

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

Since 04/2023

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)
at Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS)
of Philipps-Universität Marburg**

Teaching of Bachelor and Master courses:

- Seminar “Environmental Economics with Reference to the MENA Region” (Summer 2023-2024)
- Tutorial “Political Economy of Corruption and Shadow Economy” (Summer 2023-2024)
- Lecture “Introduction to the Economies of the Middle East” (Winter 2023-2024)
- Tutorial “Empirical Development Economics with Reference to the Middle East” (Winter 2023-2024)

List of supervised Bachelor’s and Master’s theses in the appendix of this CV.

03/2018 – 02/2023

**Research Associate (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)
at Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS)
of Philipps-Universität Marburg**

Teaching of Bachelor and Master courses:

- Seminar “Methods in Middle East Economics” (Summer 2018-2020)
- Seminar “Topics of Middle East Economics” (Summer 2018)
- Seminar “Political Economy of Natural and Environmental Disasters in the MENA Region” (Winter 2018-2020)
- Seminar “Environmental Economics with Reference to the MENA Region” (Summer 2019-2022)

- Tutorial “Empirical Development Economics with Reference to the Middle East” (Winter 2019-2022)
- Seminar “Political Economy of Oil Rents” (Summer 2022)
- Lecture “Introduction to the Economies of the Middle East” (Winter 2022)

List of supervised Bachelor's and Master's theses in the appendix of this CV.

- 03/2016 – 02/2018 **Research Assistant (Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft) at Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS) of Philipps-Universität Marburg**
As a member of the Economics of the Middle East Research Group responsible for the coordination of the project “Political Economy of Natural Resource Management”. Organizing events in Germany and Iran.
Website: www.uni-marburg.de/narem
- 10/2015 – 02/2016 **Marketing Research Assistant at IQPC Germany, Berlin**
Research of relevant persons and companies (speakers, delegates, sponsors) and Pre-Sales activities. Industries of research: Automotive, Digital Transformation, Energy, Finance, and Pharma.
- 09/2014 – 11/2014 **Intern at Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Berlin**
Involved in the planning, implementation, and follow-up of the 5th Arab-German Energy Forum with participants from industry, politics, and diplomacy from Germany and Arab League countries.
- 02/2012 – 03/2012 **Intern at Historical place Villa ten Hompel, Münster**
Supporting research and the organization of different educational events.
- 04/2008 – 03/2009 **Soldier at German Psychological Operations (OplInfo) of the Federal Defence Forces of Germany (Bundeswehr), Mayen**
After general basic military training, supporting the educational branch for training of soldiers with ranks from Sergeant to General.

Educational Background

- 11/2018 – 03/2023 **Ph.D. at School of Business and Economics of Philipps-Universität Marburg**
Doctoral Thesis: “Political Economy of Natural Disasters”
First supervisor: Prof. Dr. Mohammad Reza Farzanegan
Second supervisor: Prof. Dr. Björn Vollan
Degree: Doktor der Wirtschaftswissenschaften (Dr. rer. pol.)
- 10/2012 – 06/2015 **M.A. Middle Eastern Politics and Economics at Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg**
Master's Thesis: “Natural Resources and Economic Growth: Can Strong Civil Society Lift the Curse?”
Degree: Master of Arts
- 04/2009 – 09/2012 **B.A. Social Sciences at Ruhr-Universität Bochum**
Bachelor's Thesis: „Familie im Wandel? Eine Analyse von ausgewählten arabischen Staaten“
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
- 08/1998 – 06/2007 **Leibniz-Gymnasium Essen**
Degree: Allgemeine Hochschulreife (Abitur)

Publications

Fischer, Sven, 2024. The impact of the Trump presidency on the perception of corruption in the United States, *Applied Economics Letters*. DOI: [10.1080/13504851.2024.2363294](https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2024.2363294).

Farzanegan, Mohammad Reza, and Sven Fischer, 2024. Nighttime light development after the 2001 flood in Iran: A synthetic control analysis. In: *Reference Module in Social Sciences*, Elsevier. DOI: [10.1016/B978-0-44-313776-1.00242-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-44-313776-1.00242-7).

Farzanegan, Mohammad Reza, Fischer, Sven, and Peter Noack, 2024. Natural disaster literacy in Iran: Survey-based evidence from Tehran. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, 100, 104204. DOI: [10.1016/j.ijdrr.2023.104204](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdrr.2023.104204).

Farzanegan, Mohammad Reza, and Sven Fischer, 2023. The Effect of the “Woman Life Freedom” Protests on Life Satisfaction in Iran: Evidence from Survey Data. CESifo Working Papers No. 10643. URL: <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4568762>.

