

30th ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

January 3-6, 2010, Atlanta

Calendar of Events

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January 4:

- MEEA Board Meeting **6:00 pm, Marriott Marquis—L502**
- MEEA Business Meeting & Commemorative Event in Memory of Late Prof. **Abbas Alnasrawi**, co-founder and former president of the MEEA, featuring a memorial speech by **Sohrab Behdad** **8:15 pm, Marriott Marquis—M109**

January 5: Dinner in Honor of **Hadi Esfahani** (time and venue to be announced later)

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

LEGEND:

Discussant in the session numbered in the relevant font color

Presenter in the session numbered in the relevant font color

Session Chair in the session numbered in the relevant font color

ASSA Session numbers are in Roman numerals, Post-ASSA Session numbers are in Arabic numerals

Author(s)	Title
ASSA POSTER [CHAIR: Hassan Aly (1.3)]	
<i>Jan. 3, 2:30 pm -- Atlanta Marriott Marquis, A601</i>	
Zulal S. Denaux (II) (3.2) and Saygili&Saygili	Determinants of Vertical Specialization of Production
Nagla Rizk	Measuring Knowledge Creation in the Arab Countries: A New Assessment Yardstick
Adel Boughrara – Samir Ghazouani	Is There a Bank Lending Channel of Monetary Policy in Selected MENA Countries? A Comparative Analysis
Rahel Schomaker and Andreas Knorr	Water Supply and Sanitation in MENA – How Can the Private Sector Contribute to Meet the Millennium Development Goals? Empirical Evidence from Amman
Sadullah Çelik (1.1) , Erhan Aslanoglu and Seda Uzun	Determinants of Consumer Confidence in Emerging Economies: A Panel Cointegration Analysis
Ghazi A. Joharji (2.2)	Examining Government Expenditure and Economic Growth: Case Study of Saudi Arabia
Hala El-Ramly	A Re-examination of Income Convergence among Arab Countries
Umut Gunduz	The Impact of Trade on Social Development
Bassam AbuAl-Foul	The Causal Relation between Savings and Economic Growth: Some Evidence from MENA Countries
Cyrus Bina (2.1)	Obama’s Middle-East Inheritance: War and Oil
Ahmed Kamaly (I)	Does FDI crowd in or crowd out domestic investment? The Case of Egypt

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ASSA I

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, INVESTMENT AND GROWTH [CHAIR: Serdar Sayan]

Jan. 4, 8:00 am -- Atlanta Marriott Marquis, M109

Mohamed El Arbi Chaffai (1.2) and Patrick Plane	A Comparison of Male-Female Entrepreneur Performances in the Manufacturing Industry: The Case of Four MENA Countries	Mehtap Hisarciklilar (III)
A. Suut Dogruel (III) (1.2) - Can Karahasan	On the Dynamics of the Business Environment in the MENA Region	Hadi Esfahani (III)
Juliane Brach (1.1)	Technological Readiness in the Middle East and North Africa	Tarik Yousef (3.2)
Nada Mora (1.1) (3.2), Simon Neaime, and Sebouh Aintablian	Finance with a Focus on Dollar Debt: Evidence from a Survey of Lebanese Firms	Fahad Albadi (II)
Ahmet Faruk Aysan (3.2), Omer Faruk Baykal, Marie-Ange Véganzonès-Varoudakis	Shocks, Vulnerability and Therapy	Ahmed Kamaly (Poster)

ASSA II

GULF ECONOMIES [CHAIR: Ali Kutan]

Jan. 4, 10:15 am -- Atlanta Marriott Marquis, M109

Abdullah Al-Hassan (3.2)	A Coincident Indicator of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Business Cycle	Zulal Sogutlu-Denaux (Poster) (3.2)
Tarek Coury (1.3) and Chetan Dave	Economics of Growth and Diversification in the GCC	Bassam Abu Al Foul (Poster)
Fahad Albadi (I) - Bandar Abaalkhail	The Stability of Money Demand Functions and Monetary policy in the GCC Planned Monetary Union	Sadullah Celik (Poster) (1.1)
Shawkat M. Hammoudeh (1.1), Yuan Yuan, Michael McAleer	Shock and Volatility Spillovers Among Equity Sectors of the Gulf Arab Stock Markets	Hakan Saraoglu (1.1)
Rıza Demirer (1.1) and Talat Ulussever	Investor Herds and Oil Prices: Evidence from GCC Stock Exchanges	Wassim Shahin (2.1)

