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### Education

- **Ph.D. in Public Policy, Oregon State University- School of Public Policy (2020)**
- **Master of Public Policy (MPP) with Honors, the American University in Cairo (2015)**
- **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship, University of Washington in Seattle (2013-2014)**
- **Post Graduate Diploma in Parliamentary Studies, Cairo University (2011)**
- **Post Graduate Diploma in Civil Society and Human Rights, Cairo University (2010)**
- **BSc of Political Science, Cairo University (2004)**

### Publications

1. **Mohamed Elkaramany** (2025). The potential impacts of updating the Thrifty Food Plan on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Directions for policy research, *Journal of Poverty and Public Policy* <https://doi.org/10.1002/pop4.70003>
2. **Mohamed Elkaramany** (2025). The implications of depoliticization of political parties. *Democracy Magazine* (In Arabic-nonblind peer review)
3. **Mohamed Elkaramany** (2025). The relationship between personal initiative and social entrepreneurship, *Democracy Magazine* (In Arabic-nonblind peer review).
4. **Mohamed Elkaramany**. Survival for the fittest: How large nonprofits weathered Egypt's economic storm. (Working paper- Targeted journal: Journal of nonprofit management and leadership).
5. Mai Mahmoud, Sikandra Kurdi, **Mohamed Elkaramany**. Targeting of food aid programs (Working Paper).
6. Kibrom A. Abay, Lina Abdelfattah, **Mohamed Elkaramany**, Dalia Elsabbagh & Sikandra Kurdi (2023). Nutrition-Sensitive food distribution amidst inflationary shock Evidence from a randomized intervention in Egypt. *IFPRI Discussion Paper* 02218. [https://cgspace.cgiar.org/bitstream/handle/10568/135820/p15738coll2\\_137031.pdf?sequence=1](https://cgspace.cgiar.org/bitstream/handle/10568/135820/p15738coll2_137031.pdf?sequence=1)
7. **Mohamed Elkaramany** (2023). Ahead of the Curve: How Oregon succeeded in enrolling all eligible households in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, *Journal of Hunger & Environmental Nutrition*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19320248.2023.2211973>
8. **Mohamed Elkaramany** & Mark Edwards (2023). Political party and policy choices: Explaining state variation in SNAP participation, *Journal of Poverty*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10875549.2023.2201694>
9. **Mohamed Elkaramany** (2023). The Role of civil development work in supporting Egypt's food security, *Democracy Magazine* (In Arabic- nonblind peer review).
10. **Mohamed Elkaramany** & Mark Edwards (2022). State policy effects on the suppression of CalFresh participation rates, *Journal of Poverty*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10875549.2022.2065560>
11. **Mohamed Elkaramany** (2022). Geographical Indications: An Overview. In Ramadan, N., E (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Egyptian Traditional Foods, Volume II*.

## **Work History**

### **The American University in Cairo, the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy**

**Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Administration**

*July 2025- Present*

**Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Policy**

*September 2021- June 2025*

- Instructor: PPAD 5222 (Fundamentals of Financial Planning and Management for Government and Nonprofits Organizations): a core course in the Master of Public Policy Program- Offered in Fall.
- Instructor: PPAD 5132 (Social and Environmental Policy): a core course in the Master of Public Policy Program- Offered in Spring
- Course Designer and Instructor: PPAD 5169 (Issues in Social Entrepreneurship)- Offered in Spring

### **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)**

#### **Early Childhood Development Program**

**Co- Principal Investigator**

*February 2022- Present*

- Contributing to the RCT research design (developing the theory of change, research questions, conducting program needs assessment, determining the scope of intervention, conducting literature review).
- Identifying and developing survey instruments to measure food insecurity and malnutrition among children.
- Reviewing the program design and logical framework with J-PAL team
- Coordinating the implementation of the program with multiple stakeholders.

