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Letter from the MEEA President

Dear MEEA Members, Friends and Community,

The year 2002 has turned out to be another one where some regions of Middle East are in war, strife, economic turmoil, uncertainty and poverty. It is very fitting that our 2nd summer session in University of Versailles (see the Call for Papers on page 8 of this newsletter) in France to be held on June 2003 is on conflict resolution in the MENA areas. I strongly urge you to participate to this conference and contribute to this vital and needed topic. I would like to thank the local organizer, Professor Jacques Charmes of University of Versailles for hosting MEEA's summer session and Prof. Hassan Hakimian of City University, London for helping plan our summer sites.

Next year will mark the end of my term as President of MEEA. We will be holding elections in the summer of 2003 for the new Board and the new Executive Committee, all of whom will serve a three year term. I am going to be contacting our members for elections next fall. Due to problems we had with mail to and from the MENA region during September and October of 2001, a large majority of our overseas members could not vote in time for the present Board and the Executive Committee. To overcome this problem, I will ask the Board permission for emailed and faxed

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Call for Papers

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Allied Social Science Associations in San Diego, California
January 3-5, 2004

Please send a one-page abstract by March 31, 2003 to:
Jeffrey Nugent, Executive Secretary
Middle East Economic Association
Department of Economics
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0253

Note: Abstracts should be accompanied with a program submission fee of \$25 US as well as an annual membership fee for 2002 of \$25 US for faculty and other professionals, \$20 for students, and \$10 for all members residing in a MENA country.

Topics in Middle Eastern and North African Economies

the online journal of MEEA <http://www.meeaweb.org>

Editor: E. Mine Cinar

Contents of Volume 4, September 2002

“Issawi’s Notion of Egypt’s ‘Lop-sided development’ Revisited”,
Invited Lecture, by Roger Owen, Harvard University

“Palestinian Labor Migration to Israel since Oslo and Beyond”, by
Leila Farsakh, University of London

“Information Technology and Growth: Will the Software Industry
Lead Egypt into a New Economy?“, by Nagla Rizk, The American
University in Cairo

“International Accounting Standards and Selected Middle East Stock
Exchanges”, by Besalet Basoglu and Ahmed Goma, Manhattan
College

“Classification Tree Analysis Applied to the Middle East and North
African Regions”, by E. Mine Cinar, Loyola University Chicago

“David and Goliath: The U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement and
the Economic Development of Jordan”, by Grace Victoria
Chomo, United Nations

“Dual Labor Markets and Public Debt: An Illustration Using the
Lebanese Example”, by Sheikh Shahnawaz, University of
Southern California

“Oil and the Rentier State: Iran’s Capital Formation : 1960-1997”,
by Sousan Badiei and Cyrus Bina, California State Polytechnic
University Pomona and University of Minnesota

“The Interpretative Debate of the Classical Islamic Jurists on Riba
(Usury)”, by Farhad Nomani, The American University of Paris

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votes this year to speed up the process. You will be informed of the Board’s decision when you get your ballot forms.

On a separate note, I am very happy that Dr. Hamid Zangeneh, who provided MEEA with dedicated and faithful service as a Treasurer in the past, has accepted the position of the director of CHRAF, MEEA’s committee on human rights. We congratulate him and wish him success in this very important endeavor.

The fourth volume of *Topics on Middle East and North African Economies*, selected electronic proceedings of our last meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, has been published on the web. The table of contents of this volume is listed above. To access the articles on this volume as well as the previous three volumes, please access meeaweb.org and go to its online journal section. The electronic publication of our proceedings has been a success, by the citations the articles received and by the number of unsolicited publications I am now receiving. *Topics* only accepts selected proceedings of papers presented in MEEA meetings. I encourage you to submit your other articles to the newly established *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance* journal by our local chapter, Lebanese American University-Byblos. The editor is Prof. Wassim Shahin. The journal is published by Routledge Press. Information about the journal can be found at www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/14753685.html.

I wish you all a very productive and healthy year. I also hope for peace, prosperity, democracy and dignity for the MENA region. Your research and input are crucial in reaching these goals. Thank you for being part of MEEA’s research community.

