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About

After completing a PhD in Economics (University of Paris Nanterre, France), Sami Bensassi joined the University Jaume I (Spain) in 2009. During the period he passed in Spain, he led a research project on the impact of maritime trade on the Mediterranean countries for the Center for Research on the Mediterranean Economies (CREMED). In 2012, Sami started lecturing at the University of Portsmouth. He won an award for his research on the Barcelona process and on modern maritime piracy. Sami joined the Birmingham Business School in January 2013.

Qualifications

Université Toulouse I; B.A in Economics

Université Panthéon Sorbonne (Paris I); M.A – Development Economics, International Trade

Université Paris X Nanterre; PhD, Economics – thesis: “The development nd the organization of the logistic sector: A neo-institutional analysis.”

Teaching

Sami has taught International Business, Development Economics and International Trade.

Research

- The role of institutions in the economic development of the Middle East and North African region
- The impact of modern maritime piracy on International Trade and the link between the historical development of inclusive institutions and merchant communities in seventeenth century Europe.

Publications

“Economic Integration and The Two Margins of Trade: An Application to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreements”, with Laura Marquez-Ramos and Inmaculada Martinez-Zarzoso , Journal of African Economies, November 2011. F10, F14

“From Regional to Intercontinental Trade: The Successive European Trade Empires from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century in Asia”, History Research, June 2012.

“How Costly is Modern Maritime Piracy for the International Community? with Inmaculada Martinez-Zarzoso, Review of International Economics, November 2012. F10, F51

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