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### **SKILLS**

- Multidisciplinary and advanced academic background in Social Sciences
- Academic and operational research and analysis ability
- Expertise Fields: Global Health Politics; Global Environmental Politics; Civic Education and Leadership; Monitoring of Corporate Social Responsibility; Human Rights...
- Organization and animation of scientific conferences and professional training programs
- Personal Qualities: Intercultural communication and sensitivity to local cultures; Interpersonal and teamwork skills; Ability of adaptation & evolution; International travelling experience.

## **EDUCATION**

- June 2011: Diploma of Aptitude to Supervise PhD Research obtained from the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences of Marrakech. Research report's title: "Sustainable Development, Human Rights and Governance: Toward an Integrated and Holistic Paradigm".
- Jan-May 2011: Civic Education and Leadership Fellowship (CELF), Syracuse University and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse, New York, USA.
- 2003: PhD in Sociology of International Relations (Global Sustainability Politics). Theme: "Multilateral Environmental Negotiations: Towards Global Environmental Governance". Hassan II University- Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences-Casablanca, Morocco.
- 1997: Master of International Relations, Hassan II University- Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences-Casablanca, Morocco.
- 1996: Master of Political sciences, Hassan II University- Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences-Casablanca, Morocco.
- 1995: Bachelor of Public Administration, Hassan II University- Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences-Casablanca, Morocco.

# **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & TRAINING**

- 2011-2012: Invited Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences, Ibn Zohr University, Agadir Morocco (Course: Human Rights in the Arab World / Master of Comparative Studies)
- June 2011: Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Economic and Social Sciences, Ibn Zohr University of Agadir, Morocco
- Jan-May 2011: International Visited Scholar, Syracuse University and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse, New York, USA.
- Dec. 2004-June 2011: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Economic and Social Sciences, Ibn Zohr University of Agadir, Morocco.
- 2006-2009: Invited Professor at the High School of Technology, Ibn Zohr University of Agadir, Morocco (Course: Social Law and International Commercial Law)
- 2006-2009: Invited Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences, Ibn Zohr University, Agadir Morocco (Course: Management of Human Rights at Work)
- 2001-2004: Invited Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences, Hassan II University, Mohammedia, Morocco (Course: World Trade & Social Law)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

 2005: Levi Strauss & Co. Terms of Engagement (TOE), External Monitor Training, Casablanca, Morocco: TOE Overview, Conducting and Assessment, Factory Visit Practicum, Course Summary and Review / Q&A Session. - 2002-2003: Certificate of Social Compliance Monitoring delivered by the WorldWide Ethic Alliance (WethicA Ltd.) after a 7 month-Training in Thailand, Hong Kong, and China.

- From 2004: Lead Social Compliance Monitor and Consultant (Free Lance): Social Monitoring of Global Companies' subcontractors located in MENA Region.
- 2002-2003: Manager of SgT Morocco Local Office (Participation in the conception & implementation of the Company's audit policy and in its quality system management, Communication with European and American Buyers).

### **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

1. Sustainable Agricultural Development: Recent Approaches in Resources Management and Environmentally-Balanced Production Enhancement

Mohamed Behnassi, Shahid A. Shabbir and Joyce D'Silva (eds.)

1st Edition, Springer, 2011, 247pages

ISBN: 978-94-007-0518-0

2. Global Food Insecurity: Rethinking Agricultural and Rural Development Paradigm and Policy

Mohamed Behnassi, Sidney Draggan and Sanni Yaya (eds.)

1st Edition, Springer, 2011, 290 pages

ISBN: 978-94-007-0889-1

3. Health, Environment and Development: Conceptual Approaches and Empirical Studies

Mohamed Behnassi and Azzedine Mekouar (eds.)

Sarrebrück : Editions Universitaires Européennes, 2011, 236 pages

ISBN: 978-613-1-55414-8, 236p.

4. Climate Change, Energy Crisis and Food Insecurity: The World in Quest of a Sustainable Face

Sanni Yaya and Mohamed Behnassi (eds.)

Laval University Press, 2011

ISBN: 978-2-7637-9485-3

5. Agriculture Face to Environmental Change Dynamics: Pathways to Sustainability

Mohamed Behnassi, Shabbir A. Shahid, Nazia Habib-Mintz (eds.)

Springer

6. Vulnerability of Fisheries, Agriculture, and Water to Climate Change: Toward Sustainable Adaptation Strategies

Mohamed Behnassi, Kirit Shelat, Kiyotada Hayashi (eds.)

