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"Economic Development After the Arab Uprisings: Can Capitalism become more inclusive and States more Effective ?"

December 11-12th, 2014
Paris, France

The Arab Uprisings of 2011 brought hope for change, even as it was followed by a period of instability and uncertainty. The length of this period will depend on both internal factors, such as those related to reforms, as well as factors pertaining to international and regional developments. The institutional changes taking place in the Arab countries have been documented in a research literature marked by a diversity of approaches. The political economy approach emphasizes the complexity of the relationship between economics and politics. A more historical approach looks at current changes through the prisms of colonial or Ottoman heritage. Yet another approach has been to explore the effects of rents on growth – whether natural resources based, strategic, or regulatory. The varieties of capitalism approach looks at how local capitalism is imbricated within political settlements. New work within this approach is starting to measure the effects of political connections – cronyism - on competition and growth, in an attempt to explain some notable regional specificities such as the lack of inclusivity in the distribution of growth, high unemployment rates, and the presence of large informal sectors.

The conference aims to present the most recent research from a range of angles in an attempt to understand better the mechanisms of institutional, economic, and social change that are ongoing in the countries of the region. Particular papers will focus on the following themes: Islam and the state, history and economic development, varieties of capitalism in the Arab world, institutional reforms, corruption and cronyism, macroeconomic developments, gender and labor force participation, the political economy of the informal sector and of migration, and the effect of Arab Diasporas.

The workshop will gather around 60 international participants for 2 days at the University of Paris Dauphine, to present and discuss about 20 papers organized in 9 sessions during December 11-12th, 2014.



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Day One: Thursday 11

- 9:00 Welcoming Remarks (Salle Raymond Aron)**
- Laurent Batsch (President, Paris Dauphine University)
 - Elyès Jouini (Vice President, Paris Dauphine University)
 - El-Mouhoub Mouhoud (Head of GDRI DREEM-CNRS, PSL, Paris Dauphine University)
 - Ishac Diwan (Chaire PSL "Économie du Monde Arabe")
- 9:15 Session 1: Cronyism and Varieties of Capitalism in the Arab World (Salle Raymond Aron)**
Moderator: Daniel Cohen (ENS Paris)
- Can cronyism explain the low growth performance in Arab countries?*
- Speakers:**
- Eric Werker (Harvard Business School): "Deals Versus Rules and the Impact of Rents on Growth"
 - Ishac Diwan (Paris Sciences et Lettres): "Cronyism and Growth in Egypt"
 - Giacomo Luciani (Sciences-Po Paris): "Cronyism and power preservation in the Arab world"
- Discussants:** Thierry Verdier (Paris School of Economics)
- Open discussion
- 10:45 Coffee Break**
- 11:15 Session 2: Youth Unemployment, and Migration (Salle Raymond Aron)**
Moderator: François Bourguignon (Paris School of Economics)
- Social implications of jobs scarcity in the MENA Region. Unemployment, brain drain, and the demographic echo.*
- Speakers:**
- Zafiriz Tzannatos (Economic research Forum for the Middle East, Iran, and Turkey): "Return to education in the Arab world"
 - Christophe Muller (GREQAM, Aix Marseille Univ.): "Social Networks and Integration in the Algerian Labour Market" (with Moundir Lassassi, CREAD-Alger)
 - Anda David (LEDa-DIAL): "Skill mismatch and migration in Egypt and Tunisia" (with Christophe Nordman)
 - Racha Ramadan (Cairo University): "Individual and Households Determinants of Women Empowerment: Application to the case of Egypt" (with Ragui Assaad and Hanan Nazier)
- Discussants:** Hafez Ghanem (Brookings Institution), Mourad Ezzine (CMI, World Bank), Mohamed Ali Marouani (DIAL, Univ. Paris 1)
- Open discussion

