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Minutes of the New Orleans Annual Business Meeting and Election
Saturday, January 4, 1992
The New Orleans Hilton and Tower

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by MEEA President, Abbas Alnasrawi. After welcoming the attending members the following matters were discussed and actions taken:

1 The minutes of the previous annual meeting, held on December 29, 1990 in Washington, D.C. was approved as appeared in MEEA Newsletter, vol. 2, no. 1, Fall 1991.
2 Saeed Rahemna reported the matters related to the Newsletter and urged the members to send in their comments and the report of their scholarly activities for publication. It was moved to express our thanks and appreciation for the fine job of the editor of the Newsletter.
3 Hamid Zangeneh, the Treasurer, reported that MEEA is in a healthy fiscal position.
4 Sohrab Behdad, the Executive Secretary, reported on the program of MEEA's sessions. He thanked the participants for their contributions to the program and urged more members to volunteer for serving as discussant or chair of sessions. He reported that the number of no shows have declined considerably. According to a resolution passed in the 1990 (Atlanta) Business Meeting anyone failing to meet his/her commitment will not be considered for participation in the program for the following year.
5 The following motion was proposed for amending the By Laws:
   The position of a student member of the Board of Directors shall be eliminated and the number of regular Board members shall increase from 3 to 4.
   The motion was passed. The President noted that the proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the members by mail ballots. After allowing sixty days for returns the amendment should be considered adopted if approved by a majority of returning ballots.
6 Nominations for the election of a new Board of Directors to serve for a two year term, 1992 and 1993, were made. The results of the elections are as follows:
   Abbas Alnasrawi, University of Vermont, President;
   Sohrab Behdad, Denison University, Executive Secretary;
   Hamid Zangeneh, Widener University, Treasurer;
   continued on page 2
Shah Mehrabi, Mary Washington College; Karen Peifer, Smith College; Seeed Rahmema, Queen’s University.

To fill the vacant position of a student on the Board, the Board (which according to Article III, Section 6 is empowered to appoint a person to the Board in such situations) asked the present members for their consensus. A secret ballot election was held for the four candidates who were nominated. Fatemeh Moghadam was elected. Upon this recommendation of the present members Professor Moghadam was appointed to the Board.

7 It was proposed to consider the possibility of election by mail ballots in the future. The President agreed to ask the Board to consider amending the By Laws in this direction.

8 In absence of new business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**Report of Executive Secretary:**

This has been quite a good year for MEEA. Twenty-nine new colleagues, from the U.S., Europe and the Middle East, have joined MEEA. We also had an enthusiastic response to the call for papers for our thirteenth annual meeting (January 5-7, 1993-Anaheim, CA). This enthusiastic response, however, put us in the unhappy position for saying no to a larger number of our colleagues who proposed to present a paper at the Anaheim meeting. This year, a committee of four (three past or present members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Secretary), selected the papers for the program of the annual meeting. Outside reviewers were also consulted. In the program for the forthcoming meeting each session has two discussants. In the past years, many sessions had only one discussant. The change will, no doubt, enhance the discussions in our sessions. Authors are asked to send their papers to their assigned discussants by November 28.

After three years of negotiation, MEEA has reached an agreement with the Secretariat of Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) about the number of MEEA sessions. ASSA has been trying to reduce the number of sessions of its affiliated associations. Now our official allotment is ten, which is as many as we have had in the past two years and more than the number we had in the 1980’s (5-6). Already we are receiving many more proposals than we can place in our program. As our membership grows, we will be in a more serious constraint in the future. This means that MEEA will have to be more selective in choosing papers for the annual meetings. This situation will also increase the responsibility of those who propose to take part in the annual meeting. The opportunity cost is clearly high for MEEA in the cases when a member withdraws from the program after it has been submitted to ASSA, does not show up for the presentation, or does not send his/her paper to the discussant by the deadline.

Eastern Economic Association (EAA) has invited MEEA to hold two or three sessions in their annual meetings. We have accepted their invitation and MEEA will take part in the EAA meetings starting in 1993. Karen Peifer (Economics Department of Smith College, and member of Board of Directors of MEEA) will organize these sessions.

