ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE RISE OF ISLAMIST PARTIES

ERF 19th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
March 3-5, 2013 | AFESD, Kuwait

AGENDA
The Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) has evolved over the past 18 years to become one of the most important regional platforms for ERF and non-ERF affiliates to discuss frontier thinking about economic development, learn from one another and interact with international scholars. The upcoming conference comes at a time when the region is undergoing significant political transformation and will focus in its plenary sessions on a pertinent issue: **Economic Development and the Rise of Islamist Parties**. The plenary sessions will feature renowned economists and opinion makers and the conference will be held at the headquarters of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) in Kuwait, March 3-5, 2013. It is expected to host around 200 participants.

Besides the plenary sessions, there will be six parallel sessions, involving the presentation of almost 50 papers under the themes of: macroeconomics, finance, labor and human development, international economics, microeconomics and institutional economics. Parallel session papers are selected on the basis of a rigorous refereeing process in response to an open call for papers, hence their diversity. The closing session celebrates the six winners of what has become a regional institution: the Best Paper Award.

**Conference Theme**

The political upheavals which swept ERF's region in early 2011 ushered in Islamist political parties in Egypt, Tunisia, and potentially elsewhere in the region. Deposed political regimes were generally perceived to have failed to deliver acceptable standards of living to the majority of their populations, denying them freedom and social justice in the meantime. There has been much discussion as to why the Islamist movements surged to the fore, and just as many questions about the likely development policies and outcomes of their ascendancy to power. The fact that the track record of similar parties in other regions is mixed makes it doubly important to deal with questions about the conditions which would render this political development successful. This year’s conference is intended to do just that, primarily by attempting to understand the causes behind the rise of Islamist parties, the conditions under which they succeed and the likely outcome in Arab Spring countries.

**Plenary Session 1: The Causes of the Arab Uprisings and the Rationale for the Rise of Islamist Parties to Power**

This session will examine the root causes of the Arab uprisings and the rationale for the rise to power of Islamist parties. On the causes of the uprisings, the speakers will address such questions as: were the uprisings due to the failing of previous regimes to provide decent jobs for a growing population, to reduce poverty and to curb inequality and corruption? Or were the root causes social in nature, influenced by a growing middle class combined with limited social mobility? Was it due to political oppression and what role did the West play in the process, if any?

On the rise of Islamist political parties, history tells us that the region has been traditionally devout, but most countries have also been officially secular for centuries. So why did the uprisings lead to the rise of Islamist parties? Was it the power of ideology and organization? Do they offer a reform agenda that is likely to address the inadequacies of the previous regimes? How much of their success is due to the failure of other opposition parties to reach out to citizens? Finally, what do we know about the rise of such movements and their fates in other Islamic states?

**Plenary Session 2: Comparative Economic Performance in Islamist-Governed Countries**

This session will focus on what happens comparatively when Islamist parties attain power. Panelists will examine such questions as: do these parties develop defining characteristics as far as development policies are concerned? Are they monolithic? Are the resulting development outcomes similar?
What might explain the differences in outcomes across such diverse countries as Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey? What lessons can we draw from this comparative analysis for Arab Spring countries?

**Plenary Session 3: Outlook and Possible Scenarios**

This session will contemplate the likely scenarios as a result of the Islamist party rule. Besides elaborating on their views on the likely political settlements in different countries in the region, the speakers will address such questions as: after decades in opposition, how well are Islamist political parties likely to manage the economy? Which path are they likely to follow; that of Turkey, Pakistan or Iran? To what extent are they likely to adjust their initial positions given the prevailing balance of power in different countries? And will they be able to strike a healthy balance between the neo-liberal economic programs they have espoused with the need for social justice and income distribution? Finally, what are the prospects for power transitions in the future?

**Parallel Sessions**

There will be six parallel sessions, covering the following broad areas of economics:

1. Institutional Economics/Governance
2. Finance
3. Macroeconomics
4. International Economics
5. Labor and Human Development
6. Microeconomic and Sectoral Studies

**Special Events and Meetings**

1. Meeting of the ERF Advisory Committee
2. Thematic Leaders’ Meeting
3. ERF Finance Committee Meeting
4. Research Fellows’ Meeting
5. Meeting of the ERF Board of Trustees
7. Book Launch: *Economic Incentives and Environmental Regulation*
8. Closing and award ceremony of the Best Paper Award

**Preconference Events**

**2 March 2013**

09:00 – 13:00  **ERF Advisory Committee Meeting (Closed meeting)**  |  Four Points Sheraton Hotel
15:30 – 16:30  **Thematic Leaders Meeting (Closed meeting)**  |  Four Points Sheraton Hotel
17:00 – 18:00  **ERF Finance Committee Meeting (Closed meeting)**  |  Four Points Sheraton Hotel
# DAY ONE