Mine Cinar
Department of Economics, Loyola University Chicago

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA MAY 29-30, 2003 BYBLOS, LEBANON

The School of Business at The Lebanese American University in association with the Middle East chapter of the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) is holding its 5th International Conference on the *Economics and Finance of the Middle East and North Africa* on May 29-30, 2003, in Byblos, Lebanon. Papers in the all areas of economics and finance with applications to the Middle East and North Africa are solicited.

Papers presented to the conference can be submitted for consideration for publication in the inaugural issue of the *Review of Middle-East Economics and Finance* (www.tandf.co.uk/journals). Partial funding for travel and accommodation for the conference duration is available. For more information and submission of abstracts (~ 200-word) or full papers by email (as word or PDF attachment), please contact:

Dr. Salpie Djoundourian, Conference Co-Chair, LAU, P.O. Box 36,, Byblos, Lebanon, Email address: gdibeh@lau.edu.lb, Deadline for submission: March 15, 2002. Notification of acceptance: April 1, 2003. Website: www.lau.edu.lb

MEEA Board Meeting

January 2nd, 2003

6:00- 8:00 P.M.

Marriott Metro: PotomacRoom
(Invitation Only)

Middle East Economic Association Meeting
in conjunction with Allied Social Science Associations
January 3-5, 2003 Washington D.C.

January 3, 2003

8:00 a.m.

Marriott Metro: Salon C & D

Political Economy and Growth in the Middle East (Poster Session)

Presiding

Jeffrey B. Nugent, University of Southern California

Cyrus Bina, University of Minnesota, The 50th Anniversary of the Coup: Political Economy of Oil and Sovereignty in Iran (1951-1953)

Akbar Torbat, California State University, Origins of the U.S.-Iranian Economic Relations

Sofiane Ghali, Université de Tunis El Manar, and **Pierre Mohnen**, Maastricht University, TFP and Economic Potential of the Tunisian Economy

Gul Bema Ozcan, University of London, Investing in Islam: Anatolian Holding Companies and the Moral Route to Islamic Industrialization

M.Kabir Hassan, University of New Orleans, and **Simon Neaime**, American University of Beirut, Financial Liberalization and Domestic Savings in MENA Countries: A Comparative Analysis

Saziye Gazioglu, Aberdeen University, Volatility of Real Exchange Rate and an Emerging Market: The Turkish Case

Florence Eid, American University of Beirut, Governance and Incentives in Corporatized Public Hospitals: The Case of Lebanon

Haluk Erlat, Middle East Technical University, and Nilufer Ozdemir, Central Bank of Turkey, A Panel Approach to Investigating the Persistence in Turkish Real Exchange Rate

Nagla Rizk, The American University in Cairo, E commerce in the Arab Countries: A Brave New Arab World?

Grace V. Chomo, United Nations Economic and Social Office for Western Asia, Imported and Domestic Labor Supply Dynamics in the Arabian Peninsula

Gülay GünLük Senesen, Istanbul University, and **Ümit Senesen**, Istanbul Technical University, Import Dependency of Production in Turkey: From 1970's to 1990's

Nuray Güner, Seza Danisođlu Rhoades, Middle East Technical University, and **Zeynep Önder**, Bilkent University, Determinants of Market Reaction to Rights Offering Announcements: Evidence from an Emerging Market

Mohammed I. Al Madhoun and **Farhad Analoui**, Islamic University of Gaza and University of Bradford, Management and Development: The Training Program for Small and Micro Enterprises in Palestine

Serhan Ciftciglu, Eastern Mediterranean University, The Choice between Fixed and Flexible Rates in the Presence of Foreign Shocks

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10:15 a.m.