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ASSA III (Lunch)		
ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION IN THE MENA REGION [CHAIR: Hadi Esfahani (I)]		
<i>Jan. 4, 12:30 pm – Atlanta Marriott Marquis, M109</i>		

Mohamed Saleh (2.1)	An Economic Theory of the Differences in Educational and Occupational Distributions across Religious Groups: Empirical Evidence from 19th and 20th Century Egypt	Suut Dogruel (I)
Sevil Acar and Fatma Dogruel (3.1)	Sources of Inequalities in Selected MENA Countries	Jeff Nugent (1.2)
M. Najeeb Shafiq (1.3)	Reservations about the Road Not Traveled in the Middle East and North Africa: A Quantile Regression Analysis of School Incentives and Accountability using PISA 2006	Hassan Aly (IV)
Mehtap Hisarcikilar (I), Andrew McKay and Peter Wright	Gender Based Differences in Educational Achievement in Turkey: What Has Changed Over Time?	Rana Hendy (1.3)
Samir B.E. Maliki and Abderrezak Benhabib (2.2)	Quantification of the Relationship Poverty-Education in Algeria: A Multinomial Econometric Approach	Alpay Filiztekin (2.2)

Post-ASSA 1.1

FINANCIAL MARKETS IN TURKEY [CHAIR: Riza Demirer (III)]

Jan. 6, 10:30 am – IC Building Rm. 113, Georgia Tech. (759 Ferst Drive)

Ulkem Basdas, Ugur Soytaş	The Relationship between Spot Index and Future Returns: Cross-correlation Evidence from Turkey	Shawkat Hammoudeh (II)
Sadullah Celik (II) (Poster), Erhan Aslanoglu and Pinar Deniz	The Relationship between Consumer Confidence and Financial Market Variables in Turkey during the Global Crisis	Juliane Brach (I)
Can Inci and Hakan Saraoglu (II)	International Equity Asset Classes in the Turkish Fund Industry	Nada Mora (I) (3.2)

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Post-ASSA 1.2

INTERNATIONAL TRADE [CHAIR: Jeff Nugent (III)]

Jan. 6, 10:30 am – IC Building Rm. 115, Georgia Tech. (759 Ferst Drive)

A. Suut Dogruel (III) (I) -Fatma Dogruel (3.1) (III) - Umit Izmen	Changes in Exchange Rates and the Performance of the Manufacturing Sectors in Turkey	Mohamed Benbouzine (2.2) (3.2)
Guzin Erlat (3.1) and Haluk Erlat (2.2)	Measuring Product Quality in Turkish Intra-Industry Trade	Mohamed El Arbi Chaffai (I)
Guzin Erlat (3.1) and Seda Ekmen	Export Similarity and Competitiveness: The Case of Turkey in the EU Market	Nada Massoud (3.1)

Post-ASSA 1.3

LABOR MARKETS, WAGES AND PENSIONS [CHAIR: Nora Colton (2.1), (3.1)]

Jan. 6, 10:30 pm – IC Building Rm. 117, Georgia Tech. (759 Ferst Drive)

Rana Hendy (III)	Within Resource Allocation in Egyptian Couples: Do Distribution Factors Matter?	Ward Sayre
Ayşe Aylin Bayar, Oner Guncavdi and Ozgur Kayalica	Wage Differentiation in Tradable and Nontradable Sectors: Evidence from Turkey	Tarek Coury (II)
Ipek Ilkcaracan (2.1), Mehtap Hisarcikilar (III) (I) and Erdal Aydin	Formal versus Informal Labor Market Segmentation in Turkey in the course of Market Liberalization	M. Najeeb Shafiq (III)
Yigit Aydede	Sustainability of the Turkish PAYGO System's Generosity in People's Eyes	Pinar Derin Gure (2.1)

