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**ADDRESS:**

Department of Economics  
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**CITIZENSHIP:** Morocco, Tunisia, US permanent resident.

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:** Public Finance, Behavioral Economics

**EMPLOYMENT:**

|   |                                 |                |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------|
| UCLA                                      | Assistant Professor - Economics | 2016 – present |
| California Center for Population Research | Faculty Affiliate               | 2016 – present |
| NBER                                      | Faculty Research Fellow         | 2017 – present |

**VISITS**

|                                    |                               |                |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| University of Michigan – Ann Arbor | Office of Tax Policy Research | September 2017 |
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**EDUCATION:**

UC Berkeley: PhD in Economics, 2016.  
*Dissertation committee: Emmanuel Saez, Alan Auerbach and Stefano DellaVigna.*  
Paris School of Economics: MA in Economics, 2010.  
HEC – Paris: MSc in Management, 2009.

**FORTHCOMING:**

Benzarti, Youssef and Carloni, Dorian “Who Really Benefits From Consumption Tax Cuts? Evidence From a Large VAT Cut in France.” **AEJ: Economic Policy**, Forthcoming. NBER Working Paper No. 23848.

**WORKING PAPERS:**

Benzarti, Youssef “How Taxing Is Tax Filing? Using Revealed Preferences to Estimate Compliance Costs.” NBER Working Paper No. 23903.

Benzarti, Youssef; Carloni, Dorian; Harju, Jarkko; Kosonen, Tuomas “What Goes Up May Not Come Down: Asymmetric Pass-through of Value Added Taxes” NBER Working Paper No. 23849.

Benzarti, Youssef “Should I Stay Or Should I Go? The Migration Patterns of High-Skilled Workers: Evidence From Alumni Databases.” Working Paper.

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

Benzarti, Youssef and Tazhitdinova, Alisa “Do Value-Added Taxes Affect International Trade: Evidence From 20 Years of Tax Reforms.”

Benzarti, Youssef “Meritocratic Dynasties: Evidence From Exam Results of Descendants of the French Nobility.”

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

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| 2016       | Best Paper at the Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics  |
| 2016       | California Center for Population Research Junior Faculty Course Release Program   |
| 2016       | Outstanding Doctoral Dissertations in Government Finance and Taxation Award – Honorable Mention, National Tax Association |
| 2016       | Department of Economics Graduate Student Award for Public Policy Research, UC Berkeley                                    |
| 2015       | Center for Equitable Growth Fellowship, Doctoral Completion Fellowship  |
| 2014       | Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics  |
| 2014       | Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance Fellowship   |
| 2013       | Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley  |
| 2014, 2011 | Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley  |
| 2011       | Gateway Fellowship, UC Berkeley International House   |
| 2010       | Sandler Fellowship  |
| 2010, 2011 | Department Fellowship, UC Berkeley Department of Economics  |

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2018 University of Oregon.
- 2017 NBER Summer Institute Public Finance/Labor Studies, Columbia Law School, Cornell, Georgetown, Claremont Graduate School, Cal Poly State University, University of Victoria, University of Warwick, London School of Economics, Institute for Fiscal Studies, University College London, AEA Annual Meetings, Arizona State University, Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics, UCSD, UCLA Law School.
- 2016 UCLA, Princeton, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, University of Toronto, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Mathematica, Paris School of Economics (PSE PSI seminar), NTA, University of Michigan, IIPF, NYU/UCLA Tax Policy Symposium.
- 2015 U.S. Department of the Treasury, SITE Psychology and Economics (Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics), National Tax Association, Canadian Public Economics Group, Aarhus University, Bay Area Labor and Public Finance Conference, UC Berkeley Public Finance and Psychology and Economics Seminars, McMaster University.
- 2014 Tax Systems Conference (University of Michigan and University of Oxford), Paris 2 (CRED), ENSAE (CREST).
- 2013 UC Berkeley Psychology and Economics Non-Lunch Seminar.
- 2012 UC Berkeley Public Finance and Labor Economics Lunch Seminar.

**TEACHING:**Department of Economics, UCLA:

Graduate Public Finance (Spring 2017, Spring 2018. Average course grade: 9/9, 9/9)

Facts About Inequality (Spring 2018. Average course grade: 5/5)

Undergraduate Microeconomics (Spring 2017 average course grade: 7.52/9)

Applied Micro Seminar (Fall 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2018)

Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

Undergraduate Game Theory (Summer 2013)

**SERVICE:**Department of Economics, UCLA

Graduate Admission Committee (2018).

**REFEREE SERVICE:**

American Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics. Oxford Economic Papers.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate).

Affiliations: American Economic Association, National Tax Association, National Geographic Society.