The announcement of our annual meetings and call for papers is now regularly printed in a large number of publications, including some specialized

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Middle East Economic Association Annual Meeting in conjunction with Allied Social Science Association
January 5-7, 1993  Disneyland Hotel

Tuesday, January 5, 1993
8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.
Disneyland/Cerritos Room
Session 15
TURKISH ECONOMY IN THE 1980s AND 1990s
Presiding:
Karen Pfeifer, Smith College
Bulent Uyar, University of Northern Iowa – Public Finances in Turkey in the 1980s
Steven B. Webb, World Bank, and Ziya Onis, Bogazici University – The Political Economy of Policy Reform in Turkey in the 1980s
Toker Dereli, Istanbul University, Turkey, and Isik Uzla Zeytinoglu, McMaster University – Privatization and Employee Relations in Turkey
Tulin Sener, SUNY at New Paltz – Black Sea Economic Cooperation and Capital Flows
E. Mine Cinlar, Loyola University of Chicago – Demographics and Education in Actual and Proposed Regional Common Markets
Discussants:
Mahmood Yousefi, University of Northern Iowa
Ayse Tatar, Central Bank of Turkey

8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.
Disneyland/Yorba Room
Session No. 16
LABOR, HUMAN CAPITAL AND THE INFORMAL SECTOR IN THE MIDDLE EAST
Presiding:
Robin Barlow, University of Michigan
Magda Kandil, Southern Illinois University, and Mohammady Metwally, Alexandria University, Egypt – Determinants of the Egyptian Labor Migration
Ragui Assaad, University of Minnesota, and Insan Tunali, Tulane University – Do Wages Compensate for the Probability of Unemployment? Evidence from the Construction Labor Market in Egypt
Aysit Tansev, Yale University – School Transition Decisions and Parental Education in Turkey
Zehra Kasnakoglu, Middle East Technical University, Turkey – Unrecorded Economy in Turkey
Discussants:
Hadi Salehi Esfahani, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Hamid Mohtadi, University of Minnesota

10:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.
Disneyland/Cerritos Room
Session No. 15
ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF SANCTIONS, WAR AND CIVIL WAR
Presiding:
Manoucher Parvin, University of Akron
Louis G. Hobeika, The World Bank – Key Issues in the Reconstruction of Lebanon
Amer Al-Rubaie and Wjeh Elali, Concordia University, Canada – The Financial Implications of the Economic Sanction Against Iraq
Bergh Berberoglu, University of Nevada-Reno – The Political Economy of the Coming Power Struggles in the Middle East
Mehdi Mohaghegh and Frank T. Vanecek, Norwich University – The Persian Gulf Area of the Middle East: A Gold Mine for Some and a Graveyard for Others
Discussants:
Hamid Hosseini, Kings College
Shah Mehrabi, Mary Washington College

HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS
Mail or fax the housing form and your deposit of US $75 to the ASSA Housing Bureau in Anaheim by December 4. Accommodations at convention rates are exclusively through the ASSA Housing Bureau.

ASSA Housing Bureau
800 West Katella Avenue
P.O. Box 4279
Anaheim, CA 92803
Fax #714-776-2688

This year the hotel directory will be generated from the hotel reservation form. If you make your reservation through the ASSA Housing Bureau by November 30 you will be listed in the directory.

Hotels/Inns
Anaheim Hilton & Towers
Tel. 714/750-4321
Holiday Inn MainGate
Tel. 714/750-2801

Anaheim Marriott
Tel. 714/750-8000
Hyatt Regency Alcante
Tel. 714/971-3000

Disneyland Hotel
Tel. 714/778-2801
Inn At The Park
Tel. 714/750-1811

Pan Pacific Hotel
Tel. 714/999-0990
Quality Hotel
Tel. 714/750-5131

Sheraton Anaheim
Tel. 714/778-1700
Wednesday, January 6, 1992

8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.
Disneyland/Cerritos Room
Session No. 15

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF MIDDLE EAST OIL

Presiding:
Abbas Alnasrawi, University of Vermont

Charles D. Marpaung and Youssif I. Sherif, Oklahoma State University
- The Effect of Foreign Direct Investment in Oil Producing Countries: A VAR Approach

Ibrahim Elhadawi and Nader Majdi, The World Bank - The Optimum Saving Rate and the Equilibrium Real Exchange Rate in Bahrain: A Case of an Irreproducible Resource Base Economy

Massood V. Samii, New Hampshire College - The Post-Revolution Iranian Oil Policy

Siamack Shojai, Manhattan College - Oil Revenue and Fiscal Decisions in Selected OPEC Economies

Anis Bahreinian, California State University-Sacramento - Political Crisis in the Persian Gulf and the Oil Market

Discussants:
Abbas Alnasrawi, University of Vermont

Hamid Hosseini, King’s College - A Proposed Model of Industrial Restructuring and Dynamic Comparative Advantage for Iran

Hoossein Akhavi-Pour, Hamline University - The Process of Privatization in Iran: Analysis and Comments


Zahra Kamalkhani, University of Bergen, Norway - Family and Household Economic Management in the Context of Change: Case Study in Shiraz

Discussants:
Reza Fazeli, University of Redlands

Sohrab Behdad, Denison University

10:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.
Disneyland/Cerritos Room
Session No. 15

