

Professor Dr. Rifaat Said El-Mahgoub

Prof. Dr. Rifaat Said El-Mahgoub is considered one of the most prominent economists in Egypt and the Arab world. He obtained his Bachelor of Law from Cairo University in 1948 and was appointed as a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Law, Cairo University, immediately after graduation. He then traveled to Paris for further studies in 1949, where he earned a Diploma in Private Law and another in Economics from the Sorbonne University in 1951. He also obtained a Doctorate in Economics from the same university in 1953. Returning to Egypt after the revolution, he held various positions at Cairo University, including Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and eventually Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science in 1964. He served as the head of the Economics Department in 1970 and became Dean of the Faculty in 1971, with a second period as Dean in 1982.

Prof. Dr. El-Mahgoub played a significant role in establishing the concept of Arab socialism by clarifying the features of the socialist system in the United Arab Republic unequivocally. He also made valuable contributions to Islamic economics, which are essential references for postgraduate students in this field. His notable works include "Fiscal Policy and Interest Rate Determination for Achieving Full Employment Balance" (1953), "Effective Demand with Special Study on Developing Countries" (1963), "Redistribution of National Income through Fiscal Policy" (1964), "The Socialist System in the United Arab Republic" (1964), and "Islamic Economic Studies" (1979). His work "Political Economy" (in three volumes) is considered one of the most important references in the field, with several editions published and frequent citations in political economy literature.

Prof. Dr. El-Mahgoub was a member of the Afro-Asian Conference from 1961 to 1965 and served as the Secretary of Universities in the Arab Socialist Union. He was a visiting professor at many Arab universities. He participated in drafting the 1971 constitution and was appointed Secretary-General of the Central Committee for Political Organization "Arab Socialist Union." He served as Minister at the Presidency in 1972 and as Deputy Prime Minister in 1975. He was elected Secretary of the Arab Socialist Union from 1975 to 1976 and presented the October Paper, which laid the foundation for political platforms in preparation for the return of political parties. He worked as an economic advisor to the Arab Economic Unity Council from 1976 and as an advisor to the Emir of the United Arab Emirates from 1977 to 1984. He was appointed Chairman of the People's Assembly of Egypt on June 12, 1984. Additionally, he served on various councils, including the Supreme Council for Arts, Literature, and Social Sciences, as well as the Economic Committee and the National Production Council.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to economics and his extensive practical experience, Dr. El-Mahgoub received several awards and honors, including the Republic Medal of the Fourth Class (1959), the State Encouragement Award in Social Sciences from the Supreme

Council for Arts, Literature, and Social Sciences (1963), the Republic Medal of the First Class (1975), and the State Prize for Social Sciences from the Supreme Council for Culture (1980).

Prof. Dr. El-Mahgoub remains a distinguished model of academic excellence, scholarly rigor, and dedication to national issues, with a legacy in economic studies and invaluable contributions to the field.