Marriott Metro:London II

Poverty and Inequality in the Middle East

Presiding

Shah M. Mehrabi, Montgomery College

Mona Said, International Monetary Fund, and **Tarik M.Yousef**, Georgetown University, Demography, Structural Reforms and Wage Inequality in Egypt, 1988-1998 Gender

Yusuf Ziya Özean, The Middle East Technical University, and **Kivilcim Metin Özcan**, Bilkent University, Measuring Poverty and Inequality in Turkey

Zuzana Brixiova, Edward Gemayel, and **Mona Said**, International Monetary Fund, Fiscal Decentralization and Poverty Alleviation in Sudan

Kamran M. Dadkhah, Northeastern University, Income Distribution and Economic Growth in Iran

Djavad Salehi Isfahani, and **Reza Moheemkar Kheirandish**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Dynamics of Poverty in Iran

George Slotsve, Northern Illinois University, Egyptian Poverty

Discussants

Heba Nassar, Cairo University

Kitty Kay Chan, US Department of Agriculture

Nagla E. Rizk, American University in Cairo

Sumon Bhaumik, London Business School

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2:30 p.m.

Marriott Metro:London II

Female Labor Participation

Presiding

Fatemeh E. Moghadam, Hofstra University

Melanie Arntz, University of Bonn, and **Meltem Dayioglu Tayfur**, Middle Eastern Technical University, The Role of Local Demand Side Factors in Determining Female Participation in Non Governmental Wage Employment

Sami Zouari, University of Sfax, and **Ragui Assaad**, University of Minnesota, Female Labor Force Participation, Fertility and the Timing of Marriage in Morocco

Fatma EI Hamidi, University of Pittsburgh, Female Labour Supply of Egyptian Married Women when Self Employment is an Option Participation and Hours of Work

Insan Tunali, Koç University, and **Cem Baslevant**, Bilgi University, Married Women's Participation Choices and Productivity Differentials: Evidence from Turkey

Jennifer Olmsted, Occidental College, Gender, Culture, Demography and Employment in the MENA Region

Discussants

Hassan Aly, Ohio State University

Parvin Alizadeh, Denison University

Florence Eid, American University Beirut

January 4, 2003

8:00 a.m.

Marriott Metro: Tokyo

Goods and Labor Flows in the Middle East

Presiding

Hadi Esfahani, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Amelie Constant and **Yochanan**

Shachmurove, University of Pennsylvania
Middle Eastern Immigrants in Germany

Güzin Erlat, and **Haluk Erlat**, Middle East Technical University, Intra Industry Trade and Labour Market Adjustment in Turkey

Ozay Methmet, Carleton University, and **Mehmet Tahirođlu**, Eastern Mediterranean University, Sustainability of Microstates: Cluster Theory and Comparative Advantage Revisited an Application to Northern Cyprus

Denise Eby Konan, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Alternative Paths to Prosperity: Economic Integration among Arab Countries

Edward Sayre, Agnes Scott College, The Labor Market Impact of Palestinian Return Migration

Leila Farsakh, London School of Oriental and African Studies, Palestinian Employment in Israeli Settlements in the West Bank: Causes and Implications

Hassan Hakimian, City University, London Water Scarcity and Food Imports in the MENA Region: An Empirical Examination of the 'Virtual Water' Hypothesis

Discussants

Alpay Filiztekin, Sabanci University

Hans Lofgren, International Food Policy Research Institute

Mussaddeq Chowdhury, University of Redlands

Sheikh Shahnawaz, University of Southern California

10:15 a.m.

Marriott Metro: Tokyo

Capital Flows and Markets in the Middle East

Presiding

E. Mine Cinar, Loyola University Chicago

Asim Erdilek, Case Western Reserve University, Inward and Outward Foreign Direct Investment in Turkey

Shawkat Hammoudeh, Drexel University Linkages and Volatility Transmission Between Oil Markets and Stock Markets of the Six GCC Oil Exporting Countries

M.Kabir Hassan, University of New Orleans Return Volatility, Predictability and Dynamic Relationships in the OIC Stock Markets

Sumon K. Bhaumik, **Saul Estrin**, London Business School, **Klaus Meyer**, Copenhagen Business School Determinants and Impact of MNC's Mode of Entry into an Emerging Market: A Comparison of Egypt and South Africa

Jorge Martinez Vazquez, and **Wasseem Mina**, Georgia State University, Rule of Law, Contract Enforcement, and the Level and Maturity of International Lending: Evidence from MENA

Kerim P. Arin, Louisiana State University Determinants of Privatization Prices: Evidence from Turkey

Discussants

Yakup Kepenek, Middle East Technical University

Jeffrey B. Nugent, University of Southern California

Sripad Motiram, University of California, Berkeley

W. Bruce Wydick, University of San Francisco

2:30 p.m.

