

# 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE of the MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (MEEA)

March 18-20, 2009

## Conference program:

**March 18th 2009**

**8h30: Starting of registration**

**9h30-10h: Opening session:**

Introduction by **Nathalie Hilmi** and **Alain Safa**.

**Welcome speeches:**

- **Albert Marouani**, President of the University of Nice-Sophia-Antipolis
- **Claude Berthomieu**, Director of the CEMAFI
- **Hadi Esfahani**, President of MEEA

**10h-11h: Plenary session:**

**Keynote speakers:**

- **Mario Aoun**, Minister of Social Affairs in Lebanon: "A Synopsis on Poverty in Lebanon"
- **Raed Safadi**, Chief Economist, Department of Economic Development, Government of Dubai: "The Global Financial Crisis and MENA: The Outlook"
- **Mohamed Lahouel**, Associate Dean for Academic affairs in Dubai School of Government: "The impact of the financial crisis on MENA countries"

**Coffee break**

**11h15-13h: parallel sessions**

**Salle Théâtre: "Trade and Financial Liberalization"**

**Chair:** [Mohamed Lahouel, Dubai Government School](#)

- **Sarra Ben Slimane and Moez Ben Tahar**, CEMAFI, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis: "A Macro-econometric Measurement of the Degree of Financial Integration in MENA Region"
- **Claude Berthomieu and Parastoo Shajari**, CEMAFI, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis: "Adjustment with Growth: Application of the IMF and World Bank Integrated Model to Estimate Some MENA Countries Macroeconomic Performance"
- **Nicolas Périddy**, University of the South, Toulon-Var **and Javad Abedini**, University of Nantes / Sharif University of Technology (Iran): "Trade Effects of Regional Integration in Imperfect Competition: Evidence from the Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA)"
- **Seyed Komail Tayebi and Ahmad Googerdchian**, University of Isfahan: "Responsiveness of the MENA Economic Growth to the EU Financial Integration: a Problem of Evaluation"
- **Hasan Güngör and Salih Turan Katircioglu**, Eastern Mediterranean University: "The Empirical Relationship Between International Trade and Financial Development: The Case of Turkey"

### Salle Belvédère: “Country Risk and FDI”

Chair: [Mine Cinar, Loyola University, Chicago](#)

- **Christian Steiner**, Centre for Research on the Arab World, University Mainz: “Political Risk, Violent Political Unrest and Foreign Direct Investment - the Influence of Islamist Terrorism and 9/11 on Tourism Investment in Egypt”
- **Saime S. Kayam and Mehtap Hisarciklilar**, Istanbul Technical University: “Determinants of Turkish FDI abroad”
- **Eric A. L. Li and B. N. Ghosh**, Eastern Mediterranean University: “Macroeconomic Vulnerability and Investment Risks in the MENA Region”
- **El Mekkaoui De Freitas, Florence Arestoff, Sabine Mage**, Laboratoire d’Economie de Dauphine (LEDA), Université Paris Dauphine **and Touhami Abdelkhalek**, Institut national de statistique et d’économie appliquée (INSEEA), Maroc: “Econometric Analysis of Households’ Savings: the Moroccan case”

### Salle des actes : “ANR Session”

Chair: [Mario Aoun, minister of social affairs, Lebanon](#)

- **Valérie Berenger**, CEMAFI, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, **Joseph Deutsch and Jacques Silber**, Bar-Ilan University: “Order of Acquisition of Durable Goods and Multidimensional Poverty Measurement: A Comparative Study of Egypt, Morocco and Turkey”
- **Jaleddine Ben Rejeb**, Sousse Higher Institute of Management / Tunis School of Business: “Quantification of Permanent Poverty on the Basis of not Panelized Data”
- **Jean-Claude Verez**, University of Artois, **Alain Safa**, CEMAFI, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis **and Nathalie Hilmi**, CEMAFI-UNSA / International University of Monaco : “Turkey: an Emerging Economy Challenged with Human Poverty - The case of Education”
- **Mohamed Trabelsi**, Institute of Higher Commercial Studies, Tunis, **Ghazi Boulila**, Higher School of Economic and Commercial Sciences, Tunis **and Chaker Gabsi**, Faculty of Economics and Management, Tunis: “Regional Pro-Poor Growth and Convergence in Tunisia”

**13h-14h30: Lunch**

**14h30-16h15: parallel sessions**

### Salle à Théâtre: “Environment Laws and Regulations”

Chair: [Fatma Dogruel, Marmara University](#)

