

ERF Eighth Annual Conference Building for Future Economic Development

Mena House Oberoi Hotel, Cairo, Egypt
15-17 January, 2002

AGENDA

Pre Conference Activities

Sunday 13th January

9:00 – 5:00 **Global Research Project (GRP) – Closed Meeting**
(At Meeting Room No. II at the Business Center in the Palace)

Monday 14th January

11:00 – 4:00 **ERF Advisory Committee Meeting – Closed Meeting**
(At Meeting Room No. II at the Business Center in the Palace)

Special Activities During the 8th Annual Conference

Promotion of (IMF) Recruitment Program
Head of the IMF Mission: Mr. Robin Broadway
(Check IMF Recruitment Mission Display Table, Registration Area)

Day 1: Tuesday 15th January

7:30 – 8:15

Registration

8:30 - 9:30

Opening Session

Chair: Heba Handoussa, ERF Managing Director

Keynote Speakers:

H.E. Osman M. Osman, Minister of Planning, Egypt

Dr. Taher Kanaan, ERF Board Member

Dr. Samir Radwan, Director, ILO

Dr. Lyn Squire, Director, GDN

10:00 – 4:00

ERF Board of Trustees Meeting – Closed Meeting
(At Meeting Room No. II at the Business Center in the Palace)

Morning Sessions (4 Parallel Sessions) 10: 00– 1:00

I. Labor

(Amir Ballroom, Conference Center)

Chair: Lyn Squire

Paper

The Effect of Child Work on Schooling in Egypt

Ragui Assaad, Deborah Levison, & Nadia Zibani

Discussant

Djehan Hosni

Paper:

Horizontal Inequity & the Redistributive Effect of the Anti-Poverty Design : Evidence from Tunisia

Sami Bibi

Discussant

Mohamed S. Matoussi - Sebastien Dessus

Paper

Holding the Line: Poverty Reduction in The Middle East and North Africa, 1970-2000

Richard Adams & John Page *

Discussant

Heba El Laithy

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I. Trade

(Hakim Ballroom, Conference Center)

*Chair: Bernard Philip **

- Paper** **Rules of Origin & Trade Division: The Case of the Egyptian European Partnership Agreement**
Ahmed Ghoneim
- Discussant** *Raed Safadi*
- Paper** **Openness & Rent Sharing: A Cross Country Comparison with a Special Focus on Arab Countries**
Lionel Fontagne & Daniel Mirza
- Discussant** *Ali Bayar*
- MDF4** **The Post Doha Agenda**
Uri Dadush & Mustapha Nabli
- Discussant** *Said El Naggar*

I. Macroeconomic & Finance

(Wazir Ballroom, Conference Center)

*Chair: Mahmoud Abdel Fadil**

- Paper** **International Transmission of Stock Market Movements: A Wavelet Analysis on MENA Stock Markets**
Hahn Shik Lee
- Discussant** *Alaa El-Shazly*
- Paper** **Government Size and Monetary Policy: Interactions and Productivity in the Economies of GCC Countries**
Hassan Aly & Magda Kandil
- Discussant** *Murat Sertel* - Hussein Amach - Imad Moosa**
- Paper** **Governance, Corporate Control & Efficiency of Turkish Banking Industry**
Hasan Ersel - Mohamed Bechri
- Discussant**

I. Sectoral & Environment

(Pasha Ballroom, Conference Center)

*Chair: Mohamed Matoussi**

- Paper** **Environment and Trade Policies in Tunisia: Comparing Economic Costs and Benefits of Pollution Abatement Policy**
Mohamed Chemingui
- Discussant** *Subidey Togan - Mohamed Lahouel*
- Paper** **Market Power and Cost-Efficiency Effects of Concentration in a Mixed Oligopoly**
Azzeddine Azzam & Hans Andersson
- Discussant** *Mohamed Lahouel* - Motaz El Said**
- Project** **Reconciling the Trade-Off between Domestic Demand and Export Market: The Case of the Dryland Agriculture Sector in Sudan**
El Tighani Elamin & Hamid Musa
- Discussant** *Open Discussion*

Lunch Break 1:00 - 2:30

Afternoon Sessions (4 Parallel Sessions) 2:30 – 5:30

II. Labor

(Amir Ballroom, Conference Center)

Chair: Ragui Assaad

- Paper** **The Determinants of Urban and Rural Poverty in Tunisia**
Mohamed Goaid & Samir Ghazouani
- Discussant** *Sami Bibi**
- Paper** **How Household Consumption Responds to Big Price Shocks : Evidence from Turkey**
*Insan Tunali**