Marriott Metro: Tokyo

Policy Roundtable on the Middle East: Where is MENA Headed?

Presiding

Tarik M. Yousef, Georgetown University

Panelists:

Vahan Zonayan, President, Petroleum Finance Company

George Abed, Director, Middle Eastern Department, IMF

Jean Louis Sarbib, VP, Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank

MEEA Business Meeting

January 3rd, 2003

5:30- 7:30 p.m.

Marriott Metro: London II

Coming Soon- early 2003

*Food, Agriculture and Economic Policy in the Middle East
Volume 5 of Research in Middle East Economics*

Published by JAI Press/ Elsevier
Ed. by Hans Lofgren

Housing Instructions

To make reservations contact WCTC Hotel Reservation Office, 108 Wilmot Road, Ste. 400, Deerfield, IL 60015

Make your reservations as soon as possible-online, or phone 800.492.7886 (9:00 am-8:00 pm EST, M-F), International call 847.940.4211. Reservations are processed on a first received basis.

Full reservation information is available at the AEA website www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/hotl.htm

Hotels

Marriott at Metro Center
775 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Capital Hilton
1001 16th Street, NW
Washington DC 20036

Grand Hyatt Washigton
1000 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Hyatt Regency Washington on
Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20001

JW Marriott
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Embassy Suites Downtown
1250 22nd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

January 5, 2003

8:30 a.m.

Marriott Metro: Tokyo

Exchange Rates, Money and Industry Structure in the Middle East

Presiding

Kivilcim Metin Ozcan, Bilkent University

Ida A. Mirzaie, John Carroll University and **Magda Kandil**, International Monetary Fund Comparative Analysis of Exchange Rate Fluctuation and Aggregate Economic Activity: Theory and Evidence from Middle Eastern Countries

Rania A. Al Mashat, International Monetary Fund, Financial Innovation and Alternative Exchange Rate Arrangements in MENA: An Empirical Estimation of Demand for Money

Alpay Filiztekin, **Öner Günçavdi**, **Benan Zeki Orbay**, Sabanci University, Capacity Choice, Exchange Rates and Industry Structure

Gökhan Çapođlu, Bilkent University Exchange Rate Based Stabilization Program in Turkey: Stabilizing or Destabilizing?

Yakup Kepenek, Middle East Technical University State and the Private Industrial Capital The Turkish Case

Discussants

Kamran Dadkhah, Northeastern University **Haluk Erlat**, Middle Eastern Technical University

Haluk Erlat, Middle Eastern Technical University

Julia Devlin, World Bank

NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

All participants in MEEA sessions in Washington D.C. must be sure that they are registered with the ASSA. Registration can be done on-line by the website available for the American Economic Association that can be done by doing a Google Search for this association and then clicking on the website given. Within that site check "annual meeting"

The MEEA Board meeting this year will be held 6-8 PM in the Potomac Room of the Marriott Metro Hotel on Thursday evening January 2. Please note that this is the evening before the conference formally opens.

The MEEA Business Meeting will be held on Friday evening January 3, 5:30-7PM in London II Room of the Marriott Metro.

Everyone please try to attend the Special Policy Roundtable on the Middle East 2:30-4:30 PM in the Tokyo Room of the Marriott Metro Hotel Saturday January 4. Also, please try to attend as many as possible of the MEEA sessions (on pages 3-5 in this newsletter) and attend our business meeting on Saturday evening January 3rd. Please feel free to bring students, colleagues and friends. Please check our website: <http://www.meeaweb.org/> for the latest information about MEEA activities and announcements.

