

Ramzi Mabsout

Current position

Assistant professor American University of Beirut (2011-present)

Education

PhD economics & ethics Radboud University Nijmegen (2006-2011)
MA development economics University of Sussex (2004)
BA economics American University of Beirut (2003)
BA business administration American University of Beirut (2002)

Research interests

Welfare, ethics, and policy in economics; methodology, philosophy, and history of behavioural & experimental economics.

Publications

- Mabsout, R. (with Jana Mourad) (forthcoming) Harnessing heuristics for economic policy. *Economics and Philosophy*, 34, pp. 135-163. DOI: 10.1017/S026626711700030X
- Mabsout, R. (2018) The backward induction controversy as a metaphorical problem. *Economic Thought*, 7, pp. 24-49.
- Mabsout, R. (2016) Response to Polzin et al. on “Mindful Capability”. *Ecological Economics*, 120, pp. 355-357.
- Bashour, B., & Mabsout, R. (2016) Reconciling economics with naturalist ethical theory. *Review of Social Economy*, pp. 275-297
- Mabsout, R. (2015) Mindful capability. *Ecological Economics*, 112, pp. 86-97. DOI: 10.1016/j.ecolecon.2015.01.008
- Mabsout, R. (2015) Abduction and economics: The contributions of Charles Peirce and Herbert Simon. *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 22, pp. 491-516. DOI: 10.1080/1350178X.2015.1024876
- Mabsout, R. (2014) Bringing ethics back to welfare economics. *Review of Social Economy*, 72, pp. 1-28. DOI:10.1080/00346764.2013.806109 (Paper selected as editor's pick in 2015)
- Mabsout, R. (2011). Capability and health functioning in Ethiopian households. *Social Indicators Research*, 101, pp. 359-389, DOI: 10.1007/s11205-010-9661-0.

- van Hoorn, A., Mabsout, R., & Sent, E.M. (2010). Happiness and capability: Theory, measurement and policy. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics* (previously *Journal of Socio-Economics*), 39, 3, pp. 339-343. DOI: 10.1016/j.socec.2009.10.013
- Mabsout, R., & van Staveren, I. (2010). Disentangling bargaining power from individual and household level to institutions: Evidence on women's position in Ethiopia. *World Development*, 38, 5, pp. 783-796. DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2009.11.011

Book reviews

- Mabsout, R. (2018) Late Neoclassical Economics. The Restoration of Theoretical Humanism in Contemporary Economic Theory, Yahya M. Madra, *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy & Economics*, 11, pp. 107-116, DOI: 10.23941/ejpe.v11i1.358
- Mabsout, R. (2017) Ethics in Economics. An Introduction to Moral Frameworks, Jonathan Wight, California, Stanford University Press. *The American Economist*, 62, pp. 272-275. DOI: 10.1177/0569434517691695
- Mabsout, R. (2015) The Society of Equals, Pierre Rosanvallon, Harvard University Press. *Review of Political Economy*. Vol. 27, pp. 685-689. DOI: 10.1080/09538259.2015.1080470

Book chapters

- Mabsout, R. (2013) “Health and capability in Ethiopia” in *The Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research*, Alex Michalos (ed.). Springer.

Reports

- Employment and unemployment among Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. (2013). ILO & PCBS. (Chapter 5).
- The social protection floor for achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Arab world. ESCWA (2013). Beirut, Lebanon. (co-author)
- Best practices in the Least Developed Countries for the seven commitments in the Brussels Programme of Action (2008). UN-OHRLLS. (with Aleida Ferreyra).
- Governance for the future: democracy and development in the Least Developed Countries (2006). UNDP Democratic Governance Group & UN-OHRLLS. (Statistician & co-author).
- Human Development Report: International cooperation at a crossroads: aid, trade and security in an unequal world (2005). UNDP, Oxford University Press. (Writing team intern, chapter 2).

Journal referee

Culture Health, and Sexuality; Ecological Economics; Economic Systems; Feminist Economics; Forum for Social Economics; International Studies in Philosophy of Science; Journal of Business Ethics; Journal of Cleaner Production; Journal of Institutional Economics; Journal of International Development; Journal of Poverty Alleviation & International Development; Palgrave; Review of Social Economy; Routledge; Synthese; World Development; World Economic Association.

