



ECONOMIC RESEARCH FORUM
FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES, IRAN & TURKEY

Conference Agenda

The Changing Role of the State

Rabat, January 8-10, 1995

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Saturday January 7

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Opening Reception

Sunday January 8

9:00 - 9:30

Registration for Conference

9:30 - 10:00

Opening Session

- Heba Handoussa - Samir Makdisi

10:00 - 1:00

Session 1: The Role of the State in Economic Development in the

Middle East

Chair: Samir Makdisi

The Role of the State in the Middle East: Major Issues Mahmoud Abdel Fadil

Coffee Break (11:00- 11:15)

The Changing Economic Role of the State From a Turkish Perspective Murat Sertel & Fikret Adaman.

Discussants: Subidey Togan

Etatism Versus Privatisation: The Changing Economic Role of the State in Nine Arab (Z Countries, Nazih Ayubi

Discussants: Murat Sertel & Sultan Abu All Open Discussion

1:30 - 3:00

Lunch

Session 1 (continued) Chair: Majed Al-Moneef

Industrial Policy & the Role of the State in Egypt: The Relevance of the East-Asian Experience,
Ha-Joon Chang, Mona Said & Khalid Sakr

Discussants: Heba Handoussa & John Page *Coffee Break (4:30 - 4:45)* Open Discussion

8:30 - 10:30 **Dinner hosted by ERF**

Monday January 9

9:00 - 12:15 **Session 2: Transition to a Market Economy: Political Economy Aspects**
Chair: Merih Celasun

Ajustement Economique Et Liberalisation Politique, Driss Ben Ali

Discussants: Isam Al-Khafaji *Coffee Break (11:00 - 11:15)*

The Changing Role of the State in a Changing World Context, **Isam al-Khafaji** *Discussants:*

Saade Chami & Majed Al Moneef Open Discussion

1:30 - 3:00 **Lunch**

3:00 - 6:00 **Session 3: Sectoral Policies,** Chair: Nazih Ayubi

Regulation of Telecommunications in Developing Countries: Outcomes, Incentives & Commitments, Ahmed Galal & Baharat Nouriyal

Discussants: Najib Harabi & Hamid Mohtadi

Changing the Role of the State in Subsidized Housing: The Case of a Developing Environment,
Nidal Rashid Sabri

Discussants: Mohamed El Erian *Coffee Break (4:30 - 4:45)*

Causes, Measures & Impact of State Intervention in the Financial Sector: The Case of Egypt,
Mahmoud Mohieldin

Discussants: Samir Makdisi & Merih Celasun. Open Discussion

8:30 - 10:30 **Dinner hosted by Dr. Habib El Malki, Secretary General, Council for Youth & the Future**

Tuesday January 10

9:00 - 1:30 Session 4: Fiscal Policy and Growth Performance: Empirical Perspective
Chair: Salim Nasr

The Role of the State in Economic Development: An Empirical Investigation Jackline Wahba & Peter Smith

Discussants: Lyn Squire & Yousef Jawad

The Revenue System & the Growth of Government Expenditures in Iran, Sayed Hossien Zonnoor

Discussants: Hanaa Keir-El-Din & Bachir Hamdouch *Coffee Break (11:15 - 11:30)*

Government Expenditure, Political Structure & Economic Growth, Hamid Mohtadi

Discussants: Hashem Pessaran & Nemat Shafik, Saad Andary

Popular Attitudes Toward Free Markets in Iran, the Soviet Union & the United States: A Survey Analysis, Nader Habibi

Discussants: Salim Nasr & Hamid Mohtadi Open Discussion

Lunch Break

1:45 - 3.30 Session 5: Wrap-Up Session

Panel Discussion: The Role of the State: Issues for Further Research *Panel:* Bachir

Hamdouch, Murat Sertel and Hamid Mohtadi **ERF Future Research Agenda**

Financial Markets: Mohamed El-Erian

Labor Markets: Nemat Shafik Trade (forthcoming) Subidey Togan

Informal Sector (forthcoming) Mahmoud Abdel Fadil Other Proposals

- **1996 ERF Annual Conference:** Heba Handoussa