### **The Egyptian Food Bank (EFB)**

**Founding Director, Growth Lab Department**

*July 2021- Present*

- Leading the establishment of the department including developing its objectives, functions, work plans, staffing requirements, outputs, budget, and KPIs.
- Providing thought leadership to modernize the institution's mindset and transform it into an evidence based, impact driven and cost-effective oriented organization.
- Launching and overseeing the agriculture empowerment platform in the Egyptian Food Bank including several projects to enhance land productivity and improve crop quality.
- Mainstreaming research and evidence-based approaches in the EFB's operations and programs.
- Revising all EFB's programs and projects to improve their design, implementation mechanisms, and developing food insecurity and malnutrition measurement tools to assess and evaluate program performance and impact.
- Developing the programmatic work plan of the organization.
- Leading the organization's partnership strategy and communications with research institutions, international NGOs, and international organizations to align strategic food policy issues and identify areas of collaboration.
- Contributing to research design and write ups, and developing survey instruments and tools.
- Negotiating EFB's involvement and participation in national food security and social development programs with government stakeholders.
- Leading and coaching a team of senior program officers and senior researchers in developing project designs, logical frameworks, funding proposals, M&E frameworks and impact evaluation research designs.

## **Moharram & Partners| Public Affairs & Strategic Communications**

### **Vice President for Public Policy**

*January 2021- July 2021*

- Provided the overall strategic vision and guidance to the company's public policy functions.
- Enhanced, implemented, and expanded the organizational vision; and provided thought leadership.
- Managed a portfolio of 20+ clients including giant tech companies in Egypt.
- Identified policy priorities and areas of proactive engagement of private sector companies with different stakeholders including the establishment of business to government partnerships.
- Advised clients on strategic policy issues, formulating positions towards policy developments, government engagement strategies, and developing tactics to influence legislative frameworks.
- Supervised and contributed to developing various legislative, policy and regulatory analysis reports pertaining to the business sector.
- Engaged with government entities in policy dialogues pertaining to private sector development and worked with clients to establish industry coalitions to advocate for policy reforms.
- Worked with the CEO to drive organizational and business development.

## **Oregon State University**

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*September 2016- September 2020*

**Instructor:** PS 446- Global Food Policy and Politics  
PS 346 - Middle East Politics  
PS 476- Science and Politics  
PS 345- Politics of Developing Nations

## **The Ministry of International Cooperation in Egypt**

### **The Minister's Technical Office**

#### **Senior Program Officer**

*February 2009- September 2016*

- Managed the cooperation portfolios between the Government of Egypt and regional financing institutions, such as the Islamic Development Bank, African Development Bank, and Saudi Fund for Development, comprising 25+ mega projects in power generation, rural development, irrigation, agriculture and MSMEs.
- Coordinated with various government entities (such as the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Planning and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to approve and ratify loan, grant, technical assistance, and trade finance agreements.
- Negotiated more than 30 financial agreements concluded between the Government and financial institutions and oversaw the fulfillment of internal legal and constitutional requirements.
- Reviewed and amended funding proposals to ensure their coherence and feasibility, as well as their alignment with the government's priority agenda.
- Conducted innumerable policy memos and briefs presented to the Cabinet of Ministers, the President's office, and the People's Assembly to explain and promote development programs.
- Participated in the preparation of several country strategy papers in collaboration with government stakeholders, the private sector and foreign development partners.
- Followed up closely with government entities on the timely implementation of projects' activities, disbursement of funds and procurement of goods and services.
- Developed numerous talking points to the Minister of International Cooperation during high level meetings, as well as opening speeches delivered in international conferences.
- Represented the government of Egypt in international conferences and annual meetings of International Financing Institutions.

**The National Council for Women in Egypt**  
**Women Political Empowerment Project**  
**Program Officer**

*May 2006- August 2008*

- Planned and organized training workshops for women candidates running for elections on the national and local levels.
- Analyzed social and cultural barriers hampering women political participation and suggesting actions to be taken to ensure fair representation of women in elected bodies.
- Established networks among politically active women from political parties, NGOs and labor syndicates to help advocate for women political participation.
- Provided advice and mentorship in areas of political campaigning and communication with the electorate for 100+ women candidates in local council elections.
- Liaised with media outlets to cover the project's events, promote women political participation, as well as to highlight women's achievements and success stories.
- Developed periodic progress reports submitted to the Netherlands Embassy in Egypt.

**Al Shorouk Daily Newspaper**  
**Columnist**

*June 2013- Present*

I regularly contribute research-based op-eds pieces (in Arabic) on issues related to politics, social justice and public policy.

<http://www.shorouknews.com/columns/Mohammed-Qormani>

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