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New Members 2002

Mohammed Al-Madhoun University of Bradford	Meltem Dayioglu-Tayfur Middle Eastern Technical University	Sofiane Ghali Université de Tunis-El Manar	Denise Eby Konan University of Hawai'i Manoa	Elias Raad Lebanese American University
Kerim Peren Arin Louisiana State University	Ghassan Dibeh Lebanese American University	Eduardo L. Gimenez Universidade de Vigo	Wasseen Mina Georgia State University	George Slotsve Northern Illinois University
Arie Arnon Ben Gurion University	Salpie Djoundourian Lebanese American University	Mohammad Kabir Hassan University of New Orleans	Ida Mirzaie John Carroll University	Mehmet Tahiroglu Eastern Mediterranean University
Ata Assaf University of Windsor	Waleed El-Ansary George Washington University	Nader Kabbani Lebanese American University	Reza Mohemkar-Kheiranish Virginia Polytechnic and State University	Akbar Esfahani Torbat California State University
Fuad Awad Lebanese American University	Fatma El-Hamidi University of Pittsburgh	Yakup Kepenek Middle East Technical University	Ishaq M. Nadiri New York University	Yochanan Shachmurove University of Pennsylvania
Suman Bhaumik London Business School	Asim Erdilek Case Western Reserve University	Hisham Khatib World Energy Council Cmtee on Energy Issues in Developing Countries	Mehmet Ozay Carleton University	Salah A. Yousif Alabama A&M University
Gokhan Capoglu Bilkent University	Alpay Filiztekin Sabanci University	Sami Khedhiri University of Southern California	Gul Berna Ozcan University of London	Barka Zine University of Tlemcen
Serhan Ciftcioglu Eastern Mediterranean University	Edward R. Gemayel International Monetary Fund		Kivilcim Ozcan Bilkent University	Sami Zouari Univeristy of Sfax
			Ugo Panizza Lebanese American University	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IBN KHALDUN PRIZE

Reminder that submissions for the Ibn Khaldun Prize for the best paper on one or more Middle Eastern countries by a junior economist (no more than three years after receiving Ph.D.) must be received no later than December 5, 2002 at the following address: Prof. Jeffrey B. Nugent, Dept. of Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0253, USA. The entries will be evaluated by a three person committee.

NEW DIRECTOR OF MEEA-CHRAF

MEEA's Committee on Human Rights and Academic Freedom (CHRAF) monitors infringements of human rights and academic freedom of economists in the Middle East.

Note from new Director

I am very pleased to be a part of CHRAF. It is indeed an honor. Success of this organ of MEEA depends on your belief in the idea that all human beings deserve to be free regardless of race, gender, religion, nationality, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. We are living in a rapidly evolving world and each and every one of us could contribute to make sure it is safe, secure, and free for all. The success and failure of CHRAF depends on your cooperation and assistance. I would like you to be involved and spread the word around all economics departments throughout the Middle East about the continuing existence and willingness of this organization to support and defend individual rights by all peaceful means available to us. Please send me list of economic faculty (names, affiliations, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses) in your department so I can send everyone notes about the organization and new developments. Thanks and with best wishes Hamid Zangeneh..

For information, please contact Director of CHRAF, Hamid Zangeneh, Dept of Economics, Widener University, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013 USA, email Hamid.Zangeneh@widener.edu. or Co-Chairs of MEEA-CHRAF, Abbas Alnasrawi or Sohrab Behdad. Professor Alnasrawi may be reached at the Department of Economics, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 054505, USA, email alnasra@moose.uvm.edu Professor Behdad is at the Department of Economics, Denison University, Granville, OH, 43023 US, email behdad@denison.edu.

WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION JULY 2003

Jeff Nugent will be organizing sessions for the 2003 meeting of the Western Economic Association, International. The meetings will take place July 11-15 2003 in Denver, Colorado. Anyone interested in a Middle East or Development (broadly defined) related topic who is willing both to present a paper and serve as a discussant on another paper should contact Jeff with a title and complete address and email by January 15, 2003. Those not currently members of WEAI will need to pay the registration fees of the WEAI which are generally over \$150 dollars.

NEW JOURNAL IN 2003

REVIEW OF MIDDLE EAST ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Routledge, Taylor & Francis are proud to announce the release of a new journal for 2003, *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance*, edited by Wassim Shahin from the Lebanese American University.

Review of Middle East Economics and Finance aims at addressing applied original research in the fields of economics and finance pertaining to the Middle East and North Africa region including Turkey and Iran. Topic areas, although not exhaustive, encompass: Monetary and fiscal policies; Labor and welfare economics; International trade and finance; Banking; Financial markets and institutions; Financial instability and crisis; Investment and portfolio analysis. Strong emphasis is placed on empirically based papers. The Journal includes a review section of books dealing with the above topics.

