Service to AUB

2019-2020	Member of two promotion and tenure committees and member of a Faculty Reappointment committee Department of Economics, AUB.
2018-2019	Member of the Senior Visiting Faculty hiring committee, Department of Economics, AUB.
2016-2020	Member of the General Education Board, AUB.
2017-2018	Member of the search committee for a Chair in Economics, AUB.
2016-2017	Member of a promotion committee, PSPA department, AUB.
2015-2016	Member of the search committee for Dean of Arts and Sciences, AUB.
2015-2017	Chair of the Program Review Committee, Department of Economics, AUB.
2015-2016	Chair of the FAS Curriculum Committee, AUB; Member of a promotion committee, Department of Economics, AUB; Chair of a Faculty Reappointment committee, Department of Economics, AUB.

2014-2015	Member of the FAS Curriculum Committee, AUB.
2014-2019	Economics Student Society Faculty Advisor, Department of Economics, AUB.
Spring 2014	Member of the Senate Student Affairs Committee, AUB.
Spring 2013	Member of the Senate, AUB.
2013-2014	Seminar series coordinator, Department of Economics, , AUB.
2012-2014	Member of the Faculty Advisory Committee for the Climate Change and Environment in the Arab World program (Issam Fares Institute)
2011-present	Introductory Microeconomics coordinator (7 semesters, average 440 students), Department of Economics, AUB.
2011-2013	Member of the Student Disciplinary Affairs Committee, AUB.
2011-2013	Member of the Research Committee, AUB.
2009-2011	Member of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee, AUB.
2009-2010	Member of the Unified Admissions Committee, AUB.
Spring 2009	Member of the Student Academic Affairs Committee, AUB.
2009-2016	Academic adviser (30-75 students), Department of Economics, AUB.

Thesis Advising

2019	Ph.D. in Economics thesis, co-supervisor (Festus Victor Bekun, Gizem Uzuner, Ojonugwa Osman), Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, Cyprus.
2018-present	2 MS in Energy Studies, thesis co-advisor, AUB.
2018	Served as a Ph.D. thesis committee member for Mr. Maher Al Sayah, Holy Spirit of Kaslik University, Lebanon.
2011-present	7 M.A. in Financial Economics final year project advisor, AUB.
2011-present	11 M.A. in Economics thesis advisor, AUB.

Professional Affiliations

Member: American Economic Association, Western Economic Association International, International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE), Arab Energy Club, and Middle East Economic Association.

Refereeing

Economic Modelling, Energy, Energy Economics, Energy Journal, Energy Policy, Energy Reports, Energy Research and Social Science, Energy Strategy Reviews, Environmental Science and Policy, Heliyon, International Journal of Energy Sector Management, Issam Fares Institute (AUB), Journal of Development Studies, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, Lebanese Science Journal, Macmillan, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Pearson Education, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, Routledge, Utilities Policy, University Research Board (AUB).

Conference and Workshops Organization

- Co-chair of organizing committee, Current Monetary Policy Challenges: Global and Regional Implications, November 27, 2019, AUB (in collaboration with the Union of Arab Banks). *Cancelled.*
- Host and main co-organizer, MENA Energy Economics Conference, December 6-7, 2018, AUB (in collaboration with UN-ESCWA and Oxford Institute for Energy Studies).
- Organized more than 20 events, including seminars, workshops, and symposia, as director of the IFE during the period 2017-2019. (www.facebook.com/AUBIFE)
- Scientific committee: ENSCON (Turkey 2019), Energy Transition in the Mediterranean Countries (Tunisia 2018).

Editorial Service

Guest co-editor, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance* special issue “Vulnerabilities of Economic Policy and Challenges to Economic, Price and Financial Stability,” 2020-2021.

Managing Guest co-editor, *Energy Policy* special issue “Energy Economics in MENA,” 2018-2019.

Associate Editor, *Finance Research Letters*, Elsevier, 2019-present.

Member of the International Advisory Board, *Energy Policy*, Elsevier, 2019-present.

Teaching Experience

Colorado School of Mines (2005-2008): Introductory Microeconomics and Introductory Macroeconomics.

American University of Beirut (2008-present): Introductory Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Economic Statistics, Energy Economics, Theoretical Econometrics (graduate level), Applied Econometrics (graduate level), and Economic Forecasting (graduate level).

George Washington University (summer 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020):

Foundations of Economics for Master’s in Finance students.