### 8:00 – 9:00  **Registration**

### 9:00 – 11:30  **Opening and Plenary Session 1: The Causes of the Arab Uprisings and the Rationale for the Rise of Islamist Parties to Power** | Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Abdlatif Al-Hamad (Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and ERF)

**Opening Remarks:** Ahmed Galal (Economic Research Forum)

**Speakers:**
- Ishac Diwan (Harvard University and ERF)
- Jean Philippe Plateau (University of Namur and University of Oxford)
- Samer Shehata (Georgetown University)

### 11:30 – 12:00  **Coffee Break**

### 12:00 – 13:30  **Parallel Sessions**

#### Institutional Economics

**Discrimination and Justice**

**Main Conference Hall** (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Susanne Szabo

**Speakers:**
- Nadereh Chamlou, Juan Botero, Alejandro Ponce, Maliheh Birjandi, Leila Hanafi, and Bilgehan Gökçen
- Women’s Access to Justice in the Middle East & North Africa: An Empirical Investigation
- Andries de Grip and Ahmed Elsayed

#### Finance

**Risk Management and Behavior of Investors**

**The Library** (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Samir Makdisi

**Speakers:**
- Shawkat Hammoudeh, Mehmet Balcilar and Riza Demirer
- Investor Herds and Regime-Switching: Evidence from Gulf Arab Stock Markets
- Riadh Aloui, Mohamed Ben Aïssa, Shawkat Hammoudeh, and Duc Khuong Nguyen
- Extreme Risk Management in Oil and Natural Gas Markets

**Discussant:** Wafik Grais

#### Macroeconomics

**Macro-Financial Linkages**

**Glass Room** (Fourth Floor)

**Chairperson:** Simon Neaime

**Speakers:**
- Inessa Love and Rima Turk Ariss
- Macro-Financial Linkages in Egypt: A Panel Analysis of Economic Shocks on Loan Portfolio Quality
- Hoda Youssef and Santiago Herrera
- Macroeconomic Shocks and Banking Sector Developments in Egypt

**Discussant:** Fatih Ozatay

### 13:30 – 15:00  **Lunch Break**
### International Economics

**Prospects of Exports**

**Mamluk Room (Fourth Floor)**

Chairperson: *Adel Beshai*

Speakers:
- *Marouane Alaya*
- *Imed Mezghani*

The Growth of Turkey in World Trade: Opportunity or Threat for MENA Countries?

*Mohamed Ben Abdallah and Zouheir Bouchaddakh*

Banking and Monetary Crises: Impacts on Exports of MENA Countries

Discussant: *Rohinton Medhora*

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### Labor and Human Development

**Social Network and Spatial Inequality**

**Rounded Room (Fourth Floor)**

Chairperson: *Mungi Boughzala*

Speakers:
- *Moundir Lassassi*
- *Christophe Muller*

Reseaux Sociaux et Insertion Sur le Marche du Travail en Algerie

Aomar Ibourk and Jabrane Amaghouss

Les Inégalités dans le Domaine de l’éducation au Maroc: Une Approche par l’économétrie Spatiale

Discussant: *Ragui Assaad*

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### Microeconomics

**Egypt Post Revolution and Global Oil Supply Shocks**

**Tunisian Room (Fourth Floor)**

Chairperson: *Hania Sholkamy*

Speakers:
- *Amr Hosny, Magda Kandil and Hamid Mohtadi*

The Egyptian Economy Post Revolution: Sectoral Diagnosis of Potential Strengths and Binding Constraints

Paul Cashina, Kamiar Mohaddes, Maziar Raissi and Mehdi Raissi

The Differential Effects of Oil Demand and Supply Shocks on the Global Economy

Discussant: *Samir Ghazouani*
15:00 – 16:30 PARALLEL SESSIONS

INSTITUTIONAL ECONOMICS
The Dynamics of Social and Political Change in the Arab World
Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)
Chairperson: Imed Limam
Speakers: Mina Baliamoune Lutz
Different Arab Springs? The Political Elite and De Facto Political Power
Discussant: Hadi Esfahani

FINANCE
Banking Efficiency
The Library (Ground Floor)
Chairperson: Mouna Cherkaoui
Speakers: Mohamed El Arbi Chaffai and Sémia Lassoued
Ownership, Technical Efficiency and Cost of Bad Loans: Evidence from the Tunisian Banking Industry
Discussant: Hassan Aly

