WORKSHOP ON

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE MIDDLE EAST

27–28 OCTOBER 2017

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies
Marston Road
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DAY 1: FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017

9.00 – 9.30
REGISTRATION
Damascus Room

9.30 – 11.00
ISLAM, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
Chair: Lena Rethel, Warwick University
Abdallah Zouache, Sciences-Po Lille
Islam, Institutions, Development, and the Mistakes of Orientalist Economics
M. Shahid Ebrahim, Durham University
Reconstructing the Murabaha Facility within a Truly Islamic Financial Architecture
Mohammed Meki and Simon Quinn, University of Oxford
Microequity for Micro Enterprises: Implementing Musharakah-based contracts in the field

11.00 – 11.30
COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 13.00
MANAGING OIL REVENUES
Chair: Rick van der Ploeg, University of Oxford
Kamiar Mohaddess, University of Cambridge, and Mehdi Raissi, IMF
Do Sovereign Wealth Funds Dampen the Negative Effects of Commodity Price Volatility?
Gunes Asik, Tobb Economics and Technology University, Turkey
Effectiveness of Stabilization Funds in Managing Volatility in Oil-Rich Countries
Elkhan Richard Sadik-Zada and Wilhelm Loewenstein, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Inter-sectoral Elasticity Model and Elite Dynamics in the Petroleum Exporting MENA States

13.00 – 14.00
LUNCH
Oman Hall

14.00 – 15.30
INEQUALITY, MIGRATION AND CONFLICT
Chair: Mohamed Ali Marouani, Universite Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne
Cevat Giray Aksoy and Berkay Ozcan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Immigration and Fertility Outcomes of Natives: Evidence from Syrian migration to Turkey
Cyrine Hannafi and Christophe Muller, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, CNRS
Local Determinants of the Syrian Conflict
Jmai Amal, University of Tunis el Manar, Tunis
Regional Inequality in Tunisia: Is it a geographic misallocation or spatial nature effects?
15.30 – 17.00
POLITICAL ECONOMY OF TRADE AND MACROECONOMIC POLICIES

Chair: Ferdinand Eibl, Kings College London

Michelle Marshallian, University of Paris-Dauphine
Trade, Tariffs and Missing Imports: Using trade liberalization to understand business-state relations in Egyptian manufacturing

Steve Monroe, Princeton University
Ties that Bind? Trade liberalization and cross-ethnic protectionism in Jordan

Max Gallien, London School of Economics
Smugglers and States: The political settlements of cross-border informal trade in the Maghreb

Hoda Selim, IMF, and Jala Youssef, Economic Research Forum, Cairo
Macroeconomic Management in Euro-med Transition Countries: What happened and what went wrong?

17:00
KEYNOTE
STATE CAPACITY, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT: CHALLENGES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST
Professor Timothy Besley, London School of Economics

Chair: Professor Christopher Adam, Oxford Department of International Development

18:45
WORKSHOP RECEPTION AND DINNER
Oman Hall

DAY 2: SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2017

09:30 – 11.00
OIL, MIGRATION AND POLITICS

Ferdinand Eibl, Kings College London, and Steffen Hertog, London School of Economics
Why Are Some Oil Dictators Nice to Their People?

Onur Altindag, Harvard University, and Neeraj Kaushal, Columbia University
Do Refugees Impact Voting Behavior in the Host Country? Evidence from Syrian refugee inflows in Turkey

Cagatay Bircan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Orkun Saka, London School of Economics
Political Lending Cycles and Real Outcomes: Evidence from Turkey

11:00 – 11.30
COFFEE BREAK

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11:30 – 13:00

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PROTEST POLITICS**

Chair: David Cobham, Herriot–Watt University

Nelly El-Mallakh, Universite Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne  
*Did the Egyptian Protests Lead to Change? Evidence from Egypt’s first free presidential elections*

Mohamed Ali Marouani, Universite Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne  
*The Economics of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Neighbouring Countries: The case of Lebanon*

Presentations via Skype  
Samer Matta, World Bank, Simon Appleton and Michael Bleaney, Nottingham University  
*The Economic Impact of Political Instability and Mass Civil Protest*

Rana Hendy, Doha Institute of Graduate Studies, Qatar  
*The Effects of the Revolution on the Labour Market Aren’t Totally Negative After All!: A gender analysis*

13:00 – 14:00

**LUNCH**

Oman Hall

14:00 – 15:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**POLITICAL ECONOMY OF REFORM IN THE ARAB WORLD**

Moderator: Adeel Malik, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies and ODID

Dr Abdallah Al-Dardari, World Bank and former Deputy Prime Minister of Syria  
Dr Bassem Awadallah, former Minister of Planning and Chief of Royal Court, Jordan  
Mr Ahmad Al-Sayyed, former CEO of Qatar Investment Authority

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