Farzanegan, Mohammad Reza, and Sven Fischer, 2023. The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Marriage and Childbirth: Survey-based Evidence from Iran. *MAGKS Papers on Economics* No. 202320. URL: <https://uni-marburg.de/k8kETo>.

Fischer, Sven, 2023. *Political Economy of Natural Disasters*, Dissertation, Philipps-Universität Marburg. URL: <https://archiv.ub.uni-marburg.de/diss/z2023/0225/pdf/dsf.pdf>.

Farzanegan, Mohammad Reza, and Sven Fischer, 2023. The Impact of a Large-Scale Natural Disaster on Local Economic Activity: Evidence from the 2003 Bam Earthquake in Iran. CESifo Working Papers No. 10502. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4477990>.

Farzanegan, Mohammad Reza, and Sven Fischer, 2022. Is It Right to Fight? Evidence from Russia and Ukraine. *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*. DOI: [10.1515/peps-2022-0011](https://doi.org/10.1515/peps-2022-0011).

Farzanegan, Mohammad Reza, and Sven Fischer, 2021. Lifting of International Sanctions and the Shadow Economy in Iran—A View from Outer Space. *Remote Sensing*, 13(22), 4620. DOI: [10.3390/rs13224620](https://doi.org/10.3390/rs13224620).

Fischer, Sven, 2021. Post-Disaster Spillovers: Evidence from Iranian Provinces. *Journal of Risk and Financial Management*, 14(5), 193. DOI: [10.3390/jrfm14050193](https://doi.org/10.3390/jrfm14050193).

Skills

Language

German	Native
English	Fluent
Arabic	Advanced
Farsi	Advanced
Latin	Basic (Latinum)

Computer

MS Office / LibreOffice	Professional
STATA	Advanced
R / RStudio	Advanced
Python	Advanced
EViews	Basic
ArcGIS / QGIS	Basic
GIMP	Advanced

Conferences, Workshops, and Seasonal Schools

- 03/2023 **Conference “50th Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (EPCS)”**
 Leibniz Universität Hannover
 My presentation topic: “Nighttime Light Development after the 2003 Bam Earthquake in Iran: A Synthetic Control Analysis”
- 10/2022 **Workshop “Natural Disaster Management: Lessons from Iran” within the project “Socio-Economic, Cultural and Technical Aspects of Natural Disaster Management (NaDiMa)”**
 Philipps-Universität Marburg, [involved in organization]
 My presentation topic: “Nighttime Light Development after the 2003 Bam Earthquake in Iran: A Synthetic Control Analysis”
- 06/2022 **Workshop “Drivers and Socio-Economic, Behavioural Effects of Climate Change in Iran: The Case of Water Resources Management (DEBEC)”**
 Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (Iran), [involved in organization]
 My presentation topic: “Flood Disasters and Economic Activity in Golestan: A Synthetic Control Analysis”
- 09/2021 **International Autumn School “Climate Policy and Energy System Transformation: New Opportunities and Challenges of the Consideration of Co-Benefits”**
 Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg and Forschungszentrum Jülich
 My poster presentation topic: “Natural and Environmental Disasters in West Asia: the Case of Iran”
 Group presentation: “Can Co-benefits Motivate Climate Protection? Is This a Promising Path?”
- 09/2020 **MAGKS Doctoral Colloquium**
 Philipps-Universität Marburg
 My presentation topic: “Post-Disaster Spill-Overs: Evidence from Iranian Provinces”
- 12/2019 **Symposium on the Political Economy of Sanctions**
 Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg and Gerda Henkel Foundation [involved in organization]
- 11/2019 **Using Geodata for Natural Resource Management: A Practical Workshop**
 Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, School of Business and Economics, and Faculty of Geography of Philipps-Universität Marburg [involved in organization]
- 10/2019 **Symposium on the Political Economy of Climate Change and Natural Disasters with Reference to Iran and the Arab World**
 Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg and Heinrich Böll Foundation [involved in organization]
- 11/2018 **Water and Sustainable Development Winter School**
 Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (Iran), [involved in organization]
- 08/2018 **Second Iran Forum**
 International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) and Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg, [involved in organization]
- 08/2018 **Nature, Wealth & Power Summer School**
 Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg, [involved in organization]
 My presentation topic: “Introduction to German History (1803-1945)”
- 10/2017 **Social Policy in Oil-Based Economies Autumn School**
 University of Tehran (Iran), [involved in organization]

My presentation topic: "Oil rents and Civil Society"