Springer

7. Sustainable Food Security in the Era of Local and Global Environmental Change

Mohamed Behnassi, Olaf Pollmann, Gabrielle Kissinger (eds.)

Springer

8. Climate Change and Protected Marine Areas: Global South in Quest of a sustainable Model

Marie Bonnin, Mohamed Behnassi and Raymond Laë (eds.)

**IRD Editions** 

Managing the Human Health Effects of Climate Change: A Policy and Research Agenda

Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (eds.)

Cambridge Scholars Publishing

10. Water, Agriculture and Biodiversity in the Context of Climate Change:

**Vulnerabilities and Operational Adaptation Strategies** 

Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (eds.)

Laval University Press,

Papers in Peer-Reviewed Journals









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2012

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- Mohamed Behnassi and Marie Bonnin (2010), « Assessment of Global Environmental and Sustainability Governance from a Developing Country perspective », Les Cahiers du CEDIMES, vol.4, N°2, ISSN: 1954-3859. (in French)

- Mohamed Behnassi (2008), "Transitional Justice: Concept and Lessons Learned from International Experiences", Journal of Law and Political Sciences, No. 1 / 2008, pp: 15-32. (in French)
- Mohamed Behnassi (2008), "Sustainable Tourism: Fundamentals, Indicators and Contribution to the Development of Southern Countries". Journal of Law and Political Sciences, No. 1 / 2008, pp: 15-32. (in French)
- Mohamed Behnassi (2008), "Regulatory Potential of the Socially Responsible Tourism", Moroccan Journal of Local Administration and Development (REMALD), N° 80, pp:77-96. (in French)

### **Chapters in Books**

- Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (2011), Globalization Related Health Issues: Challenges and Benchmarks for Developing World, In M. Behnassi and A. Mekouar (eds.), Health, Environment and Development: Conceptual Approaches and Empirical Studies, Sarrebrück: Editions Universitaires Européennes, ISBN 978-613-1-55414-8, 236p. (In French)
- Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (2011), Healthcare North-South inequalities: What governance for the world of tomorrow? In M. Behnassi and A. Mekouar (eds.), Health, Environment and Development: Conceptual Approaches and Empirical Studies, Sarrebrück: Editions Universitaires Européennes, ISBN 978-613-1-55414-8, 236p. (In French)
- Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (2011), "Food Crisis Mitigation: The Need for a Global Food and Agriculture Governance", in Behnassi M., Draggan S., and Yaya S. (eds.): Global Food Insecurity: Rethinking Agricultural and Rural Development Paradigm and Policy, The Netherlands: Springer, pp:93-125.
- Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (2011), "Land Resource Governance from a Sustainability and Rural Development Perspective", in Behnassi M., Shabbir S.A. and D'Silva J. (eds.), Sustainable Agricultural Development: Recent Approaches in Resources Management and Environmentally-Balanced Production Enhancement, Netherlands: Springer. pp:3-23.
- Mohamed Behnassi et Sanni Yaya (2011), "The promotion of Food Security in a Globalized Economy: The Food Sovereignty as an Alternative", in Yaya S. and Behnassi M. (eds.): Climate Change, Energy Crisis, and Food Insecurity: The World in Quest of a Face, Laval: Laval University Press, pp. 229-253. (In French)
- Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (2010), "Preface: Climate Change and Agriculture: Food Security and Sustainable Development at the Crossroads" in Yaya S. and Behnassi M. (eds.): Climate Change, Energy Crisis, and Food Insecurity: The World in Quest of a Face, Laval: Laval University Press, pp: 1-31. (In French)
- Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (2010), "Postface: Food Challenge- Paths to follow and Precautions to Take" in Yaya S. and Behnassi M. (eds.): Climate Change, Energy Crisis, and Food Insecurity: The World in Quest of a Face, Laval: Laval University Press, pp: 319-340. (In French)
- Sanni YAYA, Mohamed Behnassi, and Samuel Ileka-Priouzeau (2010), "Combining agro-ecology, food security and sustainable development: Issues and Challenges" in Yaya S. and Behnassi M. (eds.): Climate Change, Energy Crisis, and Food Insecurity: The World in Quest of a Face, Laval: Laval University Press, pp: 35-76. (In French)
- Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (2009), "The World Governance Face to North-South Health Inequalities" In Sanni Yaya (ed.), The Challenge of Accessibility and the Health Equity in Third-World: Between Fundamental Law, Social Justice and Mercantilist Logic, Laval University Press (PUL) and Harmattan Edition, pp: 241-266. (In French)
- Mohamed Behnassi & Sanni Yaya (2009), "The Health of the Poor in a Globalized Context: Challenges, Opportunities, and Strategic Choices" in Sanni Yaya (Ed.), The Challenge of Accessibility and the Health Equity in Third-World: Between Fundamental Law, Social Justice and Mercantilist Logic, Laval University Press (PUL) and Harmattan Edition, pp: 269-299. (In French)

# **INVITED SPEAKER IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

- Keynote Speaker, International Conference on "Agriculture for Climate Change, Impacts Management, Community Leadership & Knowledge Economy to strengthen locally relevant mitigation & adaptation", New Delhi, February 2012.