Manuscripts to be considered for publication should be submitted to: Wassim Shahin, Editor, MEEF, School of Business, Lebanese American University, PO Box 36, Byblos, Lebanon. Electronic submissions in a format other than pdf are encouraged and preferred at meef@lau.edu.lb

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN GENDER, WORK AND FAMILY

The Economic Research Forum (ERF) and The University of Minnesota (UM) are delighted to announce a the third round of six-month graduate fellowship at UM. The ERF-University of Minnesota Fellowship program is affiliated with the UM Population Center. Eligible candidates will work with faculty members from the University's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, the Department of Applied Economics and the Industrial Relations and Human Resource Center of the Carlson School of Management on research related to gender, work and family in the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey (ERF region). The fellowship is designed to support researchers committed to a multidisciplinary approach to gender, work and family issues whose research is centered on the analysis of household surveys. Enrollment date for the third round of the ERF-University of Minnesota Fellowship program will be August, 2003- January 2004. The application deadline for the second round will be in February 15th, 2003. Further information can be found at www.erf.org.eg and applications should be sent to:

ERF-University of Minnesota Fellowship Secretariat, **Azza El-Shinnawy, Program Officer**, Economic Research Forum For Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey, 7 Boulos Hanna st. Dokki, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 748 5553-337 0810, Fax: (202) 761 6042, Email: ashinnawy@erf.org.eg.

New and Recent Titles

As part of the information services to MEEA members, the Newsletter will announce new titles on the political economy of the Middle East. We renew our request to publishers to send us copies of new titles on the political economy of the Middle East.