- 08/2017 **International Iran Forum**
International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) and Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg, [involved in organization]
- 08/2017 **Renewable Energy and Development Summer School**
Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg, [involved in organization]
My presentation topic: "Introduction to EU ETS".
- 08/2017 **E.ON Stipendienfonds Summer Academy 2017 „Emission Trading System to shape future energy systems?“**, E.ON Stipendienfonds, Ostritz-St. Marienthal
- 05/2017 **Georg von Vollmar Akademie e.V.**, Kochel am See
My first presentation: "Nordafrika und die Sahelzone – Ein Einblick in Geographie, Kultur und Geschichte dieser Region Afrikas"
My second presentation: "Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft – Aktuelle Entwicklungen der Region"
- 11/2016 **Natural Resource Management and Life Satisfaction Winter School**
Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg, [involved in organization]
- 08/2016 **Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development Summer School**
Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran (Iran), [involved in organization]
- 06/2016 **Fourth International Conference on the Iranian Economy**
International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) and Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies of Philipps-Universität Marburg, [involved in organization].
- 04/2016 **Intercultural Project Management Seminar**, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Bonn
- 10/2015 **Deutsch-Französische / Europäische Studientagung „Perspektiven deutsch-französischer/europäischer Partnerschaft – 100 Jahre nach Verdun, 1914-18 im Spiegel aktueller europäischer Fragen**, Deutsche Gesellschaft der Mitglieder der Französischen Ehrenlegion und des Französischen Nationalen Verdienstordens e.V., Berlin
- 08/2015 **Genshagen Trilateral Summer School „Defending Europe: German, French and Polish Approaches to European Defense“**, Genshagen Foundation – Berlin-Brandenburgisches Institut für Deutsch-Französische Zusammenarbeit in Europa, Genshagen
- 11/2014 **5th Arab-German Energy Forum**, Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Berlin [involved in organization]
- 08/2013 **Genshagen Trilateral Summer School „The Arab-Israeli conflict in the Weimar Triangle countries: What ramifications in German, French and Polish society?“**, Genshagen Foundation – Berlin-Brandenburgisches Institut für Deutsch-Französische Zusammenarbeit in Europa, Genshagen

Appendix

Supervision of Bachelor's theses:

- Foth, H.K., The effects and determinants of Chinese development finance with reference to the Middle East, B.Sc. Volkswirtschaftslehre, Winter 2023, (Second Supervisor).
- Schneider, S., The effect of tourism on environmental quality: Do institutions matter?, B.A. Nah- und Mitteloststudien, Autumn 2023, (Second Supervisor).
- Öztosun, R., Wirtschaftssanktionen und ihre Folgen für die Zivilgesellschaft im Irak: Eine Fallstudie, B.A. Nah- und Mitteloststudien, Summer 2023, (Second Supervisor).
- Guerreiro, M., Fachkräftemangel in Deutschland: Welche Potenziale und Herausforderungen ergeben sich aus der Rekrutierung von Fachkräften in Ägypten?, B.A. Nah- und Mitteloststudien, Winter 2022, (First Supervisor).
- Tas, E., Welche Auswirkungen hat der Russland-Ukraine-Krieg auf die wirtschaftlichen und politischen Beziehungen der Türkei und Russlands?, B.A. Nah- und Mitteloststudien, Winter 2022, (First Supervisor).
- Haibach, S., Die Determinanten und Effekte von Erneuerbare Energien in der MENA-Region, B.A. Orientwissenschaft, Spring 2022, (Second Supervisor).
- Hu, Y., What is the Impact of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative on the Economies of the MENA Region?, B.Sc. Volkswirtschaftslehre, Spring 2022, (First Supervisor).
- Balah, A., Determinants of Inflation in Egypt: New empirical evidence, B.Sc. Volkswirtschaftslehre, Winter 2021, (First Supervisor).
- Mohammadi, A.S., Welche Bedeutung haben die Proteste 2017/2018 im Iran? Eine Analyse mithilfe der Theorie von Asef Bayat, B.A. Orientwissenschaft, Winter 2020, (First Supervisor).
- Kawelke, J., Wirtschaftliche Diversifizierungsprozesse und -strategien in der MENA-Region: Erfahrungen aus den Golfstaaten, B.A. Orientwissenschaft, Summer 2020, (First Supervisor).
- Tobisch, J. C., Power Distribution in the Middle East: The Influence of China in the Region and Their Economic Ties, B.A. Orientwissenschaft, Summer 2020, (First Supervisor).
- Deiß, J., Female Labor Force Participation and Economic Development in the Middle East and North Africa, B.A. Orientwissenschaft, Summer 2019, (First Supervisor).