# **ORAL PRESENTATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES**

- Behnassi M. (2011), "Socio-Political Transformations in Arab Countries: Underlying Causes and Prospective Outlook", National Workshop on The Role Of Civic Education and Engagement in Shaping and

Boosting Societal Change in Morocco, organized by NRCS, Faculty of Arts and Letters-Ain Chock of Casablanca, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, (Syracuse University, NY, USA), and the US Department Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF), October 22, Agadir.

- Behnassi M. (2011), "Science-Policy Interaction and Governance for Climate Change: Constraints and Successful Experiences", International Conference on: Climate Change, Agri-Food, Fisheries and Ecosystems: Reinventing Research, Innovation and Policy Agendas for Environmentally- and Socially-Balanced Growth (ICCAFFE2011), May 19-21, Agadir.
- Bonnin M., Behnassi M., Boussaid M. (2011), "Le potentiel régulatoire des dispositifs juridico-institutionnels relatifs aux réserves de biosphère dans un contexte de changements climatiques", International Conference on: Climate Change, Agri-Food, Fisheries and Ecosystems: Reinventing Research, Innovation and Policy Agendas for Environmentally- and Socially-Balanced Growth (ICCAFFE2011), May 19-21, Agadir.
- Halima Ouamouch and Mohamed Behnassi (2011), "Education for Sustainable Development and Civic Engagement: A Developing Country Perspective", XVIIIth International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology on "Human Responsibility & Environmental Change: Planning, Process, and Policy", April 20-23, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Mohamed Behnassi and Halima Ouamouch (2011), "Global Science Governance and Science Diplomacy to Foster Transitions Towards Sustainability", XVIIIth International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology on "Human Responsibility & Environmental Change: Planning, Process, and Policy", April 20-23, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Mohamed Behnassi and Halima Ouamouch (2011), "Managing Climate Change-Related Impacts in Morocco: A Human Development Approach", Conference on Post-Disaster Recovery, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, April 15, New York (Forthcoming).
- Mohamed Behnassi (2011), "Managing the Human Health Effects of Climate Change: The Need for an Integrated Model", The GAIA Climate, Climate Change and Public Health Conference, Global Assimilation of Information for Action (GAIA), Johns Hopkins University, Washington, April 12-14.
- Mohamed Behnassi (2011), "Challenges and Dynamics of International Powers, North Africa and Sub-Saharan Countries Interaction: How Deep is the North-South Divide?", Panel on: Africa: Bridging the North and Sub-Saharan Divide, The Eduardo Mondlane Brown Bag Lecture Series, Africa Initiative, Syracuse University, March 24, Syracuse, New York.
- Mohamed Behnassi (2011), "Concerns to be Considered while Developing a Conceptual Framework of Science Diplomacy", Workshop on U.S. and International Perspectives on Global Science Policy and Science Diplomacy, February 25-26, Washington, DC.
- Mohamed Behnassi, Driss Bouzaffour, and Hassan Assakti (2010), "Governance and Sustainable Agricultural Development: The Case-Study of Morocco", paper presented at the International Conference: Innovation and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and food, organized by CIRAD-INRA-Montpellier SupAgro, July 28 – July 1<sup>st</sup>, Montpellier.
- Mohamed BEHNASSI (2010) "Land Resource Governance: Impacts in Terms of Rural Development and Sustainability", paper presented at the International Conference: Soil Classification and Reclamation of Degraded Lands in Arid Environments and Launching of Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report, organized by The Environment Agency-Abu Dhabi and the International Center of Biosaline Agriculture, May 17-19, Abu Dhabi.
- Mohamed Behnassi and Sanni Yaya (2009), "Global Governance for Food Security and the Right to Food: Challenges and Unresolved Issues", paper presented at the International conference: The Integration of Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development and Ecosystems in the Context of Climate Change, the Energy Crisis and Food Insecurity, organized jointly by the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences of Agadir, the North-South Center for Social Sciences (NRCS), November 12-14, Agadir.
- Sanni Yaya and Mohamed Behnassi (2009), "Food Insecurity and Climate Change: An Issue of Public and Economic Health", paper presented at the International Conference: The Integration of Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development and Ecosystems in the Context of Climate Change, the Energy Crisis and Food Insecurity, organized by the Faculty of Law, Economics, and Social Sciences of Agadir, The North-South Center for Social Sciences (NRCS), and the GTZ, November 12-14, Agadir.
- Mohamed Behnassi (2008), "Assessment of the Global Environmental and Sustainability Governance from a Developing Country Perspective". Paper presented at the International Symposium: Sustainable Development, Corporate Social Responsibility Organizations and Economic Performance: Achievements, Challenges and Perspectives, organized by the Faculty of Law, Economics, and Social Sciences of Marrakech, 13-14 November, Marrakech.