ECONOMICS OF MARRIAGE, SEXUALITY AND GENDER IN IRAN AND TURKEY

Presiding:
Fatemeh Moghadam, Hofstra University

Nader Habibi, Bu Ali Sina University, Iran - Economics of Marriage: Dower (Mahr) in Contemporary Iran

Fatemeh Moghadam, Hofstra University - Legal Commodification of Sexuality and Female Labor Process in Islam

Haideh Moghissi, University of Toronto, Canada - Women and Public Life in Iran: Contradictions and Compromises


Discussants:
Isik Urla Zeytinoglu, McMaster University, Canada

Rafat Fazeli, Redlands University
Thursday, January 7, 1992

8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.
Disneyland/Coronado D & E
Session No. 8 and 9

ISSUES IN PALESTINIAN AND
ISRAELI ECONOMIES

Presiding:
Jeffrey B. Nugent, University of
Southern California
Radwan A. Shaban, Georgia Institute
of Technology, and Osama A.
Hamed, Temple University – One-
Sided Customs and Monetary
Union: The Case of the West Bank
and Gaza Strip under Israeli Occupation

Salman Al-Qudsi and Jennifer
Olmsted, University of California
Davis – Commonalities and Differences of Local and Diaspora
Palestinians

Steven E. Paut, University of
Haifa, Israel – The Suppression of Competition in Israeli Agriculture

Ayat Kimhi, University of
Maryland – Investment in Children and Human Capital Levels of Farmers in the Presence of Off-

farm Migration: The Case of Israel

Discusssants:
Nawfal Umarri, University of
Denver

Jeffrey B. Nugent, University of
Southern California

10:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.
Disneyland/Coronado D & E
Session No. 8 and 9

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF
GROWTH AND INTEGRATION IN
THE MIDDLE EAST

Presiding:
Nake M. Kamrany, University of
Southern California

Karen Pfeifer, Smith College – Beyond Economic Liberalism in Turkey, Egypt and Algeria: Toward a Model of Sustainable Economic Development

Nawfal Umarsi, University of
Denver – Capital Accumulation, the Internal Terms of Trade and the External Accounts: A Model with Applications to Egypt

Elia H. Tuma, University of
California-Davis – Economic Development, Cooperation, and Stability in the Middle East

Mahmoud Ayub, The World Bank – Issues of Economic Integration in the Maghreb

Jamal Eddine Zarrour, Arab Monetary Fund – Regional Integration and Changing Trade Patterns in the Middle East

Discusssants:
Alan Richards, University of
California-Santa Cruz

Mine Cinar, Loyola University –
Chicago

2:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.
Disneyland/Coronado D & E
Session No. 8 and 9

MONETARY AND EXCHANGE RATE
POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Presiding:
Siamack Shojaei, Manhattan
College

Ernur D. Aban, Central Bank of
Turkey – Government Debt, the
Central Bank and Inflation: The Test of Three Hypotheses and the Structure of Causality

Ali M. Khadr and James Parks,
The World Bank – Foreign
Exchange Premium in Algeria

Bakhtiar Mozziimi and Bahram
Dadgostar, Lakehead University, Canada – Money, Real Interest Rates, and Output: An Examination of Postwar Iranian Data

Mahmood Yousef, University of
Northern Iowa, and Sohrab
Abizadeh, University of Win-
nipeg, Canada – Islamic Banking and Friedman’s Rule: An Assessment of Theory and Practice

Discusssants:
Tulin Sener, SUNY at Paltz

Abdulrah Ferdoosi, Ferris State
University
Middle East newsletters and the bulletins of some Middle East institutes. If you know of any relevant newsletters or bulletins, especially in Europe and the Middle East, that do not receive our announcement, please send me the address, and, if possible, a copy of the publication. I would like to solicit your support for enriching MEEA Newsletter. Please send news and comments to the editor. Comments about the state of scholarship in Middle Eastern economic studies, and the role that the MEEA is (or should be) playing in promoting this scholarship are particularly welcome. Looking forward to a successful meeting in Anaheim.

Announcements

MEEA to Present Panels at EEA

The MEEA has been invited to present three pre-organized sessions at the annual meetings of the Eastern Economic Association. The meetings will take place in Washington DC on March 19-21, 1993. The theme of the conference is “The Relevance – or Irrelevance – of Economic Analysis for Policy.”

Due to the time constraint, MEEA board members put their heads together and came up with the following three fully-staffed panels:

“Economic Analysis and Economic Policy in Iran” chaired by Cyrus Riahi, Harvard Center for Middle East Studies

“Structural Change and Economic Performance in Turkey, 1980-1990” chaired by Errol Balkan, Hamilton College

“Nationalism and the Politics of Middle Eastern Economics in the 1990s” chaired by Marsha Possum, Bryant College

For more information (or suggestions for how to keep “MEEA” and “EEA” straight while talking about them on the phone), contact Karen Pfiefer, Smith College, 413-585-3623.

Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York

520 Business Finance and Investment Applications are invited for a tenure track position beginning late August 1993. The position requires an earned doctorate, and a strong commitment to excellence in research, teaching, and community service. The teaching responsibilities include: corporate finance, investments, financial institutions, derivative markets, and related fields. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications. Applicants should submit a resume, names of three references, and some evidence of teaching effectiveness. Applications received by December 4, 1992 will be considered for an interview at the ASSA meeting. Applications will be accepted until January 15, 1993. Contact: Dr. Siavash Shojai, Chair, Economics and Finance Department, Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY 10471. EOE/AA/MM Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Egyptian and Islamic Studies

Centre for Egyptian Civilization Studies, Antioch College, has organized a winter term program in Egypt. For further information contact, Egypt Program, Antioch Education Abroad, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH 45387, Tel. (513) 767-3896.

Out-of-Print, Second-Hand and Antiquarian Books

Those interested in out-of-print, second-hand and antiquarian books about the Middle and Near East (history, politics, economics, ...) can contact JOPPA Books Limited, 29 Milnor Drive, Cobham, Surrey, England, KT11 2EZ, Tel. (0932) 68299.

ASSA Registration and Hotel Reservation

All the participants in the Anaheim Annual Meeting should register with ASSA and need to personally arrange for hotel registrations. If you need pre-registration and hotel reservation forms please contact Sohrab Behdad, tel. (614) 567-6404 or Saeed Rahmehna (513) 546-6869.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

Sunday, January 5, 1992

Hilton Hotel, New Orleans

Present: Abbas Alnasrawi (President), Sohrab Behdad, Shah Mehrabi, Fatemeh Moghaddam, Manoucheh Parvin, Karen Pfiefer, Saeed Rahmehna, and Hamid Zangemeh.

The Board met at 7:00 pm following the business meeting. The following decisions were made:

Shah will review the By Laws to suggest the necessary motion(s) for changes that appear necessary to the Board. The form of election of the Board members and officers is one of the issues of concern. Saeed, with Karen’s help, will continue to produce the Newsletter.

Abbas and Fati will work with Sohrab, as the committee for selection of papers for the 1993 annual meeting.

A more energetic membership drive is desirable. We should look into different and creative possibilities to attract new members.

Agreed once again: An energetic soul who can take charge of the Annual is desperately needed.
News About Members


Salem Ajluni successfully defended his dissertation entitled "Proletarianization Among Palestine's Mountain Peasantry: A Study In Rural Transformation, 1850-1985" at the University of Utah and subsequently joined the faculty of the Department of Economics at Siena College in Loudonville, NY. Ajluni also presented a paper entitled "Peasant Production under Conditions of Conflict: The Case of the Palestinian Peasantry of the West Bank during the Intifada" at the Economic Forum of the University of New Hampshire (in Durham) in April, 1992.


New Members

Abas Al, Emir Demir, Central Bank of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey
Assad, Nagri, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Chambers, David, Dubai Ports Authority, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Dahl, Carol, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado
Dawar, Heider, University of Bielefeld, Germany
Ehsani, Kaveh, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Esmail, Sima, American University, Washington, D.C.
Haktan, Hassan, Wye College, University of London, UK
Hosseinzadeh, Esfand, Drake University, Des Moines, IA
Kamalakht, Zahra, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway
Kandil, Megdes, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
Kermans, Majid, Southwestern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA
Khodr, Ahami, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Kimhi, Ayel, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Lerner, Joseph, Jerusalem, Israel
Metwally, Mohamd, Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt
Olmsed, Jennifer, University of California-Davis, Davis, CA
Owen, Roger, St. Anthony's College, Oxford, U.K.
Pault, Steven, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haif, Israel
Roy, Sara, Washington, D.C.
Sherif, Yousef, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
Taher, Abbas, University of Wisconsin Center-Manitowoc County, Manitowoc, WI
Uyar, Ruhani, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
Weiss, Steven, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Windolf, Robert, Merrill Lynch Asset Management, Princeton, NJ
Wright, J.W., Washington College, Chestertown, MD
Zarrouk, Jamil E., Arab Monetary Fund, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
New and Recent Titles

As part of the information services to MEEA Members the Newsletter will announce new titles on the political economy of the Middle East. We renew our request to publishers to send us copies of new titles on the political economy of the Middle East.


Eln, Mustafa, *Oil, Power and Principle* (Syracuse: Syracuse Univ. Press, 1992)


Hentsch, Thierry, *Imagining the Middle East* (Montreal: Black Rose Books, 1992)


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