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Post-ASSA 2.1

POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND POLITICAL ECONOMY [CHAIR: Wassim Shahin (II)]

Jan. 6, 2:00 pm – IC Building Rm. 113, Georgia Tech. (759 Ferst Drive)

Pinar Derin Güre (1.3)	Separatist Terrorism and Poverty in Southeastern Turkey	Mohamed Saleh (III)
Nora Colton (3.1), (1.3)	Migration of Islamic Militancy to Urban Poverty Belts in the Middle East	Sohrab Behdad
Karen Pfeifer	Applying SSA Analysis to the Middle East: the Cases of Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait	Ipek Ilkcaracan (1.3)
Mehmet Babacan (2.1)	Lobbying and Growth: A Comparative Multi-Country Analysis	Cyrus Bina (Poster)
Salpie Djoundourian (2.1)	Environmental Movement in the Arab World	Mehmet Babacan (2.1)
Alain Safa and Nathalie Hilmi (3.2)	Socio-Economic Impact of the Climate Change: A First Assessment for North Africa	Salpie Djoundourian (2.1)

Post-ASSA 2.2

PRICING ISSUES AND PRICES [CHAIR: Abderrezzak Benhabib]

Jan. 6, 2:00 pm – IC Building Rm. 115, Georgia Tech. (759 Ferst Drive)

Alpay Filiztekin (III)	Convergence to the Law of One Price in Turkey	Olga Shemyakina (3.1)
Zeynep Deniz	Gasoline Prices in Turkey	Ghazi A. Joharji (Poster)
Mohamed Benbouziane (3.2), (1.2), Abdelhak Benamar and Chaib Bounoua	Money and Prices in the Maghreb Countries: A Re-investigation Using an ARDL Bounds Testing Approach	Haluk Erhat (1.2)

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Post-ASSA 3.1

INTERNATIONAL FACTOR MOVEMENTS [CHAIR: Guzin Erlat (1.2)]

Jan. 6, 4:00 pm – IC Building Rm. 115, Georgia Tech. (759 Ferst Drive)

Nada Massoud (1.2)	FDI Mode of Entry and Growth in Emerging Markets: Evidence from Egypt	Fatma Dogruel (III)
Hisham Foad (3.1)	The Effect of the Gulf War on Migration and Remittances in the Middle East	Nora Colton (2.1) (1.3)
Aysu Insel (3.1), Nesrin Sungur Cakmak, Alptug Okten	The Link between the Immigration of the Turkish People and the Turkish Trade	Hisham Foad (3.1)
Olga Shemyakina (2.2) and Patricia Justino	Migrant Remittances and Household Labor Supply in the Post-Conflict Tajikistan	Aysu Insel (3.1)

Post-ASSA 3.2

MONETARY POLICY [CHAIR: Tarik Yousef (I)]

Jan. 6, 4:00 pm – IC Building Rm. 117, Georgia Tech. (759 Ferst Drive)

Meriem Djennas, Mostefa Djennas and Mohamed Benbouziane (2.2), (1.2)	A Neural Network and Genetic Algorithm Hybrid Model For The Modelling Of The Exchange Rate: The cases of Dollar – Kuwaiti Dinar and Dollar- Saudi Arabian RYAL exchange rates	Nathalie Hilmi (2.1)
Nada Mora (I), (1.1)	Do Reserve Requirements Matter? The Response of Bank Credit in Lebanon to Different Currency Reserve Requirements	Ahmet Faruk Aysan (I)
Zulal S. Denaux (Poster) (II), Hakan Berument and Yeliz Yalcin	The Effect of Monetary Policy on Components of GDP : A VAR Analysis with Sign Restrictions Model	Abdullah Al-Hassan (II)