- Mohamed Behnassi (2008), "Corporate Social Responsibility and Gender Equality: A Mainstreaming Perspective". Paper presented at the VIII Winter Workshop organized by the Urrutia Elejalde Foundation in the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia under the theme: Ethics, Justice and Gender, Madrid, September 11.

- Mohamed Behnassi (2008), "Health and Environmental Fracture between North and South Countries: A Hard Issue of Global Governance", Paper presented at the International Symposium: Health, Environment, and Sustainable Human Development, organized by the Faculty of Law, Economic, and Social Sciences of Agadir and the North-South Centre for the Social Sciences (NRCS), Agadir, 23-24 May.
- Mohamed Behnassi (2008),"Social Auditing and Responsible Outsourcing: Improving a Sustainable Global Supply Chain". Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the French Association for the Development of Teaching and Research on Business Social Responsibility (ADERSE): Transversality of the the CSR. Company Responsibility vis-à-vis the Man, the Environment and Profit?, organized by the Research Centre for Applied Management CNRS-UMR 5820 (CERAG), University Pierre Mendes France Grenoble (UPMF) and Grenoble School of Management, January, 10-11, Grenoble.
- Mohamed Behnassi (2007), "Vocational Training between Working Contract Clauses, Legal provisions and Jurisprudential Practices". Paper presented at the Euro-Maghreb Conference: Training Systems throughout the life in Europe and the Maghreb: Transformations, Constraints and Challenges, organized by the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences of Agadir and the Institute of Labor Sciences at the Free University of Brussels ULB, 7-9 May, Agadir.
- Mohamed Behnassi (2007), "Social Audit and Corporate Social Responsibility: Usefulness of a Self-Regulatory Mechanism". Paper presented at the International Symposium: Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development: Between the Research Contributions and Practical Limitations, organized by ISIAM Agadir, the IAE Nancy 2 and the University Ibn Zohr, Agadir, 9-10 April.

# **GRANTS FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES**

Date	Project	Source	Amount/ Duration	Туре	Position
Sept. 2011	Food and Health Security Face to Climate Change in Morocco: An Adaptation Strategy within the Perspective of an Integrated Governance	Royal Institute of Strategic Studies (IRES), Morocco	\$ 56 000 1 year	Research	Project Manager
June 2011	Civic education and engagement as pre-requisites to boost the democratization process in Morocco	State Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (Federal Government of USA)	\$ 31 500 1 year	Research	Project Manager
March 2011	Sustainable management of marine ecosystems and fisheries resources on the Moroccan Atlantic coast: A cross-sectional approach	Volubilis Integrated Action (code: Hubert Curien 24383VK France/Morocco	€35 000 3 years	Research & Internationa I Mobility	Coordinator of Moroccan Team
May 2009	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study Relating to Artisan Production / Gas Kilns	Partnership Agency for Progress (APP), Millenium Challenge Account, Morocco	\$ 2 000 1 month	Study	Team Member
January 2005	Participation in the drafting of the Commission Final Report	Equity and Reconcilitation Commission (IER), Morocco	\$ 8 000	Study	Team Member
June 2004	The Study of National Needs in Assessment of the Environmentally Sound Management of POPs in Morocco. Missions 2 and 3,	Ministry of Land, Water and Environment and UNDP, Morocco	\$ 2 000 1 month	Study	Team Member

	legal and institutional Capacity Building				
2003	Participation in the preparation of a guide on "The role of Women in Environmental Management",	Moroccan Department of State for Environment and the Arab League	\$ 2 500 1 month	Study	Team Member