Presentation	Dynamics of Poverty in Iran <i>Djavad Salehi-Isfahani*</i>	<u>II. Sectoral & Environment</u>	(Pasha Ballroom, Conference Center) <i>Chair: Gamal Bayoumi*</i>
<u>II. Trade</u>	(Hakim Ballroom, Conference Center) <i>Chair: Mohamed Lahouel</i>	Paper	Markup Pricing in Tunisian Manufacturing Industries <i>Riadh Ben Jelili</i>
Paper	Real Exchange Rate, Trade Liberalization and Export Diversification in Selected North African Economies <i>Mouna Cherkaoui & Ahmed Jalali-Naini</i>	Discussant	<i>Savas Alpay* - Azzaddine Azzam*</i>
Discussant	<i>Magda Kandil - Lahcen Achy</i>	Paper	Export Performance of Firms in Developing Countries and Food Quality and Safety Standards in Developed Countries <i>Savas Alpay & Ismet Yalcin, & Turker Dolekoglu</i>
Paper	The GATS Agreement and Liberalizing the Kuwait Banking Sector <i>Faten Y. Jabsheh</i>	Discussant	<i>Khalid Sekkat - Ahmed Ghoneim</i>
Discussant	<i>Ali Darrat* - Kabir Hassan*</i>	Paper	Does Technology Matter for International Competitiveness in Developing Countries? The Case of Turkish Manufacturing Industries <i>Erol Taymaz & Emre Ozelik</i>
MDF4:	Seizing The FDI Opportunity <i>Rohinton Medhora</i>	Discussant	<i>Unal Zenginobuz</i>
Discussant	<i>Sergio Alessandrini</i>		
<u>II. Macroeconomic & Finance</u>	(Wazir Ballroom, Conference Center) <i>Chair: Ahmed Galal</i>	5:30 – 6:30	<i>ERF Research Fellows Meeting – Closed Meeting</i> <i>(At Shehrazad Ballroom in the Palace)</i>
Paper	Restructuring and Economic Performance: The Experience of the Tunisian Economy <i>Sofiane Ghali & Pierre Mohnen</i>		
Discussant	<i>Mouna Cherkaoui - Imad Moosa</i>		
Paper	Detecting the Performance Change in the Newly Privatized Egyptian Companies: Does Type of Privatization Really Matter? <i>Mohamed Omran</i>		
Discussant	<i>Sahar Tohamy - Sherine El Shawarby</i>		

Day 2: Wednesday 16th January

- 8:00 – 8:30** **Objectives of the IMF Recruitment Mission**
(At Shehrazad Ballroom in the Palace on the first floor)
Presentation by Robin Broadway, Head of the IMF Mission
- 9:00 – 3:00** **FEMISE Steering Committee Meeting – Closed Meeting**
(At Meeting Room No. II at the Business Center in the Palace)

Morning Sessions (4 Parallel Sessions) 9:00 – 1:00

- III. Labor** *(Amir Ballroom, Conference Center)*
Chair: Ali Bayar
- Paper** **Human Capital Perspective on Fertility Transition & Child's Quantity-Quality Tradeoffs: Yemen & Egypt**
Suliman El Daw
- Discussant** *Faysal A. Mohamed - Heba Nassar*
- Paper** **Education, Experience and Earnings; A Multilevel Analysis: A Case Study of the Manufacturing Sector in Iran**
Abolghasem Naderi
- Discussant** *Ragui Assaad - Abdel Fatah Abu Shokor*
- Paper** **Modelling Labour Market Adjustment to Trade Liberalization in Tunisia**
Ilham Haouas & Mahmoud Yagoubi
- Discussant** *Mongi Boughzala*

III. Trade

(Hakim Ballroom , Conference Center)
Chair: Khalid Sekkat

- Presentation** **Policy Reforms and Competition Policy in Morocco**
Najib Harabi & Khalid Sekkat
- Paper** **Competition Policy in Turkey**
Ayse Mumcu-Serdar & Unal Zenginobuz
- Discussant** *Jean-Raphael Chaponniere*
- Presentation** **Competition Policy in Tunisia**
Mohamed Lahouel
- MDF4** **Building Trade Capacity: Behind the Broader Agenda**
Raed Safadi
- Discussant** *Nasser Saidi*

