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PROFILE

Master's student in Analysis and Policy in Economics at the Paris School of Economics (PSE), with a strong background in applied economics, quantitative analysis, and empirical research. Experienced in working with economic data, conducting econometric analysis, applying causal inference methods, and using AI tools in research workflows. **Macroeconomics** is my primary field of interest, with a broad interest in empirical research questions spanning public policy, institutions, firms, markets, and economic policy. Interested in pursuing applied research where economic questions, quantitative methods, and policy-relevant issues intersect.

EDUCATION

- **Paris School of Economics** Sept. 2025 – Present
M.Sc. in Analysis and Policy in Economics (APE) Paris, France
 - **Current coursework:** Growth and Business Cycles; Macroeconomic Methods; Advanced Macroeconometrics; Heterogeneous Agents; Public Economics; Political Economy; Energy Economics
 - **Research Workshop:** Macroeconomics: faculty-led research seminars and Master's thesis
- **University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne** Sept. 2022 – June 2025
B.Sc. in Economics, Minor in Computer Science — Thesis grade: 18/20 Paris, France
- **Médenine High School** 2022
Mathematics Baccalauréat — GPA: 18.60/20 — National Rank: 91st/6,482 Médenine, Tunisia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas** Sept. 2026 – Present
Chargé de TD (TA) — Microeconomics 2 (Production) and Macroeconomics 3 (Macroeconomic Policies) Paris, France
 - Leading tutorial sessions for undergraduate students in production theory, firm optimization, costs and supply, and macroeconomic policy, including monetary and fiscal policy through the IS-LM model, 3 groups of 25 students.
- **CY Cergy Paris Université** Jun. 2026 – Aug. 2026
Research Assistant (Internship) Paris, France
 - Conducted research under the supervision of [Pamela Bombarda](#) on health surveys, labor markets, and informality in Mexico.
 - Cleaned and analyzed economic survey data and conducted literature reviews on labor market reforms and minimum wage policies in Mexico and India.
- **Hôtel Antin Saint-Georges** (prev.: Hôtel Régence, Staffmatch) Mar. 2023 – Present
Night Auditor — Part-time alongside full-time studies Paris, France
 - Maintained full financial independence throughout university studies while pursuing demanding academic and research training.

RESEARCH & WORKING PAPERS

- **The Shortage Economy in Tunisia** September 2026
Published by the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies
- **Who Benefits from Consumer Subsidies?** August 2026
Incidence analysis of food and energy subsidies using household budget survey data
- **The Economic Cost of Political Shocks: From the Arab Spring to 2021** August 2026
*Replication of Matta, Appleton & Bleaney (2019), published in *The World Bank Economic Review**
- **Reforming State-Owned Enterprises** July 2026
Economic and financial assessment of eleven firms, with international reform comparisons
- **Replication of Forbes & Warnock (2012)** May 2026
Replication of Forbes & Warnock (2012), NBER Working Paper No. 17351, on international capital flow episodes
- **What Would Saudi Arabia Look Like Without Vision 2030?** March 2026
Empirical evaluation using Synthetic Control methods

SKILLS

- **Quantitative & Causal Inference:** R, Python, SQL, panel data, DiD, IV, RDD, Synthetic Control, statistical analysis
- **Macro & Modeling:** Macroeconomic methods, growth and business cycles, macroeconometrics, computational macroeconomics, heterogeneous-agent models (HANK), VAR models, calibration
- **Research & AI Tools:** $\text{\LaTeX}$, Git, Excel, Claude Agents, Perplexity, AI-assisted literature review, research synthesis, coding assistance
- **Languages:** Arabic (native), French (fluent), English (fluent), German (basic knowledge)