

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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| 08h30-09h00 | WELCOMING |
| 09h00-09h15 | OPENING Session 1 |
| 09h15-09h45 | Maleke Fourati (University of Geneva) Danielle Hayek (UNSW Business School) <i>Does immigration affect Muslim behaviour?</i> <i>Experimental evidence comparing Lebanese immigrants and Lebanese natives</i> Discussant: Karine Marazyan |
| 09h45-10h15 | Güneş Aşık (TOBB University) Şevket Pamuk (Boğaziçi University) Ulaş Karakoç (Humboldt University) <i>Impact of Minority Population Movements on Regional Development and Inequality in Turkey between 1909-1965</i> Discussant: Sandrine Mesplé-Somps |
| 10h15-10h45 | Onur Altındag (Bentley University) Ozan Bakisy (Bahçeşehir University) Sandra Rozo (University of Southern California) <i>Blessing or Burden? The Impact of Refugees on Businesses and the Informal Economy</i> Discussant: Flore Gubert |
| 10h45-11h00 | BREAK Session 2 |
| 11h00-11h30 | Mounir Mahmalat (Harvard University) Declan Curran (Dublin City University) <i>Polarization, Fractionalization, and Reform: A Framework of Political Collaboration on Reform with Application to Lebanon</i> Discussant: Abdallah Zouache |
| 11h30-12h00 | Melani Cammett (Harvard University) Davide Luca (GSSI, LSE) Ernest Sergenti (World Bank, Washington DC) <i>Unfair play: The politics of Turkey's central government spending under AKP rule</i> Discussant: Adeel Malik |



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| 12h00-13h30 | LUNCH BREAK Session 3 |
| 13h30-14h00 | Amanda F. Zarka (American University, Washington DC) <i>Bribe Payments and Firm Exports</i> Discussant: Joachim Jarreau |
| 14h00-14h30 | Nesma Ali (Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf) Boris Najman (Université Paris-Est) <i>Cronyism, firms' productivity and informal competition in Egypt</i> |
| 14h30-15h00 | Michelle Marshalian (Université de Paris 9 – Dauphine) Mohamed Ali Marouani (Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne) <i>Winners and Losers in Industrial Policy 2.0: An evaluation of the impacts of the Tunisian Industrial Upgrading Program</i> Discussant: Bob Rijkers |
| 15h00-15h15 | BREAK Session 4 |
| 15h15-15h45 | Valeria Caccavo (Bocconi University) <i>The Effects of Legalization on the Labor Market Outcomes of Refugees: Evidence from Syrian Refugees in Lebanon</i> Discussant: Rémi Bazillier |
| 15h45-16h15 | Nelly El-Mallakh (Paris School of Economics) Jackline Wahba (University of Southampton) <i>Syrian Refugees and the Migration Dynamics of Jordanians: Moving in or moving out?</i> Discussant: Marion Mercier |
| 16h30-18h00 | Keynote Lecture: Uneven Centuries: Observations on Economic Development in Turkey Şevket Pamuk |



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| 08h30-09h00 | WELCOMING Session 5 |
| 09h00-09h30 | Mina Sami (American University of Cairo) Mona Said (American University of Cairo) <i>Unexpected instability events and Internal migration: Evidence from Egypt</i> Discussant: Cem Ozguzel |
| 09h30-10h00 | Vladimir Hlasny (Ewha Womans University) Shireen AlAzzawi (Santa Clara University) <i>Return Migration and Socioeconomic Mobility in MENA: Evidence from Labor Market Panel Surveys</i> Discussant: Gilles Spielvogel |
| 10h00-10h30 | Hajer Habib (FSEG Tunis El-Manar) <i>Perspectives of migrants flows and remittances between Tunisia and Europe</i> Discussant: Mohamed Ali Marouani |
| 10h30-10h45 | BREAK Session 6 |
| 10h45-11h15 | Rana HENDY (The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies) Nizar JOUINI (The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies) <i>Assessing the Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty: Evidence from the Egypt Household Expenditure Surveys</i> Discussant: Anne-Sophie Robilliard |
| 11h15-11h45 | Samer Hamati (School of Economics & Management Universidade do Minho) <i>A Consequence of a Tragedy Nowcasting Poverty Rate in Syria</i> Discussant: Charlotte Guenard |
| 11h45-12h15 | Mahdi Majbouri (Babson College and IZA) <i>Eliminating Supply: A Natural Experiment in Higher Education</i> Discussant: Bjorn Nilsson |

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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**

15h30-15h45 BREAK

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

