

**Agenda**  
**ERF's Fifth Annual Conference**  
**Regional Trade, Finance, and Labor Markets**  
*Le Palace Hotel-Gammarth, August 31-September 2, 1998*  
**Monday, August 31, 1998**

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9:30-10:00 **Registration**

10:00-11:00 **Opening Session**

/Samir Makdisi Board Chairman of ERF	Brahim Baccari President of Tunis University	Jesse Hedoussi Secrtaire d'Etat at Ministere du Developement Economique du Tunisia
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11:00-11:15 **Coffee Break (15 minutes)**

11:15-12:30 **Morning Session (,Plenary)**

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12:30- 1:30 **Break**

1:30-4:30 **Afternoon Session (three parallel sessions on Trade (T),  
Finance (F), and Labor (L)):**

**Session T1:**

*Chair:Najib Harabi*

Khalid Sekkat

*"Exchange Rate Management & Manufactured Exports in North-African Countries"*

-Discussants: *Adel Beshiai*

Sinan Al-Shabibi

-Hamid Mohtadi

*"Human Capital, Technological Catch-up and Trade In the MENA Region "*

-Discussants: Ahmed Jalali Naini Jamel Zarrouk

**Session F1**

*Chair: Samir Makdisi*

-Magda Kandil

*"Supply-side Asymmetry: Evidence From the Middle East in Contrast to Developing & Develop Countries"*

-Discussants: Omer Benkato Mohamed Bechri

-Riad Dahal & Belkacem Laabas

*"The Behaviour of Stock Prices in the GCC Markets"*

-Discussants: Mouna Cherkaoui Ali Darrat

## **Session L1**

*Chair: Mongi Boughzala*

-Jackline Wahba

" Child Schooling and Child Labor: Evidence From Egypt" -

Discussants: Ishac Diwan

Ragui Assaad

Safaa El-Kogali

" Obstacles to Girls' Schooling: Islam or Economics?" -

Discussants: Basim Makhool Heba El Laithy

3:00-3:15      **Coffee Break (15 minutes)**

4:30-5:30      **ERF Research Fellows Meeting**

## **Tuesday , September 1, 1998**

9:30-12:30      ***Morning Session (three parallel sessions)***

### **Session T2**

*Chair: Ali Attiga*

-AKIKO Suwa-Eisenmann & Sebastien Dessuse

Trade integration with Europe and Labor Reallocation in the Southern Mediterranean Countries"

-Discussants: Mustapha Nabli

Subidey Togan

-Ali Bayar

*"European Enlargement to the East and its Implication for the MENA Region"*

-Discussants: Hanaa Kheir El Din Raed Safadi

### **Session F2:**

*Chair: Merih Celasun*

- Fatma Lajeri & Hakan Orbay

*"Impact of Inflation on Stock Returns: A Comparative Analysis"*

-Discussants: Sultan Abou Ali

Yousef Al Ebraheem

Sam Hakim, Saad Andary & Simon Neime

*Using the Yield Curve to Predict Inflation in the Emerging Economies of the ERF"*

-Discussants: Hasan Ersel Mahmoud Mohieldin

**Session L2:** *Chair: Adel Beshai*

-Javad Sadeghi

" Private Rate of Return to Education of Male & Female Household Heads in the City of Isfahan, Iran, 1992""

-Discussants: Samir Radwan

Mahmoud El Jafari

Serdar Sayan & Turalay Kenc

" Demographic Transition & Pension Policies: An Overlapping Generations, General Equilibrium Analysis for Turkey" -Discussants: Ismail Sirageldin

Hassan Aly

10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break (15 minutes)** 12:30-

1:30 **Lunch Break**

1:30-4:30 ***Afternoon Session (Plenary):***

**-Topography of the Private Sector**

joint Session With the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary MENA and Central Asia-Princeton University *Chair: Abdalatif Al-Hanaad*

Papers on:

-Egypt: Heba Handoussa - Syria: Nabil

Sukkar - Morocco: Said Saadi

Saudi Arabia: Gwenn Okruhlik

Turkey: Izak Atiyas & Hasan Ersel

3:00-3:15 **Coffee Break (15**

**minutes) Wednesday , September 2, 1998**

9:00-1:00 **ERF Board of Trustees Meeting**

9:30-12:30 **Morning Session (*Parallel Session*)**

**Session T3:** *Chair: Lyn Squire*

-A. Erinc Yeldan

"Interface of Trade Liberalization, Accumulation and Growth in the ERF Region: Lessons from An Intertemporal, Multi-Region General Equilibrium Model"

-Discussants: Khalid Sekkat

Remzi Sanver

-Nabil Chaherli, R. Doukkali, M Moussaoui, & M. Bendaoud  
*"Trade Liberalization, Domestic Price Reform & income Distribution in Morocco"*  
-Discussants: Abdel Mahmoud Abdel Rahman  
Mongi Boughzala

### **Session F3**

Chair: *Chedly ayari*

Fatih Ozatay

*" The Roles of Fundamentals VS self fulfilling Expectations in the 1994 Currency Crisis in Turkey"*

-Discussants:Magda Kandil Faika El Refai

-Sami Bibi ( Presentation of the paper by Abd Errahmen El lahga)

*"Marginal Fiscal Reforms & Poverty Alleviation in Tunisia" "*

-Discussants: Heba El Laithy Hussien Amach

### **Session L 3**

Chair: Maled Al Moneef

Meltem Dayioglu

*" Occupational Segregation Between Gender in Urban Places in Turkey"*

-Discussants: Djavad Salehi-Isfahani Abdel Fattah Abou Shokor

Mona Said

*The distribution of Gender Di erentials and Public Sector Wage Premia In Egypt: New Evidence Using Quintile Regression Methods"*

-Discussants: Aysit Tansel Aly Bayar

11:30-12:00 **Coffee Break (15 minutes)**

1:00-2:30 **Wrap-up Session (Plenary)**