**Research Initiative on the Economics of the Middle East**  
Paris Workshop, Monday 05/11/2018  
Location: Room 216, 2nd Floor, Centre Panthéon, 12 place du Panthéon 75005 Paris  
Except the Keynote Speech: Amphithéâtre Bachelard, Sorbonne, 54 rue Saint-Jacques 75005 Paris

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| 09h15-09h45| **Session 1**                                | Maleke Fourati (University of Geneva)  
Danielle Hayek (UNSW Business School) | Does immigration affect Muslim behaviour?  
Experimental evidence comparing Lebanese immigrants and Lebanese natives | Karine Marazyan    |
| 09h45-10h15|                                             | Güneş Aşık (TOBB University)  
Şevket Pamuk (Boğazici University)  
Ulş Karakoç (Humboldt University) | Impact of Minority Population Movements on Regional Development and Inequality in Turkey between 1909-1965 | Sandrine Mesplé-Somps |
| 10h15-10h45|                                             | Onur Altindag (Bentley University)  
Ozan Bakisy (Bahçeşehir University) | Blessing or Burden? The Impact of Refugees on Businesses and the Informal Economy | Flore Gubert       |
| 10h45-11h00| BREAK                                        |                                                                           |                                                                                                |                   |
| 11h00-11h30| **Session 2**                                | Mounir Mahmalat (Harvard University)  
Declan Curran (Dublin City University) | Polarization, Fractionalization, and Reform: A Framework of Political Collaboration on Reform with Application to Lebanon | Abdallah Zouache   |
| 11h30-12h00|                                             | Melani Cammett (Harvard University)  
Davide Luca (GSSI, LSE)  
Ernest Sergenti (World Bank, Washington DC) | Unfair play: The politics of Turkey’s central government spending under AKP rule | Adeel Malik        |

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| 09h00-09h30 | Mina Sami (American University of Cairo)  
Mona Said (American University of Cairo)  
*Unexpected instability events and Internal migration: Evidence from Egypt*  
Discussant: Cem Ozguzel |
| 09h30-10h00 | Vladimir Hlasny (Ewha Womans University)  
Shireen AlAzzawi (Santa Clara University)  
*Return Migration and Socioeconomic Mobility in MENA: Evidence from Labor Market Panel Surveys*  
Discussant: Gilles Spielvogel |
| 10h00-10h30 | Hajer Habib (FSEG Tunis El-Manar)  
*Perspectives of migrants flows and remittances between Tunisia and Europe*  
Discussant: Mohamed Ali Marouani |
| 10h30-10h45 | BREAK            |                                                                               |
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| 10h45-11h15 | Rana HENDY (The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)  
Nizar JOUINI (The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)  
*Assessing the Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty: Evidence from the Egypt Household Expenditure Surveys*  
Discussant: Anne-Sophie Robilliard |
| 11h15-11h45 | Samer Hamati (School of Economics & Management Universidade do Minho)  
*A Consequence of a Tragedy Nowcasting Poverty Rate in Syria*  
Discussant: Charlotte Guenard |
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*Eliminating Supply: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education*  
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| 12h15-14h00 | LUNCH BREAK      |                                                                               |

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**Session 7**

14h00-14h30  **Raad Al-Tal** (University of Aberdeen)
*The influence of Corruption on Economic Growth in the Middle Eastern and North African Region; Does corruption a matter?*
Discussant: **Cyrine Hannafi**

14h30-15h00  **Jala Emad Youssef** (World Bank, Cairo)
**Chahir Zaki** (Cairo University)
*A Decade of Competition Policy in Arab Countries in Transition: Time for Assessment?*
Discussant: **Adeel Malik**

15h00-15h30  **Islam Abdelbary** (Plymouth University)
*From Revolutions to Institutions: The Experience of Arab Reform and Economic Growth*
Discussant: **Abdallah Zouache**

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**Session 8**

15h45-16h15  **Diaa Noureldin** (American University in Cairo)
*Much ado about the Egyptian pound: exchange rate misalignment and the path towards equilibrium*
Discussant: **David Cobham**

16h15-16h45  **Brahim Guizani** (FSJEG Jendouba)
*Monetary Policy in Times of Uncertainties: Evidence from Three Oil-Importing Countries (OICs) in MENA*
Discussant: **David Cobham**

16h45-17h05  **CLOSING REMARKS**