Supervision of Master's theses:

- Neri Rojas, M.F., The effect of remittances on economic development in Mexico: does Program 3x1 matter?, M.Sc. Economics and Institutions, Spring 2024, (Second Supervisor).
- Brezan, S., Transformation des Energiesektors in Saudi-Arabien und den Vereinigten Arabischen Emiraten – Eine Medienanalyse, M.A. Politik und Wirtschaft des Nahen und Mittleren Ostens, Spring 2024, (Second Supervisor).
- Dal, K.M., The effect of COVID-19 mortality on conflict: Does the size of informal economy matter?, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Spring 2024, (Second Supervisor).
- Chepkasov, V., The Effect of Anti-Corruption Aid on New Business Formation: A Global Evidence, M.Sc. Economics and Institutions, Spring 2024, (Second Supervisor).

- Mrad, M.K., Youth Bulge and Entrepreneurship: Do Institutions Matter?, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Autumn 2023, (Second Supervisor).
- Arslan, M.S., The Economic Consequences of Turkey's Shift to a Presidential System, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Autumn 2023, (Second Supervisor).
- Jahoui, A., The Effectiveness of Türkiye's Development Aid as a Foreign Policy Tool, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Autumn 2023, (Second Supervisor).
- Manaa, D., Does corruption amplify the negative effect of unemployment and inflation on life satisfaction?, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Summer 2023, (Second Supervisor).
- H., A.P., Socioeconomic and Political Values and Preferences of the Middle Class in Iran: A Comparative Analysis, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Summer 2023, (Second Supervisor).
- Emrich, Y., IMF conditionality and political instability: Does Youth Bulge matter?, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Winter 2022, (Second Supervisor).
- Wachtel, L., From Childhood Malnutrition to Political Instability: a Revisitation of the Greed versus Grievances Debate, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Summer 2022, (Second Supervisor).
- Becker, S., COVID-19 and Internal Conflict: Does income inequality matter?, M.Sc. Economics and Institutions, Summer 2022, (Second Supervisor).
- Masatu, L., Effects of corruption on youth unemployment in sub-Saharan Africa, M.Sc. Economics and Institutions, Winter 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Riad, A., Revisiting Economic Growth's Effect on Poverty Reduction: Is Economic Growth Really Necessary?, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Summer 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Noack, P., Measuring Disaster Literacy in an Urban Area: The Case Study of Tehran, M.A. Politik und Wirtschaft des Nahen und Mittleren Ostens, Spring 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Hofmann, P., The Nexus between Political Support and Public Obedience to Coronavirus Disease Containment Measures, M.A. Politik und Wirtschaft des Nahen und Mittleren Ostens, Spring 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Strupp, K.E., The Impact of Remittances on the Economic Structure of Developing Countries: An Empirical Analysis, M.A. Politik und Wirtschaft des Nahen und Mittleren Ostens, Spring 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Oru, E.J., Determinants of Life Satisfaction in Sub-Saharan Africa, M.Sc. Economics and Institutions, Spring 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Owusu, G., The Political Economy of FDI in West Africa, M.Sc. Economics and Institutions, Spring 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Maier, J.S., Religion and Quality of Education: State Religion, Islamicity and the Quality of Education, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Spring 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Bolay, M., An Empirical Investigation into the Determinants of Islamic Banking System Development, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Spring 2021, (Second Supervisor).
- Kleinwort, J.V., My time and my way: The experience of women entrepreneurs in the United Arab Emirates, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Winter 2020, (Second Supervisor).
- Kazakova, O., Auswirkungen der Umstellung auf die Schiene der Energieeffizienz am Beispiel von Marokko, M.A. Politik und Wirtschaft des Nahen und Mittleren Ostens, Autumn 2020, (Second Supervisor).

- Glöckner, P., Did the EU sanctions of 2011 have an impact on the financial account of target countries? A case study with selected MENA countries, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Summer 2020, (Second Supervisor).
- Martini, T., Assessing the Impact of the 2016 IMF's EFF agreement with Egypt, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Summer 2020, (Second Supervisor).
- Tannous, S., Examining the Contact Hypothesis in the Case of Refugees in Germany, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Winter 2019, (Second Supervisor).
- Mansouri, M. H., Political Stability in Resource-Rich Economies - the Role of Economic Inequality, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Summer 2019, (Second Supervisor).
- Shawky, S., The Economic Costs of the Arab Spring in Egypt: A Synthetic Control Analysis, M.Sc. Economics of the Middle East, Spring 2019, (Second Supervisor).
- Nguyen, M. H., The Effect of Female Education on Fertility Rate: Does Social Trust Matter?, M.Sc. Economics and Institutions, Spring 2019, (Second Supervisor).
- Zerwas, P., Bedingungen für Regimestabilität in Rentierstaaten. Qualitative Comparative Analysis, M.A. Politik und Wirtschaft des Nahen und Mittleren Ostens, Winter 2018, (Second Supervisor).
- Sassi, M. T., The Effect of Food and Energy Security on Political Stability, M.Sc. Economics and Institutions, Spring 2018, (Second Supervisor).