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PRESENT POSITION:

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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. University of Nebraska, Lincoln, the USA Dec 1992
- M.A. University of Nebraska, Lincoln, the USA, May 1988
- B.A. (Soc. Sci.) Economics, King Abdul-Aziz University, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1983 (Distinction with honors 1983)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

- Chairman, Economics Department, King Saud University, 1995-1997 and 1997-1999.
- A Chairman: The Council of Economic Department, King Saud University. (1995 - 1997 and 1997-1999).
- Dean of Graduate Studies, King Saud University (2003-2005).
- A Chairman: The Council of Graduate Studies, King Saud University (2003-2005).
- Vice Dean of Graduate Studies, King Saud University (1999-2003).
- A Chairman: Student Affairs Committee, Collage of Graduate Studies, King Saud University (2000-2003).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Professor, Economic Department, King Saud University, 2004.

- Associate Professor, Economic Department, King Saud University, 1998.
- Assistant Professor , Economic Department, King Saud University, 1993.
- Teaching Assistant, Economic Department, King Saud University, 1983- 1993.

INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

♦ In Arabic:

- "Arriyadh Urban Economy: its Determinants, Size and Outlook," Public Administrative Journal, No. 3, Vol. 37, Nov. 1997.
- "Wage, Employment, and Government Budgets in the GCC States: A Comparative Study, "Scientific Research Center, Administrative College, King Saud University, 1998. (Co-authored).
- A Method Towards Regionalizing Saudi Arabian National Government Budget, Presented in the 13th Arab Economic Association Conference, Morocco, 27-29 march, 2000.
- A Theoretical Model for Saudi Arabia Labor Market and National Employment Policies, Public Administration Journal Journal., Vol. 41, No. 2, July 2001.
- Objectives and Policies of Regional Development and Demographic and Economic Aspects in Saudi Arabia, in Urbanization Strategies for Saudi Arabia, edited By Mohammed Al-Saleh, 2003.
- Determinants of Private Sector Labor Demand in the GCC States, Social Scientific Journal, Kuwait, Vo31, No1, 2003.
- TWO and The Economies of the GCC States, University Journal for Law and Economic, Demascus, Vo.19, No.1, 2003.
- Labor Market Challenge and Policies in the GCC States, Scientific Journal for Economic and Comercial Studies,Cairo, 2003.
- Economic Growth and Education in Saudi Arabia: An Application of Simultaneous Equations Methods, Arabic Gulf Studies Journal, Kuwait, Vol. 30, No. 114, 2003. (Co-authored)
- Economic Education Returns for Human Capital Investment in Saudi Arabia Colleges, Arab Economic Research Journal, Cairo, 2005. (Co-authored)

♦ In English:

- The Classical, Kenyesian, and Monetarist Theories of Unemployment: Are They Adequate for LDC's? Journal of Economic and Administration Sciences, UAE University, Al-Ain, UAE, No. 13, Dec. 1997.
- The Classical Labor Supply Curve: Is Keynes Critique of This Schedule Still Valid? Journal of King Saud University

(Administrative Science), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Vol. 12, No.2, 2000.

- Regional Development in Saudi Arabia and Its Planning Regions: An Overview, Published in Grand University Symposium (Administrative Sciences) Publication, 16-27 Oct. 1999.
- Determinants of Government Labor Demand in the GCC States, Journal of King Saud University (Administrative Science), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Vol. 15, No.2, 2003.

BOOKS:

- Labor Economics - in Arabic, 2003. (A text book for senior undergraduate and graduate students.)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC WORK:

- A Study: Macroeconometrics Model for the GCC States, 1999. (Supervision).
- A study: "The Outlook of Saudi Arabia Economy: 1998- 2020, 1998 (Co-authored).
- A Study: "Saudiazing" The Private Sector Labor in Saudi Arabia, 1998 (Supervision in Arabic).
- A Study: The Islamic Bank's Role in Developing the Private Sectors in the GCC States, 1999. (Co-authored and supervision - In Arabic).
- A Study: A Strategic Planning for Developing Arriyadh Region, Arriyadh Development Agency, 2005-2007 (Coauthored).
- A Study: A Strategic Planning for Developing Arriyadh City, Arriyadh Development Agency, 1998-2000 (Co-authored).
- Report: The GCC Economic Bulettin, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th issues, (Co-authored and supervision).
- Report: "Establishment and Labor Survey in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia", 1993. (Co-authored in Arabic).
- Report: Saudi Economy Bi-Annual Report, AlRajhi Bank, several issues (Co-authored and supervision-in Arabic).
- Report: Monthely Newsletter, AlRajhi Bank, several issues (Co-authored and supervision-in English and Arabic).
- Report: Market Weekly Reviw, AlRajhi Bank, several issues (Co-authored and supervision-in English and Arabic).
- Working Paper: "The GCC Economies: Recent Development and Prospects", 1994.
- Working Paper: "Economic Effects of Middle East Peace Agreements on the GCC States: Trade and Industrial Sectors," 1995. (Co-authored).

- Working Paper: How Effective is the GCC in opening up the economies of the GCC states to the world, 2002.
- Working Paper: Structural Economic changes in Saudi Arabia during Economic Booms Eras, presented at 2006 Saudi Urban Society Conference, Riyadh, 2006.
- Working Paper: Expected Effects of Economic Cities on Saudi Arabia Labour Market, presented at the First Saudi Urban Forum, The New Economic Cities: Vision and Ambitions, Organized by Saudi Urban Society, 2007.
- Article: The Financial Market in Saudi Arabia, 2002.
- Book: Economic and Financial Institutions in the GCC States, Kuwait, Kuwait Investment Company, 2006 (Coauthored and Supervision).

