Said Tifaoui

Ph.D in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development

Summary

Originally from Africa, I studied in Europe and I am now working for a Canadian NGO (Oxfam Québec) in Latin America (Bolivia). I have acquired skills that allow me to work in multicultural and multinational environments.

Personal Information

Born April 13, 1981 in Draa El Mizan, Algeria, Male, Single, No Children.

Key qualifications

- **Technical skills**
  - Specialized in analysing large datasets and solving complex problems
  - Skills in paper and proposal writing for scientific research
- **Competencies**
  - Meticulous project and time management
  - Excellent written and verbal communication skills in Arabic, English, French, German, and Spanish

Education (University)

12.2011–07.2016   **Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development**, Georg-August University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany.
Ph.D thesis: "The influence of scale on the measurement of vertical price transmission".
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel.

12.2011–12.2013   **M.Sc. in Economics and Applied Statistics**, *Quantitative Finance*, École Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Économie Appliquée , Algeria.
Master of science thesis : "Non-oil exports and economic growth in Algeria".
Supervisor: Dr. Ratiba Harizi.

10.2009–11.2011   **M.Sc. in Agro-food Marketing**, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMZ), Zaragoza, Spain.
Master of science thesis: "Muslim immigrant's attitudes and perceptions towards Halal meat consumption in Spain".
Supervisor:Prof. José Maria Gil Roig.

09.2001–06.2006   **B.Sc. in Planning and Statistics**, *Actuarial Finance*, École Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Économie Appliquée, Algiers, Algeria.
Bachlor of science thesis : "Le commerce extérieur comme moteur de la croissance économique en Algérie".
Supervisor: Dr. Ghania Saidi

Professional experience record (projects)

09.2016–Present   **Consultant**, *Oxfam International*, Riberalta, Bolivia.
Project: Empresas Que Cambian Vidas. I provide technical assistance and training for the Centro de Investigación y Promoción del Campesinado.
- I investigate the market potential of tropical fruits in Bolivia
- I work on women's empowerment in promoting agroforestry systems
- I work with young people to develop sustainable agroforestry systems
- I participate in project monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for Oxfam in Bolivia

03.2011–Present   **Freelance & data analyst**, *Statistics & Applied Economics Consulting and LIRUE-ENSSEA*, Algiers, Algeria.
- I provide consultancies regarding agriculture and rural development
- I investigate the topic of non-oil exports and GDP growth in Algeria
- I participate in proposal writing for grants at Upwork freelance platform.

02.2015–05.2016   **Research Associate**, *Chair of Agricultural Policy, Department of Agricultural Economics, Georg-August University of Göttingen*, Germany.
Project: The influence of scale on the measurement of vertical price transmission.
- I investigated the effect of data aggregation on vertical price transmission processes
- I established the factors that explain asymmetries in vertical price transmission at the disaggregated retail store level
- I investigated the determinants of retail marketing margins at the disaggregated retail store level

12.2014–01.2015   **Consultant**, *International Council for Quality Care*, USA.
Project: evaluation of physicians' performance based on staff feedback.
- I analysed data obtained from survey Monkey
- I established some indicators to help in evaluating physicians's performance

12.2014–01.2015   **Consultant**, *HEWO Internetmarketing*, Berlin, Germany.
Project: Survey data analysis of comsumer preferences for car attributes
- I did analysed survey data on consumer's preferences for car attributes
- I made an excel template for ranking consumer's preferences for car attributes

12.2011–11.2014   **Research associate**, *Research Training Group 1644 Scaling Problems in Statistics, Georg-August University of Göttingen*, Germany.
Project: Consistent modelling of vertical price transmission processes at different levels of spatial disaggregation.
- I worked on large datasets (scanner data) of two million observations
- I worked within a multidisciplinary team in collaborative projects
- I created a database ready for use by second and third cohort phd students
- I contributed in increasing public awareness of scaling problems in statistics by active participation in research seminars and colloquium.

