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MEEA Research in Middle East Economics

As the new series editor, I would first like to thank Karen Pfeifer for all of her hard work in putting together the first three volumes and particularly for negotiating and working with JAI Press to produce such wonderful volumes. In addition, I would like to thank Mine Cinar, who has been very active during the interim period, between the time Karen stepped down and I began working as editor.

Volume 4: The fourth volume in MEEA’s annual series Research in Middle East Economics (RMEE), titled “Women and Work in the Middle East” and edited by Mine Cinar, will be shipped to members early in 2000. All members who paid their 1999 dues will automatically receive volume 4. If you have not renewed your membership please contact MEEA Treasurer Bulent Uyar (uyar@uni.edu). Although the table of contents is not completely finalized for Volume 4, the tentative content is listed on p. 7.

Volume 5: Volume 5 will be devoted to the topic “Food, Agriculture and Economic Development” and will be guest edited by Dr. Hans Lobiggen of the International Food Policy Research Institute (hloebiggen@cgiar.org). Please remember to send in your 2000 dues, in order to receive Volume 5. MEEA members receive a considerable discount on these publications, as the book is available to individuals at a price of $25.00 and yet our members pay only $45 for membership, which includes a complimentary copy of each volume.

Volume 6: The topic for Volume 6 has been tentatively set as “Money and Finance.” Please contact the editor if you are interested in submitting a manuscript for this volume and also if you can review manuscripts in the area of money and finance.

Volume 7 and beyond: We are actively seeking volume proposals from members for the next volumes of RMEE.

Reviewers: We are of course always interested in reliable, thoughtful reviewers of manuscripts. Reviewers provide a valuable service to the profession, as well as having their name appear on the frontispiece of the volume in the list of “Reviewers of Manuscripts.” Please drop a line to the editor, indicating your willingness, as well as your fields.

Thank you.

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Middle East Economic Association Annual Meeting
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January 7-9, 2000, Boston Massachusetts

January 7, 1999

10:15 a.m
Welles, Adams

Budget Institutions and Public Expenditure Management in Middle East and North Africa (G1, G3)

Presiding

Hadi Sadri, Eastman, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

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Fayzal Haouchi, Faculty of Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Tunis, "The Budget Process and Fiscal Policy in Tunisia"

Izak Arlyas, Sabanci University, Istanbul, and Serif Saygus, World Bank, "Budget Institutions in Turkey"

Introduction

Ziya Oktar, Koç University

Suhayman Omran, University of Pennsylvania and Bogazici University

5:00-7:30 P.M.,
MEEA Board Meeting
(Invitation Only)
Sheraton, Boardroom

Discussions

Ziya Oktar, Koç University

Suhayman Omran, University of Pennsylvania and Bogazici University

Gary Fields, Cornell University, "Income Mobility: Five Concepts and Empirical Evidence"

Jacques Silber, Bar-Ilan University and Suhayman Omran, Bogazici University, "Decomposition of Income Inequality: Evidence from Turkey"

Ahmad Enis Koeang, Penn State University

Turhan Gokcen Ball, CUNY

E. Mine Cinar, Loyola University Chicago

Join Us
MEEA
25th Anniversary Dinner
8:15 January 7th, 2000
Radisson Boston
with presentation by Kemal Kirman
"The Muslim Commercial Retreat: Causes, Consequences, Responses"

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9:00 a.m.
Westin, St. George C.
Exchange Rate Dynamics in the Middle East (Fly P4)

Proceeding: Cigdem Izig Kogan, Central Bank of Turkey

Osman Ozanun and Nurhan Yentur, Istanbul Technical University, "The Trade Off Between Exchange Rate, Productivity and Wages in Developing Countries: the Case of Turkey"

C. Emre Alper and Insall Saghah, Bogazici University, "Equilibrium Level of the Real Exchange Rate and the Duration and Magnitude of the Missalignments for Turkey"

Somer Baskan and Murat Ozbilgin, Central Bank of Turkey, "What Can Be the Optimal Design for the Exchange Rate Based Stabilization in Turkey?"