MACROECONOMICS
Fiscal Policy in Crisis
Glass Room (Fourth Floor)
Chairperson: Taher Kanaan
Speakers: Brahim Mansouri
Fiscal Policy, Trade Surpluses and Exchange Rates in a Situation of Trade Liberalization and Crisis: The Case of Morocco
Discussant: Magda Kandil

16:30 – 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 – 19:00 RESEARCH FELLOWS’ MEETING (CLOSED MEETING) | Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)

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9:00 – 11:00  **Plenary Session 2: Comparative Economic Performance in Islamist-Governed Countries | Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)**

**Chairperson:** Mustapha Nabli (Former Governor, Central Bank of Tunisia and ERF)

**Speakers:**
- Michele Dunne (The Atlantic Council)
- Magda Kandil (International Monetary Fund and ERF)
- Jillian Schwedler (University of Massachusetts)

11:00 – 11:30  **Coffee Break**

11:30  **ERF Board of Trustees Meeting (closed meeting)**

11:30 – 13:00  **Parallel Sessions**

**Institutional Economics**

Islam, Democracy and Economic Development

Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Hazem El-Beblawi

**Speakers:**
- Brahim Elmorchid
- Abdallah Zouache

**Finance**

SMEs and Interest Financing Contracts

The Library (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Mine Cinar

**Speakers:**
- Fathi Abid and Jihene Rebai
- Yosra Nouir and Sami Mensi

**Macroeconomics**

Current Account Deficit and International Reserves

Glass Room (Fourth Floor)

**Chairperson:** Yousef Al-Ebraheem

**Speakers:**
- Nergiz Dincer and Pinar Yasar
- Hoda Selim

**Discussion:**
- The Demand for International Reserves and Monetary Disequilibrium in Egypt

13:00 – 14:30  **Lunch Break**
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## Parallel Sessions

### Institutional Economics
**Voting Patterns in Turkey**
Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Pierre Jacquet
**Speakers:**
- Cem Başlevent
- Ali Akarca
- Cem Başlevent
- Discussant: Abla Abdel-Latif

### Finance
**Mergers, Competition and Bank Efficiency**
The Library (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Sultan Abou-Ali
**Speakers:**
- Nurhan Davutyan and Canan Yıldırım
- Malak Reda
- Discussant: Adel Boughrara

### Macroeconomics
**The Dutch Disease and Exchange Rate Volatility**
Glass Room (Fourth Floor)

**Chairperson:** Abdullah El-Kuwaiz
**Speakers:**
- Jean-Pierre Allegret and Tahar Ben-Khodja
- Sidi Mohamed Chekouri, Mohamed Benbouziane, and Abderrahim Chibi
- Discussant: Ibrahim Elbadawi

### Special Event: Open Access Data
16:30 – 18:00
Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Nemat Shafik (International Monetary Fund and ERF)
**Speakers:**
- Caroline Freund (World Bank)
- Ragui Assaad (University of Minnesota and ERF)
- Rana Hendy (Economic Research Forum)
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DAY THREE

9:00 – 11:00  **PLENARY SESSION 3: OUTLOOK AND POSSIBLE SCENARIOS** | Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Mohammed Al-Sabah (Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kuwait)

**Speakers:**
- Nathan J. Brown (George Washington University)
- Hazem El-Beblawi (Former Deputy Prime Minister, Egypt and ERF)
- Hussein El Kazzaz (Office of the President, Egypt)
- Marwan Muasher (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)

11:00 – 11:30  **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 – 13:00  **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**INSTITUTIONAL ECONOMICS**
Political Patronage and Economic Opportunity

Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)

**Chairperson:** Jamel Zarrouk

**Speakers:**
- Amirah El-Haddad

Political Patronage and Economic Opportunity: The Case of Vertical Integration in the Egyptian Clothing Industry

**Discussant:** Riadh Ben Jelili

**LABOR AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**
On-The Job Training & Wages

Rounded Room (Fourth Floor)

**Chairperson:** Aysit Tansel

**Speakers:**
- Christophe Muller
- Christophe Nordman

Wages and On-the-Job Training in Tunisia

**Discussant:** Cem Baslevent

**BOOK LAUNCH:**
**ERF AND EDWARD ELGAR:**
Economic Incentives and Environmental Regulations
Mamluk Room (Fourth Floor)

**Chairperson:** Ziad Bahaa El-Din

**Speakers:**
- Hala Abou-Ali

(Economic Research Forum)

**Mohamed Yasser Sherif**
(Environics)

13:00 – 14:30  **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30 – 16:00  **PLENARY SESSION 4: AWARDS CEREMONY AND CLOSING** | Main Conference Hall (Ground Floor)
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