

Professor Dr. Mohamed Zaki Shafie

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Zaki Shafie was the founding Dean of the Faculty of Economics and one of the distinguished figures in Economics both academically and practically. He obtained his Bachelor of Law degree from the Faculty of Law, Cairo University, in 1942, followed by a Diploma in Private Law from the same institution in 1944. He then earned a Diploma in Political Economy from Cairo University in 1945. Prof. Dr. Shafie pursued advanced studies at Princeton University, obtaining his master's degree in Economics in 1947 and his Doctor of Philosophy in Economics in 1950.

Prof. Dr. Shafie had a significant scholarly impact, authoring several pioneering books in both Arabic and English. His research focused on banking systems, monetary policy, and economic development, particularly in the Third World.

Prof. Dr. Shafie held numerous prestigious positions throughout his career. He served as Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League for Economic Affairs from 1973 to 1975, represented Egypt at international conferences in Geneva, Algiers, and New Delhi, and was a visiting professor at Graz University in 1969. He also worked as an expert at the United Nations Secretariat in New York from 1953 to 1956, and at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 1969. Additionally, he was an expert for the United Nations Environment Programme in 1971 and President of the Egyptian Society for Political Economy and Statistics in 1983.

Prof. Dr. Shafie's academic roles included Lecturer in Political Economy at Cairo University (1950-1954), Economic Expert at the United Nations Secretariat (1953-1956), Professor of Political Economy at Cairo University (1959-1960), Head of Economic Research at the National Bank of Egypt (1960), Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University (1960-1968), Head of the Department of Economics at the Arab University of Beirut (1969-1973), Regional Adviser on Development Planning at the United Nations in Beirut (1973-1974), Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League (1974-1975), Minister of Economy and Economic Cooperation for Egypt (1975-1976), and Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Technological Planning Program at Cairo University and MIT (1976-1977).

Prof. Dr. Shafie was also involved in various associations and councils. He was a member of the Egyptian delegation for the maintenance and utilization of natural resources in New York in 1949 and participated in various international conferences and delegations for Egypt, including those in Geneva, Algiers, New Delhi, and the meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. He was a member of the Supreme Council for Arts, Literature, and Social Sciences and the National Production Council. His contributions were recognized with the State Prize for Social Sciences in 1979, and he was elected a member of the Arabic Language Academy in Cairo in 1986. He also received the State Encouragement Prize for Social Sciences in 1959.