

Dahab Aglan – 2022 Doctoral School Research Award winner

### **Research visiting at Université Paris Dauphine**

Receiving the Doctoral School Research Award has been a great opportunity for me as it facilitated my research visiting at Université Paris Dauphine in France. I have always wanted to complement my research through a visiting as it represents new opportunities to work and learn from other researchers in my field. I also met researchers from diverse backgrounds and improved my French language skills!

During my visiting, I had the opportunity to work with a senior researcher on a project on violence and mental health. Our goal was to contribute to the growing literature on the economic costs of conflict. Using datasets on Egypt, we brainstormed several potential ideas and mechanisms that we could explore to provide a measure of the mental health costs of violence. What I particularly appreciated during the visiting was the discussion and exchange of ideas with other researchers. This exchange of ideas proved useful as it provides a different perspective on research and can help enhance it further.

I also had the opportunity to present my work on conflict in Iraq to other researchers and obtain constructive feedback on it. Thanks to the Doctoral School Research Award, I was able to support my travel to the university and to also present my work at a conference at Université Clermont Auvergne as part of the International Conference of Development Economics. During the conference, I met researchers from many international universities and learned about new opportunities and research in development economics.

Overall, receiving the Doctoral School Research Award has really enabled me to travel and step out of my comfort zone. By working in a new setting and meeting new and very interesting people, it would not be an overstatement to say that these kinds of experiences really enable you to grow and develop both personally and professionally.