## **GRANTS FROM INTERNAL SOURCES**

Date	Project	Source	Amount/ Duration	Туре	Position
July 2011	Mechanisms to Support Entrepreneurship in Morocco: Assessment of Concrete Impacts in the Region of Souss-Massa Draa	Ibn Zohr University of Agadir	\$ 12 200 2 years	Research	Team Member
Sept. 2010	Sustainable management of marine ecosystems and fisheries resources in the context of the new National Fisheries Strategy (Halieutis Plan)	Ibn Zohr University of Agadir	\$ 6 700 2 years	Research	Project Manager
March 2009	Sustainable Agricultural Development and Governance: The Case of Morocco	Ibn Zohr University of Agadir	\$ 12 200 2 years	Research	Team Member

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION**

- Coordinator of the National Workshop on "The Role Of Civic Education and Engagement in Shaping and Boosting Societal Change in Morocco", organized by NRCS, Faculty of Arts and Letters-Ain Chock of Casablanca, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (Syracuse University, NY, USA), and the US Department Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF), October 22, Agadir.
- Chair of ICCAFFE2011: Climate Change, Agri-Food, Fisheries and Ecosystems: Reinventing Research, Innovation and Policy Agendas for Environmentally- and Socially-Balanced Growth, organized by the Faculty of Law, Economic, Social Sciences of Agadir, the North-South Centre for the Social Sciences (NRCS), the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the French Institute for Development (IRD), May 19-21, 2011, Agadir, Morocco.
- Chair of the International Conference: The Integration of Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development, and Ecosystems in the Context of Climate Change, the Energy Crisis and Food Insecurity, organized by the Faculty of Law, Economic, Social Sciences of Agadir and the North-South Centre for the Social Sciences (NRCS), and the GTZ, November 12-14, 2009, Agadir.
- Chair of the Symposium: "Health, Environment and Sustainable Human Development", organized jointly by the Faculty of Law, Economic and Social Sciences of Agadir and the North-South Centre for the Social Sciences (NRCS), Agadir, May 23-24, 2008.

## **TRAININGS**

- Participation in the Training on "*Prospective*" organized by the Royal Institute of Strategic Studies (IRES), October 10<sup>th</sup>, Rabat
- Participation in the Teaching and Learning Conference (TLC), organized by the American Political Science Association (APSA), February 11-13, 2011, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Training in the Francophone Digital Law University (UNJF), May 31- June 6, 2010, Nantes and Paris.
- Training in the International Organization of Francophony (IOF) to become member of the Moderation Board of the Mediaterre Portal (The Global Information of Sustainable Development), November 2009, Paris. http://www.mediaterre.org/moderateurs.html

# POSITIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND MISSIONS

- October 2011: Associated Member, International Research Group: "Innovation, Responsibilities and Sustainable Development" (INREDD), Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech

- Scientific Board Member of the International Conference on "Sustainable Development, Social Innovation and Civil Society", Organized by the Euro-Mediterranean Research Group for Social Sciences and Sustainable Development, Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech and Haute-Alsace University of Mulhouse, Marrakech, December 1-2, 2011.
- Scientific Board Member of the International Conference on "Agriculture for Climate Change, Impacts Management, Community Leadership & Knowledge Economy to strengthen locally relevant mitigation & adaptation", New Delhi, February 2012.
- Scientific Board Member of the International Conference "Sustainable Development, Projects and Commitments", November 8- 9, 2010, Bejaïa (Algeria).
- Associated member of the Global Assimilation Information for Action (GAIA), USA.
- September 2010: member of the Engineering and Agriculture Task Group, Committee on Engineering and the Environment, World Federation of Engineering Organizations
- September 2010: Member of the Executive Board of the World Forum on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security.
- September 2010: member of the Pedagogic Committee of the Master of Comparative Studies, Faculty of Art and Human Sciences of Agadir (course: Human Rights in Arabic World).
- January 2008: Founder and Director of the North-South Centre for the Social Sciences (NRCS): http://nrcs.webnode.com/
- March 2008: Responsible in charge of the publication of the Journal of Law and Political Sciences (JLPS), edited by the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences of Agadir
- Member of the French Association for the Development of Teaching and Research on Corporate Social Responsibility (ADERSE):
- 2005-2008: Member of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences Council and the Scientific Commission.
- 2005: Member of the Research Group "Public Law", Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences of Agadir.

## **LANGUAGES**

- English: Excellent (read, written and spoken)
- French: Excellent (read, written and spoken)
- Arabic: Native Language