III. Macroeconomic & Finance

(Wazir Ballroom , Conference Center)
Chair: Mervat Badawi

- Paper** **Modeling Regional Interdependencies Using A Global Error-Correcting Macroeconometric Model**
M. Hashem Pesaran, Til Schuermann, & Scott M. Weiner
- Discussant** *Motaz Khorshid*
- Paper** **Macroeconomics of Turkey's Agricultural Reforms: An Intertemporal Computable General Equilibrium Analysis**
Erinc Yelden & Fatma Dogruel & Suut Dogruel
- Discussant** *Ahmed Abutaleb - A. Halis Akder*

III. Sectoral & Environment
Paper

(Pasha Ballroom, Conference Center)

Chair: Ahmed Goueily

Sustainable Water Resources Management in the Most Stressed Regions: Theoretical Analysis and Application to MENA

Mohamed Matoussi

To be confirmed

Discussant

Project

Does Egypt Need To Reuse Wastewater?

Raouf Khouzam

Discussant

Mohamed Matoussi

Lunch Break 1:00 - 2:30

Presentation During Lunch Break

Impact of September 11th on the Economies of the Region

Heba Handoussa

Afternoon Sessions (5 Parallel Sessions) 2:30 – 5:00

Session IV

Global Research Project (GRP) – Closed Meeting

(At Shehrazad Ballroom in the Palace)

IV. Labor

(Amir Ballroom, Conference Center)

Chair: Samir Radwan

Paper

Labor Market Mobility Among Egyptian Youth

Mona Amer & Dennis Ahlburg

Discussant

Alia El Mahdi

Paper

Labor Use Efficiency: Evidence from Tunisian Textile, Clothing and Leather Industries

Rim Ben Ayed Mouelhi & Mohamed Goaid

Discussant

Ozlem Onaran

IV. Trade

(Hakim Ballroom, Conference Center)

Chair: Subidey Togan

Paper

The Welfare Implications of Trade Liberalisation Between the Southern Mediterranean and the EU

Patricia Augier & Michael Gasiorek

*Raed Safadi**

Discussant

Project

Trade Intensification in the Middle East and North Africa---A Trade and Employment Strategy

Dipak Dasgupta

Presentation

MenaMod Project

Ali Bayar & Others

IV. Macroeconomic & Finance

(Wazir Ballroom, Conference Center)

Chair: Samir Makdisi

Paper

Assessing Cost & Technical Efficiency of Banks in Kuwait

Ali Darrat, Can Topuz & Tarik Youssef

Simon Neaime - Mahmoud Mohieldin

Discussant

Paper

Hedging Exposure To Foreign Exchange Risk When The Forward Market is Rudimentary: The Case of the KD Market

Imad Moosa

Ibrahim El Badawi - Rania Al-Mashat

Discussant

IV. Sectoral & Environment

(Pasha Ballroom, Conference Center)

*Chair: Seyfeddin Muaz**

Project

Irrigation Management Focusing on Sustainability

Gholam Reza Soltani, J. Torkamani, & Others

Day 3: Thursday 17th January

Morning Sessions (4 Parallel Sessions) 9:00 – 1:00

V. Labor

Research Projects Report (Amir Ballroom, Conference Center)
Chair: Ibrahim El Badawi

Project

The Determinants of Unemployment In Tunisia
Mongi Boughzala, Rafik Baccouche, & Fethi Sellaouiti

Project

Structural Adjustment and Gender Gaps in Labor Market Outcomes: A Comparative Analysis of Egypt and Turkey
Ragui Assaad, Insan Tunali, Ozlem Onaran & Others

Project

Some Socio-Economic and Political Aspects of the Dynamics of Poverty in Rural and Urban Sudan
Khalid El Amin

V. Trade

(Hakim Ballroom, Conference Center)
Chair: Jamel Zarrouk

Project Report

Productivity Differentials, Work Effort and Technical Efficiency: Empirical Evidence In The Tunisian Manufacturing Industries: 1983-1994
Mohamed Goaid, Rym Ben Ayed Mouelhi, & Abed Jalila

MDF4

Trade and Poverty 1
Samir Radwan (for John Page)

Discussant

Samir Radwan

MDF4

Trade and Poverty 2
Saad Belghazi

Discussant

Jean Louis Reiffers

V. Macroeconomic & Finance

(Wazir Ballroom, Conference Center)
Chair: Ahmed El Ghandour

Project

An Empirical Examinations of Small Business Financing in the Middle East
Sayed Abbas Ahmed

Lunch Break 1 :00 - 2:30

Wrap-up & Closing Session (1:00 – 1:45)