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

- Regional Science Association International, Chicago, the USA, Nov. 1992. (Participant)
- Annual Meetings for the Saudi Economic Association, since 1993, (Participant, Discussant and presenting a paper).
- Third Kuwaitis Economists Conference, Kuwait, April 1997. (Presenting a paper). Fourth Annual Workshops of the Network EU-LDC Trade Capital Relations, "Multilateralism and Regionalism in the Post- Uruguay Round Era: What Role for the EU? Rotterdam, The Netherlands, May 1997. (Participant).
- Asian outlook conference towards the GCC States, Abu Dhabi: the UAE, Nov. 1997. (Participant and Discussant).
- International Conference on Globalization: Challenges and Opportunities in Arabic Countries, Iran and Turkey, Kuwait, 1997. (Participant).
- Riyadh City Economic Issues Workshop, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1997. (Presenting a paper).
- Riyadh City Future Outlook Special Workshop, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1998. (Participant and Discussant).
- Fourth Kuwaitis Economists Conference, Kuwait, April 1999. (Participant).
- Western Economic Association 74th Annual Meeting, San-Diego, the USA, July 1999. (Presenting a paper).
- The Thirteen Arab Economists Conference, Jadidah, Morocco, March 2000. (Presenting a paper).
- The Role of GCC National Labor Force in Social and Economic Development (Symposium), Doha, Qatar, April 2000. (Presenting a paper).
- The Economies of the GCC Conference, King Faisal University, Al-ahsa, 13-15 Feb., 2001. (Presenting a paper).

- Fifth Kuwait's Economists Conference, Kuwait, April, 2001. (Presenting a paper).
- Qatar and Road Towards Globalization (Symposium), Doha, Qatar, March 2002. (Presenting a paper).
- Policies for Gulf Cooperation Council Countries (Symposium), Doha, Qatar, April 2004. (Presenting a paper).
- The Economic Research Forum of the Middle East and Iran and Turkey (ERF), the 8th annual conference, Morocco, 2003. (Participant).
- The Economic Research Forum of the Middle East and Iran and Turkey (ERF), the 10th annual conference, Cairo, 2005. (Participant).
- Booms and Structural Changes of Saudi Arabian Economy, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 15-16 March 2006. (Presenting a paper).
- International Energy Forum, the 10th Conference for Oil Ministers and CEOs of International Oil Companies, Doha, 21- 24 April, 2006. (Participation and Organizer).
- The Economic Research Forum of the Middle East and Iran and Turkey (ERF), the 11th annual conference, Kuwait, 2006. (Participant).
- 2006 International Conference of International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE), Potsdam, Germany, June 2006. (Participant).
- 2007 European Conference of International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE), Florence, Italy, June 2007. (Participant).
- The First Saudi Urban Forum, The New Economic Cities: Vision and Ambitions, Saudi Urban Society, 2-4 April, 2007.(Presenting a paper).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEE WORKS:

Academic Councils

- A member: The Council of King Saud University, (2003-2005).
- A Member: The Council of Graduate Studies, King Saud University, (1999-2003).
- A member: The Council of Economic Department, King Saud University, (1993- present).
- A member: The Council of Business Administration College, King Saud University. (1995 - 1997 and 1997-1999).
- A member and a Secretary: The Council of Girls Studies Center, King Saud University. (1995-1999).
- A member and a Secretary: The Council of Saudi Economic Association (1995-1997).

Academic Committees:

- A member: Students Affairs Committee, Administrative Science College, King Saud University (1995).

- A member: Exams Affairs Committee, Administrative Science College, King Saud University (1995, 1997, 1998).
- A member: Curriculum Committee, Administrative Science College, King Saud University (1993-1995).
- A member: Saudi Universities Deans of Graduate Studies Committee, Ministry of Higher Education, Saudi Arabia University (since 2003).
- A member of other committees for specific assignment at Administrative Science College and at King Saud University.
- Supervisor and a Committee member for Several Master Thesis.

JOURNAL AND SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION:

- Editor: Economic Studies, Saudi Economic Association (2009-present).
- Associate Editor: Economic Studies, Saudi Economic Association (2000-2008).
- A member: Economic Studies, Saudi Economic Association (1999-2000).
- A research associate: the Economic Research Forum of the Middle East and Iran and Turkey (ERF), (2002- present).
- A member: The Arab Society for Economic Research (1997-present).
- A member: Western Economic Association (1999- present).
- A member: American Economic Association (1992- 1996).
- A member: Regional Science Association International (1991-1994).
- A member: Saudi Economic Association (1992- present).

CONSULTANCIES OFFERED

- A Consultant for the Statistical Bureau, Ministry of Finance and National Economy, 1993-1995.
- A Consultant for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretariat, 1995-2003.
- A Consultant for Alrajhi Bank, 2003
- A member of the Training Committee, Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, 1995.
- A member of the Labor Force and Training Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 1995-1997.
- A member of the Labor Force National Committee, Saudi Chamber of Commerce Secretariat, 1997.
- A member of the Consulting Committee for Arriyad City Strategic Plan, High Commission for the Development of Arriyad, 1997-1999.
- A referee for Several Scientific Research and Reports,
- Academic and Government Agencies.

- A member and a Chair of Several Committees and Councils

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- Director of Finance and Administration, International Energy Forum Secretariat, 2005-2006.
- Dean, Collage of Graduate Studies, King Saud University, 2003-2005.
- Acting-Dean, Collage of Graduate Studies, King Saud University, 2003.
- Vice-Dean, Collage of Graduate Studies, King Saud University, 1999-2003.
- Chairman, Economics Department, King Saud University, 1995 - 1997 and 1997 - 1999.

Personnel Details

Date of Birth : 08-12-1961

Marital status : Married, Four Children

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