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 Mohaddes, 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
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Trade, Tariffs and Missing Imports: Using trade liberalization to understand business-state relations in Egyptian manufacturing*

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

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

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

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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*

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18:45
**WORKSHOP RECEPTION AND DINNER**

Oman Hall

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**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
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Why Are Some Oil Dictators Nice to Their People?*

Onur Altindag, Harvard University, and Neeraj Kaushal, Columbia University
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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
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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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