- Alterman, Rachelle. *Planning in the Face of Crisis: Land and Housing Policies in Israel*. London: Spon Press, 2002.
- Assaud, Ragui (Ed). *The Egyptian Labor Market*. New York: American University in Cairo Press, 2002.
- Balkan, Nescan and Sungar Savran (Eds). *The Politics of Permanent Crisis: Class, Ideology and State in Turkey*. New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc., 2002.
- Balkan, Nescan and Sungar Savran (Eds). *The Ravages of Neo-liberalism: Economy, Society and Gender in Turkey*. New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc., 2002.
- Ben-Bassat, Avi (Ed). *The Israeli Economy, 1985-1998: From Government Intervention to Market Economics*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2002.
- Bishara, Marwan. *Palestine/Israel: Prospects for Resolving the Conflict*. New York: Zed Books, 2001.
- Champion, Daryl. *The Paradoxical Kingdom: Saudi Arabia and the Momentum of Reform*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.
- Cohen, Amnon. *Economic Life in Ottoman Jerusalem*. Cambridge: Cambridge Press, 2002.
- Farouqui, Mahmood and Mumtaz Ahmad Faruqui (Eds.). *Islamic Banking and Investment: Challenge and Opportunity*. London: Kegan Paul International, 2002.
- Future of Oil as a Source of Energy*. The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research. London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2002.
- Glasser, Bradley L. *Economic Development and Political Reform: The Impact of External Capital on the Middle East*. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2002.
- Halliday, Fred. *The International Relations of the Middle East*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- Handoussa, Heba and Noha El-Mikawy (Eds). *Institutional Reform and Economic Development in Egypt*. New York: American University in Cairo Press, 2002.
- Handoussa, Heba and Zafiriz Tzannatos (Eds). *Employment Creations And Social Protection in the Middle East and North Africa*. New York: American University in Cairo Press, 2002.
- Hudson, Michael and Marc Van De Mieroop (Eds). *Debt and Economic Renewal in the Ancient Near East*. Bethesda: CDL Press, 2002.
- Ibrahim, Barbara and Fouad N. Ibrahim. *Egypt: An Economic Geography*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002.
- Iqbal, Munawar and David T. Llewellyn (Eds). *Islamic Banking and Finance: New Perspectives on Profit Sharing and Risk*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2002.
- Jacoby, Tami Amanda and Brent Sasley (Eds). *Redefining Security in the Middle East*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2002.
- Kazhegeldin, Akezhan and Ismail Sirageldin (Eds.). *International Library of Human Geography, 7: Human Capital Population Economics in the Middle East*. New York: I.B. Tauris, 2002.
- Keinle, Eberhard. *A Grand Delusion: Democracy and Economic Reform in Egypt*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002.
- Laabas, Belkacem (Ed.). *Building and Sustaining the Capacity for Social Policy Reforms*. London: Ashgate, 2000.
- Laabas, Belkacem (Ed.). *Arab Development Challenges of the New Millenium*. London: Ashgate, 2002.
- Magno, Cathryn. *The New Pythian Voices: Women Building Capital in NGO's in the Middle East*. London: Routledge Curzon, 2002.
- Malik, Monica and Ahmed al Rajhi, Abdullah Al Salamah, Rodney Wilson. *Economic Development in Saudi Arabia*. London: Routledge Curzon, 2002.
- Mohammadi, Ali and John Saltford (eds.). *Islam Encountering Globalisation*. London: Routledge Curzon, 2002.
- Mortada, Hisham. *Traditional Islamic Principles of Built Environment*. London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2002.
- Nakib, Fadle Mustafa. *The Economy of Israel on the Eve of the 21st Century*. Washington, DC: Institute for Palestine Studies, 2002.
- Nitzan, Jonathan and Shimshon Bichler. *The Global Political Economy of Israel: from War Profits to Peace Dividends*. Pluto Press, 2002.
- Pousney, Marsha Pripstein, Linda J. Cook, C. Alexander (Eds.). *Privatization and Labor: Responses and Consequences in Global Perspective*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2002.
- Salehi-Isfahani, Djavad (Ed.). *Labor and Human Capital in the Middle East: Studies of Markets and Household Behavior*. Reading, England: Ithaca Press, 2001.
- Siegman, Henry and Peter Sutherland. *Harnessing Trade for Development and Growth in the Middle East: Report by the Council on Foreign Relations Study Group on Middle East Trade Options*. New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 2002.
- Sonbol, Amira El-Azhary. *Women of the Jordan: Islam, Labor, and the Law*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2002.
- Sukma, Rizal. *Islam in Indonesian Foreign Policy: Domestic Weakness and Dilemma of Dual Identity*. London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003.
- Wright, J.W. Jr. (Ed.) *Structural Flaws in the Middle East Peace Process: Historical Contexts (International Political Economy)*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002.

CALL FOR PAPERS
MEEA-UNIVERSITY OF VERSAILLES
JOINT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 2003

The Middle East Economic Association (MEEA) is organising its second European conference in Versailles University 2-3 June 2003. This international Conference is a joint venture with the Centre of Economics and Ethics for environment and Development of the University of Versailles.

The theme of the conference is the economics of conflicts and co-operation in the Middle East and North Africa region. The aim is to provide an opportunity for addressing MENA's economic challenges in a global setting characterised by new forms of co-operation and threats of war, which are likely to influence the future direction of the region's economies.

Papers that address the theme of the conference are solicited. Abstracts should be submitted by 31 January 2003. Decisions for inclusion in the conference will be made by the end of March. Full papers should be submitted by 20 May 2003. Proposals for complete sessions (three to four papers each, with discussants) are also invited. Organisers of proposed sessions should submit abstracts of all papers by 31 December 2002.

Please submit abstracts by mail, fax, or e-mail as word attachment to:

Jacques Charmes, Conference Chair
Centre of Economics and Ethics for Environment and Development
(C3ED), University of Versailles
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78047 GUYANCOURT Cedex
FRANCE

Email: Jacques.Charmes@c3ed.uvsq.fr;
 Fax: +33 1 39 53 00; Tel: +33 1 39 25 53 75

Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Middle East Economic Association, please fill out this form and return it to the Treasurer. The membership fee is \$25 for faculty and other professionals, \$20 for students, and \$10 for all members residing in a MENA country.

Name: _____

Rank & Affiliation _____

Professional Address _____

Telephone: _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Send to:
 Bulent Uyar
 Treasurer, Middle East Economic Association
 College of Business Administration
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