Kivrimen Metin and Kurru Yoyoda and A. Erve Yildirim, Bilkent University, "Dynamics of Macroeconomic Adjustment in a Globalized Developing Economy"

Serhan Ciftcioglu, Bosphorus Mediterranean University of North Cyprus, Capital Mobility, "Exchange Rate Determination and Long Run Stability of a Small, Open Economy"

Discussion:
Faith Orantay, SHF, Avantia University
C. Emre Alper, Bogazici University

2:30 p.m.
Westin, St. George C.
Labor Markets and Poverty in Middle East and North Africa (NL 14)

Proceeding: Bulent Uyar, University of Northern Iowa

Serhat Panuk, Bogazici University, "Prices and Real Wages in the Middle East 1970 to 1994"

Ragut Amann, University of Minnesota and Imran Tunali, Koc University, "Female Labor Supply in Egypt, Iran and Turkey"


Huat-Ling Chen, National Chi Nan University and Davoro Salihzad-Salati, VPL, "Intergenerational Transfer of Human Capital from Parents to Children: An Neighborhood Matrix"

E. Mine Cinar, Loyola University Chicago, "Best Practices for Poverty Reduction in MENA"

Discussion:
Edward Sayer, Kenyon College
Hasan Aly, Ohio State University
Bulent Uyar, University of Northern Iowa

5:30-7:00 PM
Westin, St. George C.
MEEA Business Meeting

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of the MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION, please fill in the attached form and return it to the Executive Secretary. The membership fee is $45 U.S. for faculty and other professionals and $35 U.S. for students.

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8:00 A.M.
Westin, Courier

Structure, Inequality and Political Economy in the Middle East and North Africa (09, 10, 11:45)

Presiding
Nejat Ambarci, Florida International University

Tessen Pamukcu, Free University of Brussels and PIM de Boer, Erasmus University Rotterdam, "Determinants of Technological Activities in Turkish Manufacturing Industries: A Microeconomic Analysis"

Mehter K. Kurnaz, Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, "Privatization of Domestic State Owned Enterprises"

Kerem Orman, Middle East Technical University and Hulusi Saygili, Central Bank of Turkey and Michigan State University, "Budget Deficits, Interest Rates, Public and Private Investments in Turkey"

Hakan Erkan, Bogazici University and Umit Isman, TUSIAD, "Income Inequality and Its Future in Turkey"

Mohammed Z. Bara, University of Tehran, Algeria, "Structural Adjustment, Transition and Public Finance in Algeria: Outcomes and Prospects"

Discussants
Jeffrey Nugent, University of Southern California
Turlik Yoruf, Georgetown University

10:15 A.M.
Westin, Courier

Issues of Growth in Middle East and North Africa (01, 05, 04)

Presiding

Jeffrey Nugent, University of Southern California

Yerisa Altu-Amaro McKeen, Kent State University, David L. McKeen, Kent State University, Don W. Gardner, California State University, Stanislav, "Accounting Service, the Islamic Middle East and the Global Economic Implications for Growth and Change"


Safi, A., Abid, Conscience University, and Amer Alibouhak, APEC, Kuala Lumpur, "A Simulated Model of Military Spending and Economic Growth in Selected Middle Eastern Countries"

Hasan Kirmanganli, Istanbul Bilgi University, "The Effect of Turkish Inflation on the Economy"

Ulrich Bartsch and Tomlin Muller, Oxford Institute for Policy Studies, "The Kyoto Impact in the Middle East"

Discussants
Tessen Pamukcu, Free University of Brussels
Nicholas Sanchez, College of the Holy Cross

1:00 P.M.
Westin, Courier

Inflation and Business Cycles in Middle East and North Africa (02, 03, 05)

Presiding

Shah Mahbub, Montgomery College

Faith Otaruyi, BHP, Anata University, "The Turkish Business Cycle and the Role of Money and Credit"

Onur Overek, Istanbul Bilgi University, "The Forecasting Model of Turkish Inflation"

Petrin Bepa, Central Bank of Turkey, "Measuring Inflation for the Central Bank"