04.2013–05.2013   **Internship**, *Laval University*, Québec, Canada.
- I received a sponsorship from the CIHEAM to visit the CREATE at Laval University
- I initiated collaborative projects with CREATE

09.2010–11.2011   **Research assistant**, *Center for Agro-food Economy and Development (CREDA-UPC-IRTA)*, Barcelona, Spain.
Project:"Determinants of halal meat consumptions in Spain"
- I investigated the determinants of Halal niche markets in Spain
- I did field work to collect data on Halal meat consumption in Spain
- I evaluated consumers's willingess to pay for certified Halal products in Barcelona

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Language Skills

- Excellent Arabic language skills. Writing and oral communication skills are perfect.
- Excellent French language skills. Writing and oral communication skills are perfect.
- Very good English language skills. Writing and oral communication skills are excellent.
- Good Spanish language skills. Writing and oral communication skills are very good.
- Intermediate German language skills. Writing and oral communication skills are functional.

Computer skills

Programming	R, SPSS, Stata, WinBugs, and C++.
Database	MySQL.
Operating systems	Windows XP/Seven, 8, and 10.
Software	Microsoft Office, Latex, and LibreOffice.

Funding and scholarships

12.2011 – 11.2014	I received a funding for my three years PhD research project from the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft).
10.2009 – 11.2011	I won excellence scholarship for the best candidates from the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) state members. Funding for my master of science studies in Agro-food marketing.
10.2006 – 06.2007	I won a competitive scholarship from the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Funding for post-graduate studies (Magistère) in economics and applied statistics.
10.2001 – 06.2006	I received a scholarship from the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Funding for bachelor of science studies in planning and statistics.

Awards

2012	CIHEAM Prize for the best master of science thesis for year 2011.

Peer reviewed publications

Tifaoui, S and von Cramon-Taubadel, S, 2016. "Factors explaining the findings of vertical price transmission from wholesale to retail prices". Submitted.

Tifaoui, S, 2016. "The influence of scale of the measurement of vertical price transmission." Ph.D thesis. Available at : `http://hdl.handle.net/11858/00-1735-0000-002B-7C01-1`

Tifaoui, S and von Cramon-Taubadel, S., 2016. "Temporary Sales Prices and Asymmetric Price Transmission", Agribusiness: An International Journal, DOI: 10.1002/agr.21465.

Tifaoui, S, 2011. "Muslim immigrants' attitudes and perceptions towards Halal meat in Spain". Master thesis. Available at: `http://agris.fao.org/agris-search/search.do?recordID=QC2013600120`

Conferences, seminars, and workshops

Tifaoui, S., and von Cramon-Taubadel, S., 2015. Factors explaining the findings of asymmetric vertical price transmission in hierarchical data. Talk. 148th EAAE Seminar: "Does Europe need a Food Policy?",Brussels,Belgium, 30 November - 2 December.

Tifaoui, S., and von Cramon-Taubadel, S., 2015. The impact of scale on the measurement of vertical price transmission.Poster. 6th EAAE PhD Workshop, Department of Economics of Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy, 8-10 June.

Tifaoui, S., and von Cramon-Taubadel, S., 2015. Temporary sales prices and findings of asymmetric vertical price transmission in scanner data". Talk. 89th Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Society, University of Warwick, England.

Tifaoui, S., and Hanss, S., 2014. Heterogeneity in price changes. Summer School of the RTG Scaling Problems in Statistics. 16-18 October 2014. Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany.

Tifaoui, S., 2014. Heterogeneity in price changes. RTG Scaling Problems in Statistics Symposium in Mixed Models and Spatial Statistics. 22-23 September 2014. Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany.

Tifaoui, S., and Schulze Bisping,C., 2013. Consistent modelling of vertical price transmission(VPT): Sales and Reference prices. Summer School of the RTG Scaling Problems in Statistics. 21-22 November 2013. Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany.

Tifaoui, S., Manitz, J., and von Cramon-Taubadel, S., 2012. Consistent modelling of vertical price transmission: the impact of data aggregation. Summer School of the RTG Scaling Problems in Statistics. 27-28 October 2012. Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany.

Tifaoui, S., and von Cramon-Taubadel, S., 2012. Link between the adjustment parameters from a VPT model using aggregated data and the adjustment parameters using disaggregated data. Research Seminar on Semi parametric mixed models. 23-24 February 2012. Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany.

Tifaoui, S., Costa-Font, M., and Gil, J.M., 2012. Certified Halal meat consumption among Muslim immigrants in Spain: A structural equation modelling approach. Contributed Paper presented at the 86th annual conference of the Agricultural Economics Society, University of Warwick, England, 16 - 18 April.

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