



WORKSHOP ON

# NEW PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE MIDDLE EAST

27-28 OCTOBER 2017

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## DAY 1: FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017

9.00 – 9.30

### **REGISTRATION**

Damascus Room

9.30 – 11.00

### **ISLAM, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT**

*Chair: Lena Rethel, Warwick University*

Abdallah Zouache, Sciences-Po Lille

#### **Islam, Institutions, Development, and the Mistakes of Orientalist Economics**

M. Shahid Ebrahim, Durham University

#### **Reconstructing the Murabaha Facility within a Truly Islamic Financial Architecture**

Mohammed Meki and Simon Quinn, University of Oxford

#### **Microequity for Micro Enterprises: Implementing Musharakah-based contracts in the field**

11:00 – 11:30

### **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30 – 13.00

### **MANAGING OIL REVENUES**

*Chair: Rick van der Ploeg, University of Oxford*

Kamari Mohaddes, University of Cambridge, and Mehdi Raissi, IMF

#### **Do Sovereign Wealth Funds Dampen the Negative Effects of Commodity Price Volatility?**

Gunes Asik, Tobb Economics and Technology University, Turkey

#### **Effectiveness of Stabilization Funds in Managing Volatility in Oil-Rich Countries**

Elkhan Richard Sadik-Zada and Wilhelm Loewenstein, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

#### **Inter-sectoral Elasticity Model and Elite Dynamics in the Petroleum Exporting MENA States**

13.00 – 14.00

### **LUNCH**

Oman Hall

14.00 – 15.30

### **INEQUALITY, MIGRATION AND CONFLICT**

*Chair: Mohamed Ali Marouani, Universite Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne*

Cevat Giray Aksoy and Berkay Ozcan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

#### **Immigration and Fertility Outcomes of Natives: Evidence from Syrian migration to Turkey**

Cyrine Hannafi and Christophe Muller, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, CNRS

#### **Local Determinants of the Syrian Conflict**

Jmai Amal, University of Tunis el Manar, Tunis

#### **Regional Inequality in Tunisia: Is it a geographic misallocation or spatial nature effects?**



15.30 – 17.00

**POLITICAL ECONOMY OF TRADE AND MACROECONOMIC POLICIES**

*Chair: Ferdinand Eibl, Kings College London*

Michelle Marshallian, University of Paris–Dauphine

**Trade, Tariffs and Missing Imports: Using trade liberalization to understand business–state relations in Egyptian manufacturing**

Steve Monroe, Princeton University

**Ties that Bind? Trade liberalization and cross-ethnic protectionism in Jordan**

Max Gallien, London School of Economics

**Smugglers and States: The political settlements of cross-border informal trade in the Maghreb**

Hoda Selim, IMF, and Jala Youssef, Economic Research Forum, Cairo

**Macroeconomic Management in Euro-med Transition Countries: What happened and what went wrong?**

17:00

**KEYNOTE**

**STATE CAPACITY, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT: CHALLENGES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST**

Professor Timothy Besley, London School of Economics

*Chair: Professor Christopher Adam, Oxford Department of International Development*

18:45

**WORKSHOP RECEPTION AND DINNER**

Oman Hall

**DAY 2: SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2017**

09:30 – 11.00

**OIL, MIGRATION AND POLITICS**

Ferdinand Eibl, Kings College London, and Steffen Hertog, London School of Economics

**Why Are Some Oil Dictators Nice to Their People?**

Onur Altindag, Harvard University, and Neeraj Kaushal, Columbia University

**Do Refugees Impact Voting Behavior in the Host Country? Evidence from Syrian refugee inflows in Turkey**

Cagatay Bircan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Orkun Saka, London School of Economics

**Political Lending Cycles and Real Outcomes: Evidence from Turkey**

11:00 – 11.30

**COFFEE BREAK**

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11:30 – 13:00

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PROTEST POLITICS**

*Chair: David Cobham, Herriot-Watt University*

Nelly El-Mallakh, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

**Did the Egyptian Protests Lead to Change? Evidence from Egypt's first free presidential elections**

Mohamed Ali Marouani, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

**The Economics of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Neighbouring Countries: The case of Lebanon**

*Presentations via Skype*

Samer Matta, World Bank, Simon Appleton and Michael Bleaney, Nottingham University

**The Economic Impact of Political Instability and Mass Civil Protest**

Rana Hendy, Doha Institute of Graduate Studies, Qatar

**The Effects of the Revolution on the Labour Market Aren't Totally Negative After All!: A gender analysis**

13:00 – 14:00

**LUNCH**

Oman Hall

14:00 – 15:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**POLITICAL ECONOMY OF REFORM IN THE ARAB WORLD**

*Moderator: Adeel Malik, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies and ODID*

Dr Abdallah Al-Dardari, World Bank and former Deputy Prime Minister of Syria

Dr Bassem Awadallah, former Minister of Planning and Chief of Royal Court, Jordan

Mr Ahmad Al-Sayyed, former CEO of Qatar Investment Authority

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