Dilek Fikir Butun, Department of Treasury of Turkey, "An Empirical Approach to Fiscal Deficits and Inflation: Evidence from Turkey"

Discussants
Hasan Kirmanganli, Istanbul Bilgi University
Hakan Erkan, Bogazici University

Call for Papers

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA)

to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Allied Social Science Associations in New Orleans, Louisiana

January 5-7, 2001

Please send a one-page abstract by April 10, 2000 to:

Jeffrey Nugent, Executive Secretary
Middle East Economic Association
Department of Economics
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA 90089

Note: Abstracts should be accompanied with a program submission fee of $25.00 US as well as an annual membership fee of $45 US for 2000.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH FORUM FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES, IRAN AND TURKEY (ERF)

Several MEEA members participated in the Sixth Annual Conference of the ERF held in Cairo October 28-31, 1999. This conference was viewed as the ERF’s most successful so far, due to the high quality and breadth of participation. The papers were grouped into three major sessions, each focusing on different topics: labor and human resources, money and finance, and trade. Participants came from all around the region and from those working on the region, but located in Europe and North America. One plenary session was devoted to progress reports on the three two major regions-wide research projects funded by the ERF. One of these deals with public budgetary institutions (a project headed by Hadi Elshafy) and the other female labor supply and income distribution (headed by Ragui Assaad).

ERF and the network it has formed has become a model for the other regional research networks that have been created under the Global Development Network (GDN) under the leadership of the World Bank. The GDN had its first workshop December-5-8 in Bonn, Germany. All the GDN meetings, ERF and MEEA economics were also well represented.

Next year’s ERF conference will be held in Amman Jordan.

CONSULTING OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Economics at Kuwait University is interested in contacting Arabic speaking members of MEEA to participate in some activities in Kuwait. Please send your address and e-mail address to the address listed below as soon as possible. Mohammad El-Sadik, Dept. of Economics, P.O.Box 5486, Safat 13066, Kuwait.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MAS)

MAS announces several new publications reporting on recent developments in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Recent titles include Development Under Adversity: the Palestinian Economy in Transition which is a joint project with the World Bank (see page 8 of the newsletter for full citation), volume 5 of the MAS Economic Monitor, and several industry studies. To subscribe to the Economic Monitor or for complete pricing information and a publication list, contact Wissam Saadeh, P.O. Box 303, Ramallah, Palestine. Phone 972-2-996-7034. Fax 972-2-996-7055. Details are also available at MAS’s website: www.palecon.org/masdir

IBN KHALED PRIZE

Reminder that submissions for the Ibn Khaldun Prize for the best paper on one or more Middle Eastern countries by a junior economist (no more than three years after receiving Ph.D.) must be received no later than December 11, 2000 at the following address: Prof. Jeffrey I. Nugent, Dept. of Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0253, USA. The entries will be evaluated by a three person committee.

WESTERN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION JULY 2000 CALL FOR PAPERS

Jeff Nugent is interested in organizing a session on the Middle East or related subjects for the Western Economic Association International meetings in July 2000 in Vancouver. If you would like to present or be a discussant, contact Jeff before January 20, 2000 at the Department of Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089, USA. Email: nugent@usc.edu.

AMEWS

The Association of Middle East Women’s Studies (AMEWS) publishes a quarterly publication which includes book, conference and film reviews, as well as short pieces on pedagogy, research, etc. If any members of MEEA are interested in membership information, submitting material to the review, suggesting a book for review, or reviewing a book, conference, or film themselves, please contact Jennifer Olmsted, USD-ERS, 1800 M St., NW, Room 2059 S, Washington, DC 20006, USA, or by E-Mail at: jolmsted@econ.ucla.edu.

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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.


Editor's Note: I want to introduce myself as the new editor of the MEEA Newsletter. First, I want to thank Jennifer Olmedo for the excellent job she did during the last years and also for the guidance she provided me during the transition. Prevention Moghaddam, Mine Cinar, Jeffrey Nager and Budee Uyar also were very helpful in making this transition easier. I encourage you all to contribute to next year's newsletter. Ward Sayre

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