University service

- Nudge Faculty of Arts & Science representation (2017-2018)
- Faculty adviser for The Entrepreneurship Club (2016-2018)
- Sophomore, junior, and senior student adviser (AUB 2016-2018)
- Chair of department (AUB 2015-2016)
- Institutional Review Board Social & Behavioural Science (AUB 2014-2015)
- Freshman adviser (AUB 2013- 2015).
- Acting chair of department (AUB 2012-2015).
- Faculty of Arts and Sciences admissions committee (AUB 2011-2013).
- Workshop happiness and capability: Theory, measurement, and policy. Ravenstein, Soeterbeek Study Center, 2008 (Organizer).
- Nijmegen economics reading group (with Floris Heuklom).
- Nijmegen economics seminars (with Frank Bohn).

Teaching

- Teaching the teachers: Workshop on institutions & behaviour May 2018
- Behavioural economics, nudges, & public policy 2017/2018
- Economic statistics I 2016/2019
- History of economic thought 2015/2018
- Development economics 2013/2015
- Methodology & philosophy of economics 2011/2013
- Principles of economics 2011/2015
- Intermediate microeconomics 2010/2015
- Applied econometrics 2010/2011
- Economic globalisation and ethics (Nijmegen) 2008/2009

Conferences, workshops, and seminars

- Public policy and nudging. Nudging for Development and the Rule of Law. AUB, May 2018.

Update 18/09/2018

- The endowment effect: Experimental evidence. AUB Economics Seminar, 2017.
- The endowment effect: Experimental evidence. Florence, WESSI conference, 2017.
- Fast and frugal liberal paternalism. Workshop on behavioural welfare economics, American University of Beirut, 2016.
- Qualitative reasoning in economics. Montreal Summer School on the history of economic thought, 2015.
- Metaphors and economics: Ornamental or cognitive? TINT Philosophy of Science Seminars, Helsinki, Finland, 2014.
- Moral economics: Reconciling economics with naturalist ethical theory, Brown Bag Seminar, TINT, Helsinki, Finland, 2014.
- Moral economics: Reconciling economics with naturalist ethical theory, Economics Seminar AUB, 2014.
- The non-logical-logic of discovery. 1st Herbert Simon Society Conference, Columbia University, April 8-10, 2013.
- A survey of qualitative methods in economics. 44th Annual UK History of Economic Thought Conference, Keele University 3-5 September, 2012.
- Welfare economics: A metaethical view. 14th Summer School on History of Economic Thought, Economic History and Economic Philosophy, Lisbon, Portugal, 2011.
- Why is economics not a mathematical science? Center For Philosophical Research, Economics and Naturalism: Kazimierz Naturalism Workshop, 2009.
- The economics of globalisation: Trade, growth and development. [United Netherlands](#), November, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, 2009.
- Capability and health functioning in Ethiopian households, International Institute of Social Studies, October, The Hague, The Netherlands. (2009).
- Disentangling bargaining power from individual and household level to institutions: Evidence on women's position in Ethiopia, ASSA, 3 January, San Francisco, USA, 2009.
- Decision making and functioning in Ethiopia: A study of married women's well-being. Kiel University, Conference on Income Distribution and the Family, September 1-3, Germany, 2008.
- Decision making and functioning in Ethiopia: A study of married women's well-being. Workshop on Happiness and Capability: Measurement, theory and policy August 22, Soeterbeeck, The Netherlands, 2008.
- Structural equation modelling of the capability approach. Feminist Economics Conference (IAFFE), June 18-21, University of Torino, Italy, 2008.
- Reasoning from capability to functioning. Good Life in a Technological Age Workshop, June 12-14, University of Twente, The Netherlands 2008.
- Mabsout, R. (2007). Rationality in the capability approach: Human Development and Capability Association annual meeting, September 18-20, The New School, New York, USA.

- Mabsout, R. (2006). Human development and democratic governance for the Least Developed Countries: prospects, progress and the role of the United Nations. Globalization, identity, diversity, and Human Dignity. Soeterbeeck Summer School, August 28 – September 1, Soeterbeeck, The Netherlands.

Societies

- Board of trustees Nudge Lebanon
- World Economic Association (WEA)