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BACKGROUND

Imed Drine is a Research Fellow at UNU-WIDER and holds a PhD in economics from Sorbonne University. From Tunisia, he previously served as associate professor of economics and Head of Department of Economics Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Sousse in Tunisia. Imed is an econometrician and his recent research focuses on development economics and climate change, with a regional specialization in Middle East and North Africa.

EDUCATION

2007 Habilitation Thesis to supervise PhD students.

2002 PhD in economics, Paris 1, Sorbonne University, Paris France,

obtained with very high honours. Dissertation proposed for a price thesis.

Fields of study : International Macroeconomics and Econometrics Thesis entitled “ Real exchange rate and Development : An Application to emergent Economies”.

1997 M. A. in macroeconomic modeling *obtained with high honours*, Sorbonne University, France. 1992

1998 B. A. in economics *obtained with high honours*, University of Tunis, 1996 Tunisia.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008- Research Fellow, *World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)*, United Nations University, Helsinki, Finland.

- Assessment of Climate Change Impact on Economic Development Opportunities in North Africa: Case of Morocco and Tunisia

- African Development: Myths and Realities

2009 - Member of Laboratoire de Recherche en Economie Quantitative de Développement - *FSEGT*, Tunisia.

2005-2008 Head of Department, Department of Economics, Mathematics and Statistics.
IHEC, University of Sousse, Tunisia.

2004-2008 Associate Professor of Economics, IHEC, University of Sousse, Tunisia.

2002-2003 Attaché Temporaire d'Enseignement et de Recherche (A.T.E.R) in economics, statistics at the University of Maine, France.

2001-2002 Attaché Temporaire d'Enseignement et de Recherche (A.T.E.R) in economics, mathematics at the University of Evry, France.

1998-2001 Teaching Assistant in economics at the Sorbonne University, France.

1999-2001 Teaching Assistant in economics at the University of Dauphine, France.

REFEREE FOR

2011 Economic Modelling, Journal of African Economies.

2010 World Development, Economic Modelling, Journal of African Economies, Singapore Economic Review

2009 Economic Modelling, Singapore Economic Review, Journal of African Economies, Economic Change and Restructuring, Economie Internationale, Revue Economique.

2008 Economic Modelling 2007 China Economic Review and Economic Modelling

RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics (External Debt, Financial Integration, Labour Market in Developing Countries,....)

Climate Change and Economic Development

International Finance (Purchasing power parity, Balassa-Samuelson hypothesis, long-run and short-run determinants of real exchange rate, foreign direct investment, ...)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “Financial Liberalization and Banking Sector Efficiency in India: A Fourier Flexible functional form and Stochastic Frontier Approach”, *International Business and Management*, Vol 2, (1), pp. 42-58, 2011.
- “Supporting Women Entrepreneurs in Tunisia”, (with Mouna Grach), Forthcoming in *The European Journal of Development Research*.
- “Efficiency Frontier and Matching Process on the Labour Market: Evidence from Tunisia”, (with Bou Abis Anis), *Economic Modelling*, Vol. 28, pp. 1131-1139, March 2011.
- “Public External Debt, Informality and Production Efficiency in Developing Economies”, (with Sami Nabi), *Economic Modelling*, Vol. 27(2), March 2010.
- “Fluctuations de change et performances Economiques”, (with Christophe Rault), *Brussels Economic Review*, Vol. 50(4), Winter, 2010.
- “External Debt, Informal Economy and Growth”, (with Sami Nabi), *Economic Bulletin*, Vol. 29(3), 2009.
- “Une analyse économétrique des sources de fluctuations du taux de change réel dans trois pays en développement: Le cas de Maroc, des Philippines et de l’Uruguay”, (with Christophe Rault), *Revue Economique*, Vol. 60, (6), 2009.
- “ Purchasing Power Parity for Developing and Developed Countries: What Can We Learn from Non-Stationary Panel Data Models?”, (with Christophe Rault), *Journal of Economic Surveys*, Vol. 22, (4), pp. 752-773, September 2008.
- “Learning about the Long Run Determinants of Real Exchange Rates for Developing Countries : A Panel Data Investigation”,(with Christophe Rault), *in Panel Data Econometrics*, B. H. Baltagi, Elservier ed. March 2006.
- “Testing for inflation convergence between the Euro Zone and its CEE partners”, (with Christophe Rault), *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 13, Number 4, pp. 235-240(6) , 15 March 2006.
- “Does the Balassa-Samuelson Hypothesis Hold for Asian Countries? An Empirical Analysis using Panel Data and Cointegration Tests”, *Applied Econometrics and International Development*, Vol. 4 (4) : October-December 2005.
- “Interaction entre Capital Humain, IDE, et Croissance dans les Pays en développement” , edited by M. Boudiaf and J.M., Siroen, *Ouverture et Développement Economique*, pp. 79123. Economica, 2001.
- “The Balassa-Samuelson effect in Central and Eastern Europe: Myth or Reality?”, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 31(3), pp 552-572, 2003 .

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS AND UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- “Institutions, Governance and Technology catch-up in North Africa”, January, 2011.
- “Fluctuations de change et performances économiques”, *LEO Working Paper*, 2010-05.
- “Climate change compounding risks in North Africa”, December, 2010.
- “Climate change effects on Tanzanian crop yields: Evidences from spatial models”, September, 2010.
- “In Time of Troubles: Challenges and Prospects in the Middle East and North Africa ”, William Davidson Institute Working Papers Series wp981, *William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan*, 2010.
- “Food and Global Crises impacts on Middle East and North African Region: What lesson can we learn for the future?, ”, MPRA Paper 22245, *University Library of Munich, Germany*, 2010.
- “Efficiency frontier and matching process on the labor market: Evidence from Tunisia”, MPRA Paper 21994, *University Library of Munich, Germany*, 2010.
- “Supporting Women Entrepreneurs in Tunisia”, Working Papers wp2010-100, *World Institute for Development Economic Research* (UNU-WIDER).
- “Africa and the Global Economic Crisis: Should We worry about the Development process?”, *Africa Day symposium*, Tokyo, 2009.
- “Informal Sector and Domestic Resource Mobilization”, *DeFiNe Meeting*, Paris, 2009.
- “Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on the Arab Region”, *WIDER Angle*, June 2009.
- “Financial Openness and Technological Catch-up: Empirical Evidence from the Mediterranean”, MPRA Paper 20637, *University Library of Munich*, Germany, revised Jul 2009.
- "Purchasing Power Parity for Developing and Developed Countries: What Can We Learn from Non-Stationary Panel Data Models? ", IZA Discussion Papers 2887, *Institute for the Study of Labor* (IZA), 2008.
- "Testing for inflation convergence between the Euro Zone and its CEE partners ", William Davidson Institute Working Papers Series wp768, *William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan*, 2005.