- **Kay Adamson**, Glasgow Caledonian University: “Issues of Equity and Distributional Justice in the Politics and the Practice of Agriculture in the MENA”
- **Andreas Kern and Alexander Salhi**, Freie Universität Berlin: “The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership - A Macroeconomic Governance Perspective”
- **Motaz Khorshid**, Cairo university: “Revising Energy Pricing Strategy in Egypt. An Issue-Oriented Economy Wide Analytical Approach”

### Salle Belvédère: “Labor Markets and Migration”

Chair: [Suut Dogruel](#)

- **Mehtap Hisarciklilar, Öner Günçavdi**, Istanbul Technical University **and Haluk Levent**, Galatasaray University: “Openness to Trade and Unemployment in the Turkish Manufacturing Industry”
- **Etienne Farvaque**, University of Lille **and Norimichi Matsueda**, Kwansai Gakuin University: “On the Sustainability of a Monetary Union Among the Gulf Countries”
- **Galit Eizman**, Planning & Budgeting Committee-The Israeli Council for Higher education, **Aviad Tur-Sinai**, Tel-Aviv University / ICBS **and Dmitri Romanov**, Israel Central Bureau of Statistics: “Overeducation, Job Mobility, and Earnings Mobility among Holders of First Degrees in Israel”

### **Salle des actes: “Policies and Capital Flows”**

Chair: [Jeffrey Nugent, University of South California](#)

- **Mohamed Trabelsi**, Institut des Hautes Etudes commerciales de Carthage (IHEC), **Ghazi Boulila**, Ecole des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales de Tunis (ESSEC) and **Afrah Larnaout Gouider**, Faculté des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de Tunis (FSEGT): “Does External Financial reform Increase Output Fluctuations? Evidence from Developed and Emerging Economies”
- **Maëlan Le Goff**, CNRS-CERDI, University of Auvergne: “How Remittances Contribute to Poverty Reduction: Impact of their Stabilising Character”
- **Fethi Ayachi**, ESSEC Tunis and CEMAFI, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis: “Intolerable Surges, Exchange rate regimes And Sudden Stops of capital flows”
- **Serdar Sayan**, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara and **Pelin Özkan Özbozkurt**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara: “European Union Business Cycles and Remittances Sent Home by Turkish Workers Living in the EU Area”

### **Coffee-Break**

**16h30-18h15: parallel sessions**

### **Salle Théâtre: “FDI and capital flows”**

Chair: [Serdar Sayan, University of Economics and Technology](#)

- **Huu Thanh Tam Nguyen**, LEREPS, University of Toulouse I and **Med Kechidi**, LEREPS, Université Toulouse II: “What are the impacts of Export-platform Foreign Direct Investment on Local Industries”
- **Sarkis Zeki Houry**, University of California, Riverside and **Eva Maria Wagner**, Johannes Kepler University Linz: “A Case of Missing Links: FDI in MENA Countries”
- **Ismail H. Genc**, American University of Sharjah and **Hasan Sahin**, University of Ankara: “An Empirical Investigation of Short Term Interest Rate Models for Turkey”

### **Salle Belvédère: “Globalization and trade”**

Chair: [Hadi Salehi Esfahani, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#)

- **Samia Mansour**, Faculty of Economics Sciences and Management, Tunis / Institute of Higher Management, Sousse: “Does Exchange-Rate Volatility Affect Trade Balance? Empirics from Tunisia”
- **Mohammad Reza Farzanegan**, Dresden University of Technology: “Illegal Trade in the Iranian Economy: Evidence from a Structural Model”
- **Öner Günçavdi and Burç Ulengin**, Istanbul technical university: “Tradable and Nontradable Expenditure and Aggregate Demand for Imports in an Emerging Market Economy”

### **Salle des actes: “Sustainable development”**

Chair: [Jean-Charles Briquet-Laugier, CEMAFI, UNS](#)

- **Isabelle D'Ornano, Ahmed Ksaier and Jean-Etienne Carlotti**, CEMAFI, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis: “Crude oil price: how to anticipate its future trajectory?”
- **Avinoam Meir**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva: “Socially Sustainable Development: Planning Empowerment Among the Bedouin in Israel”
- **Sofiane Ghali**, F.S.E.G.N, University of 7 November at Carthage, E.R.F and **Zouhour Karray**, F.S.E.G.N, University of 7 November at Carthage, UAQUAP, LEREPS: “Trade and R&D Externalities: Impact on the Cost of Production of the Tunisian Manufacturing Sector”

**19h30: Conference Dinner in Nice**