

**ERF WORKSHOP ON
THE USE OF LABOR MARKET PANEL SURVEY DATA**

**JULY 28, 2015
ERF PREMISES, CAIRO, EGYPT**

CONTEXT

Labor markets play a central role in determining a country's economic and social progress; thus the availability of labor market and demographic data is integral to measure the impact of the unfolding events across Arab countries. As part of its Open Access Micro Data Initiative (OAMDI), ERF has substantially invested in carrying out Labor Market Panel Surveys (LMPSs) and making the data publicly accessible to researchers through the ERF data portal. Besides their panel structure, the LMPSs also contain extensive retrospective data on residential mobility; providing a unique opportunity for comparability across ERF countries and over time.

Against this backdrop, ERF launched an open call for proposals titled "The Use of Labor Market Panel Surveys Data", inviting researchers from the ERF region to submit original research proposals addressing research questions which require the use of the available Labor Market Panel Surveys data. This workshop serves as a platform for discussing the first drafts of the six papers generated under this project, which cover a variety of topics including migration, labor mobility and female participation in the labor market.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The objective of the workshop is to provide a platform for discussing the first drafts of the papers and their findings among authors and experts and receive feedback in order to improve the final output. The workshop is also intended to promote interaction between researchers with interest in the topic.

AGENDA

The workshop will convene for 1 day, gathering around 25-30 participants. Each session will last for an hour and a half where the presenters will speak for 20 minutes each, the discussant for 20 minutes. The remaining 30 minutes will be devoted to open discussion.

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09:00-10:45 Opening and Session 1: Migration and Labor Market Performance

Moderator: Ahmed Galal (Economic Research Forum)

Opening Remarks: Ragui Assaad (University of Minnesota and ERF)

Speakers: Mohamed Aroui and Cuong V. Nguyen, *Does Migration Affect Labor Supply, Non-farm Diversification and Income of Home Households? Evidence from Egypt*

Ghazi Alassaf, *Do Remittances and International Migration Affect the Performance of Labour Market in Jordan? An Empirical Investigation*

Discussant: Jackline Wahba (University of Southampton)

Open discussion

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 SESSION 2: Labor Mobility and Employment Outcomes

Moderator: Rana Hendy (Economic Research Forum)

Speakers: Maia Sieverding, *Intergenerational Mobility in Women's Employment Outcomes in Egypt.*

Zeynep Başak and Erol Taymaz, *Labor Mobility in Egypt, Jordan and Turkey: A Multi-State Multi-Spell Analysis Using the ELMPS, JLMPS and TWMHS.*

Discussant: Ragui Assaad (University of Minnesota and ERF)

Open discussion

12:45-01:45 Lunch

01:45-03:15 SESSION 3: Female Participation and Family Dynamics

Moderator: Meltem Dayioglu-Tayfur (Middle East Technical University and ERF)

Speakers: Hanan Nazier and Racha Ramadan, *Women's Participation in Labor Market in Egypt: Constraints and Opportunities.*

Noran Farag and Ehab Sakr, *Impact of Technology on Family Formation.*

Discussant: Insan Tunali (Koç University and ERF)

Open discussion

03:15-03:45 Coffee Break

03:45-05:15 Session 4: Inequality of Opportunity in MENA

Moderator: Sherine Al-Shawarby (Cairo University)

Speakers: Ragui Assaad, Caroline Krafft and Rana Hendy; *Inequality of opportunity in Income and Consumption in MENA.*

Open Discussion

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