

Jalal Dahham

BScEcon, MPS, PhD

Senior Economic Advisor | Health Economics & HTA Expert | Policy & Strategy Specialist

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Professional Summary

Senior Economic Advisor and Health Economist with over 18 years of experience spanning government, academia, and consultancy across the MENA region and Europe. Expertise includes health technology assessment (HTA), economic evaluations, budget impact analysis, cost-of-illness studies, health-related quality of life assessment, market access, and evidence generation to support evidence-informed healthcare and policy decision-making. Extensive experience in economic diplomacy, economic political analysis, strategic advisory, and navigating complex policy environments through multi-stakeholder engagement involving governments, healthcare institutions, international organizations, and the private sector.

Active researcher affiliated with Maastricht University and the National Institute of Public Health, Clinical Epidemiology and Toxicology (INSPECT-LB), serving as Coordinator of the Health Economics Division at INSPECT-LB, with a track record of peer-reviewed publications, international collaborations, consultancy assignments, and invited speaking engagements. Academic contributions include PhD co-supervision, guest lecturing, and reviewing for leading journals in health economics and outcomes research. Also serving as an Editorial Review Board Member for Emerald Publishing's *Global Smart Food Systems* and as a member of the ISPOR Lebanon Chapter.

Core Expertise

- Health Technology Assessment (HTA) & Economic Evaluation (CEA, CUA, BIA)
- Economic Burden of Illness & Population Health Research
- Health Policy Development & Health Systems Analysis
- Healthcare Costing, Outcomes Research & HRQoL Assessment
- Market Access, Value Demonstration & Evidence Generation
- Strategic Advisory & Economic Diplomacy
- Multi-Stakeholder Engagement (Government, Academia, Healthcare Institutions)

Professional Experience

Senior Economic and Commercial Advisor (Jul 2015 - Present)

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in the State of Qatar

- Leading economic policy analysis and providing strategic advisory support to the Dutch government in Qatar across trade, healthcare, digitalization, and sports sectors.
- Advising senior government stakeholders and facilitating bilateral initiatives that generated partnerships and commercial opportunities across healthcare, digitalization, and innovation sectors.
- Monitoring and assessing macroeconomic and geopolitical developments, producing high-level policy briefs and strategic insights for decision-makers.
- Managing strategic portfolios spanning healthcare, digitalization, sports, and trade, supporting numerous Dutch companies entering or expanding in Qatar.
- Facilitating partnerships and market access opportunities between Dutch and Qatari stakeholders, with a focus on strategic sectors including healthcare and digitalization.
- Designing and coordinating economic diplomacy initiatives and high-level engagements, including state visits involving senior government and private sector stakeholders.
- Engaging with key national stakeholders, including the Ministry of Public Health, Primary Health Care Corporation, Hamad Medical Corporation, and academic institutions, contributing to policy dialogue, sectoral initiatives, and healthcare system collaborations.

Independent Consultant in Health Economics, HTA and Market Access

(Various clients and academic collaborations | 2019 – Present)

- Supporting health policy, market access, and evidence-based decision-making across public and private sector stakeholders.
- Leading and delivering health economics and HTA projects, including cost-of-illness studies, economic evaluations (CEA, CUA, BIA), and methodological framework development.
- Advising ministries of health, academic institutions, international organizations, and pharmaceutical companies on evidence generation and value demonstration strategies.
- Providing training and capacity-building on health economics methodologies and their application in policy and decision-making.

Health Economics Researcher (Jan 2019 – Present)

Maastricht University, Care and Public Health Research Institute (CAPHRI), Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, The Netherlands

[Maastricht Health Economics & Technology Assessment Centre/ ISPOR-SC](#)

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/maastrichttheta/affiliates>

- Leading and contributing to research on economic burden of disease, health system impact, and economic evaluation of healthcare interventions.
- Publishing and contributing to peer-reviewed research and international collaborations in health economics and outcomes research.

Researcher and Coordinator, Health Economics Division (Dec 2023 – Present)

INSPECT-LB (Institut National de Santé Publique, d'Épidémiologie Clinique et de Toxicologie-Liban) [Jalal Dahham – INSPECT-LB](#)

- Contributing to national and regional discussions on health economics and policy development.
- Leading and coordinating health economics research programs, focusing on policy relevant evidence generation and methodological development.
- Overseeing research activities, collaborations, and outputs within the health economics division.

Editorial Review Board Member (Dec 2024 – Present)

Global Smart Food Systems - Gold Open Access Journal - Emerald Publishing, England, United Kingdom

[Global smart food systems | Emerald Publishing](#)

Current Additional Academic Activities:

- PhD Co-Supervisor at Maastricht University, overseeing a PhD candidate's research in health economics.
- Visiting Guest Lecturer at Lebanese American University, Qatar University, Lebanese University, and other prestigious institutions.
- Reviewer for peer-reviewed journals, including *PharmacoEconomics*, *Expert Review of Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research*, and *PharmacoEconomics - Open*.

