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Pictures from 2011 MEEA Conferences



Winter Meetings in Denver (January 7, 2011)



Ambassador Florensa at the Opening Session in Barcelona (June 24, 2011)

ANNOUNCING

**MEEA ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE
ARAB ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
Alexandria, Egypt
June 25-27, 2012**

The goal of the conference is to promote and stimulate the exchange of ideas in the field of economic research applied to the Middle East and North African (MENA) countries. The conference will cover all areas of economics with application to the MENA region, but its main theme will be The Arab Spring Ramifications: Causes and Consequences. We look forward to seeing you in Alexandria in June 2012. Deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 November 2011. Abstract submission and details are available on the conference website <http://meeea2011.aastmt.org/>. The deadline is quickly approaching, so apply soon. Abstracts will only be acceptable using the application form to be downloaded from the site. Contact MEEEA2011@aast.edu with inquiries.



Award Ceremony at the Opening Session of the 10th International Conference in Barcelona (June 24, 2011)

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From now on our newsletter will be published as a Fall and a Winter issue, with targeted publication months as October and February, respectively.

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 five years since receiving Ph.D.) must be received no later than **December 9, 2011**. The submissions should be sent electronically to Professor Jeffrey B. Nugent at nugent@usc.edu. The entries will be evaluated by a three-person committee. Please visit <http://meeaweb.org/honors.htm> for further details.

CREMED III WORKSHOP ON THE ECONOMICS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, BARCELONA, SPAIN, JUNE 26-27, 2012

The Center for Research on the Economies of the Mediterranean (CREMed) will hold its Third Workshop during June 26-27, 2012 in Barcelona, Spain. The Workshop will be structured into thematic sessions. Deadline for submission of abstracts is **December 31, 2011**. Selection decisions will be announced by January 31, 2012. Travel and lodging cost for the workshop will be covered for one presenter of each selected paper. Final papers must be delivered by April 30, 2012. For more information consult CREMed website at www.cremed.eu.

EBES 2012 CONFERENCE—ANTALYA, TURKEY, JANUARY 13-14, 2012

The focus of the conference is Europe and Asia but all papers from major business, finance, and economics fields (theoretical and empirical) are highly encouraged. The deadline for abstract submission is October 31, 2011. More information on the conference, including publication opportunities for qualified conference papers and online submission, can be found at <http://www.ebesweb.org/>

WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, 87TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.A., JUNE 29-JULY 3, 2012

Western Economic Association International's 87th Annual Conference will take place in San Francisco, U.S.A. from June 29 to July 3, 2012. Please note that Jeffrey Nugent and Rahel Schomacher will be organizing sessions with general MENA-related papers. Important deadlines are December 15, 2011 (paper presentation), and February 1, 2012 (organized sessions). More details can be found at <http://www.welai.org/AnnualConf>

73RD INTERNATIONAL ATLANTIC ECONOMIC CONFERENCE, ISTANBUL, TURKEY, MARCH 28-31, 2012

The conference will take place at Bahcesehir University in Istanbul. Abstract submissions are open until November 15, 2011. More details can be found at <http://www.iaes.org/conferences/past/Future/istanbul/index.htm>

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Recent Journal Articles

As part of the information services to MEEA members, the newsletter publishes a selection of recent journal articles on the economic issues in the Middle East and North Africa. Articles are selected with the criteria of providing regional diversity. Priority is given to articles in journals that are more highly ranked according to ISI's impact factor and that are indexed by EconLit. Please email the newsletter editor if you wish to include your recent publications.

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13TH MEDITERRANEAN RESEARCH MEETING, MONTECATINI TERME, ITALY, MARCH 21-24, 2012

The Thirteenth Mediterranean Research Meeting will take place near Florence (Italy) on 21 - 24 March 2012. There are a total of 17 workshops covering topics related to the Middle East and North Africa region as well as Southern and Southeastern Europe. The focus of the workshops is generally on economic, historical, legal and socio-political issues pertinent to these regions. Serdar Sayan and Goel Rajeev will co-direct the workshop "Causes and Effects of Shadow Economy in MENA and the Mediterranean Countries." More information on that workshop and others can be found at:

<http://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/RobertSchumanCentre/Research/InternationalTransnationalRelations/MediterraneanProgramme/MRM/MRM2012/ws03.aspx>

CALL FOR HOSTING THE FOURTH WORLD CONGRESS FOR MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES IN 2014

World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES) has recently issued a call for hosting its fourth world congress which is planned for 2014. Please contact the Chair of the International Advisory Council of WOCMES, Prof. Dr. Guenter Meyer at g.meyer@geo.uni-mainz.de for more information. Proposal deadline is January 5, 2012.

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 MEEA country. Payments can now be made via check or credit card. Be sure to include credit card number and expiration date if paying by credit card.

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