Project Manager (Jul 2011 - Jun 2015)**Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in the State of Qatar**

- Managed the implementation of the national ICT investment strategy, supporting Qatar's digital transformation agenda.
- Coordinated multi-stakeholder engagement across government and private sector entities to advance strategic ICT initiatives.
- Contributed to the establishment and development of the QITCOM Exhibition and Conference as a national platform for ICT investment and innovation

CRM Project Leader (May 2008 - Feb 2010)**MedGulf Insurance & Reinsurance Company, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

- Developed an automated contact center that supports multichannel communication

Freelance Content Developer (Apr 2009 - Jan 2010)**Motion Institute, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

- Developed a CRM Professional Certification Program

Internal Audit Officer (Nov 2005 - Jun 2007)**MedGulf Insurance & Reinsurance Company, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

- Applied internal audit procedures to facilitate the acquisition of the company's IPO license

Education & Qualifications**PhD in Health Economics**

Maastricht University, Care and Public Health Research Institute (CAPHRI), Faculty of Health Medicine and Life Sciences, The Netherlands

January 2019 - October 2023

Dissertation title and link: [Economic burden of multiple sclerosis in low- and middle-income countries: a case study from Lebanon — Maastricht University](#)

Part of the PhD project was in collaboration with Nehme and Therese Tohme Multiple Sclerosis Centre at the American University of Beirut Medical Centre.

Masters degree in Economics & Management

ISEM (Ecole Universitaire de formation de haut niveau au Management des entreprises),
Université Montpellier I, France
2007 - 2008

Bachelor's degree in Economics

Lebanese University, Lebanon
2001 - 2005

Selected Speaking Engagements and Conference Presentations

Invited Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, National Conference for the Development of the Lebanese Medical Tourism Strategy, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK), Lebanon, February 2026.
- Speaker, Unlocking the Power of Health Economics, Lebanese American University, Lebanon, January 2025, delivered in collaboration with academics from various faculties.
- Keynote Speaker, Health Technology Assessment and Health Economics Training Course for pharmaceutical and healthcare decision-makers, Lebanon, October 2024.
- Speaker, Health Economics Methodologies for Assessing the Economic Burden of Illnesses, Qatar University, September 2024.
- Speaker, Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment Seminar, the College of Health Sciences, Qatar University, April 2024.
- Guest Lecturer, Master's in Public Health Program, Lebanese University, July 2022.

Conference Presentations:

- Presented findings from two studies on the societal costs of multiple sclerosis and cost valuation in crisis settings at the 14th Lowlands Health Economic Study Group (LolaHESG), Maastricht, the Netherlands, May 2022.
- Presented research on the economic burden of multiple sclerosis at the International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Congress, July 2021.

Media Contributions, Télé Liban (2024–2025) - Provided expert insights on:

- [Lebanon's economic and financial crises and structural reform priorities](#)
- [The impact of the 2024 war on the healthcare sector and recovery pathways](#)
- [Health economics, healthcare system challenges, and the economic burden of chronic diseases](#)

Publications

Author and co-author of peer-reviewed publications and ongoing manuscripts in health economics and outcomes research, focusing on health technology assessment, economic burden of disease, economic evaluation, quality of life, caregiving, and health policy in Lebanon, Qatar, and other low- and middle-income country settings. Publications and citation metrics are available through Google Scholar and ResearchGate.

[Jalal Dahham - Google Scholar](#)

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Certifications

- Social and Behavioral Research with human subjects, *CITI Program*, August 2024
- Medical Research Lecture Series, Clinical Research Institute (CRI), *American University of Beirut*, March 2024
- Health Economic Evaluation, Health Economics Research Centre (HERC), *University of Oxford*, May 2023
- The Clinical Research Institute Workshop Publishing Your Research, *American University of Beirut*, April 2023
- Decision Modelling for Health Economic Evaluation, *University of York*, July 2022
- Endnote and Reference Management Software, *American University of Beirut*, July 2021
- Introduction to statistical methods for data analysis, *Maastricht University*, December 2020
- Statistics Made Easy, *American University of Beirut*, November 2020
- Online Academic Writing English for Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences PhD students, *Maastricht University*, March 2020
- Scientific Writing & Publishing, *Arab Continuing Dietetic Education*, November 2019
- Trade and Investment Promotion, *Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs*, August 2019
- Health Technology Assessment Crash Course, *Maastricht University*, June 2019
- GDPR & Human Subject Research in the U.S., *CITI Program*, May 2019
- Fundamentals of Project Management, *Spearhead Training*, October 2011

Languages

I am professionally proficient in Arabic and English, and conversationally capable in French.