- 1:00 Lunch (Bar des étudiants)**
- 2:15 Session 3: History and Economic Development (Salle A709)**
Moderator: E.M. Mouhoud (LEDa-DIAL, DREEM)
- Do history and the persistence of institutions shed new light on development performance?*
- Speakers:**
- Hugh Robert (Edward Keller Middle Eastern Studies Program Tufts University, Boston): "Political and juridical framework and economic life in the light of traditions in the Kabyle regions"
 - Denis Cogneau (PSE): "French Colonialism in North Africa: Comparing Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia" (with Hédi Brahimi)
 - Thierry Kirat (IRISSO, Paris Dauphine Univ.): "Legal Tradition, Quality of Institutions, and the State in Sub-Saharan Africa and North Africa: Is Colonization by French Law Countries Distinctive?"
- Discussants:** Guillaume Daudin (LEDa-DIAL, Paris Dauphine University)
- Open discussion
- 4:00 Coffee Break**
- 4:30 Session 4: State, Firms, Regulation and Rules (Salle A709)**
Moderator: Saïd Souam (Economix, Paris Ouest Univ.)
- What is the performance of rules and regulatory institutions and how it is related to the political settlement?*
- Speakers:**
- Alissa Amico (OECD, Middle East and North Africa Corporate Affairs): "Creating a level playing field between private and state owned firms"
 - Khalid Sekkat (Université Libre de Bruxelles): "Open skies policies in MENA countries"
 - Izak Atiyas (Sabanji University, Istanbul): "Recent performance of regulators in Turkey"
- Discussants:** Shanta Devarajan (World Bank), Saïd Souam (Economix, Paris Ouest Univ.)
- Open discussion
- 6:00 Reception, Dauphine (Espace One)**

Day Two: Friday 12

- 9:00 Session 5: Return on education and Mass Unemployment (Salle Raymond Aron)**
Moderator: Christophe Muller (GREQAM, Aix Marseille Univ.)
- Is the low return to education related to the low quality of education or the scarcity of skilled jobs?*
- Speakers:**
- Jad Chaaban (American University in Beirut): "Expanding Youth Opportunities in MENA countries"
 - Ayça Akarcay-Gurbuz (Galatasaray University, Istanbul): "Education and labor market in Turkey"
 - Mourad Ezzine (CMI, World Bank): "Quality of education in the Arab world"
 - Yusuf Kocuglu (LEAD-Univ. of Toulon): "Education Level and employment in Morocco: survey evidence from Marrakech region"
- Discussants:** Philippe Devreyer (LEDa-DIAL University Paris Dauphine), Fatiha Talahite (CRESPPA, Univ. Paris 8)
- Open discussion
- 10:45 Coffee Break**
- 11:00 Session 6: Convergence, Growth, Productivity and regional integration in the uprising Arab world (Salle Raymond Aron)**
Moderator: Najat El Mekkaoui (LEDa-DIAL)
- Can the Arab world compete globally? What are the constraints to rising productivity and how the region fit in the global value chain?*
- Speakers:**
- Javad Abedini (HEC Montreal): "Regional Integration, Imperfect Competition, and the role of the State in MENA countries" (with Nicolas Peridy (LEAD, Univ. of Toulon)
 - Francisco Serranito (LEO, Orléans Univ.): "Determinants of technology-catch-up in MENA countries?"
 - Hafez Ghanem (Brookings Institution): "The role of SMEs in Arab Economic Transitions"
 - Youssef Kiendrebeogo (World Bank) et Alexandru Minea (CERDI univ. of Clermont Ferrand) "Financial Factors and Manufacturing Exports: Theory and Firm-Level Evidence from Egypt"
- Discussants:** Jihad Azour (Former Minister of Finance, Lebanon), E.M. Mouhoud (LEDa-DIAL and GDRI DREEM CNRS)
- Open discussion

- 12:45 Lunch (Bar des étudiants)**
- 2:00 Session 7: State, Groups, and Distribution (Salle Raymond Aron)**
Moderator: Giacomo Luciani (Sciences-Po Paris)
- The workings of "Rentier states" and of sectarian states, and the impact of regional influences.*
- Speakers:**
- Bernard Haykel (Institute for the Trans regional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, Princeton University): "Can social peace be secured with petrodollars and Islamic doctrine? The Gulf states' response to the Arab Uprisings"
 - Jad Chaaban (American University of Beirut): "The impact of Sectarianism on Local Public Expenditure in Lebanon"
 - Facundo Alvaredo and Thomas Piketty (Paris School of Economics): "Regional inequalities in MENA Countries"
- Discussants:** Christophe Muller (GREQAM Aix-Marseille Univ.), Marta Menendez (LEDa-DIAL, Paris Dauphine Univ.), Ishac Diwan (PSL)
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- Open discussion
- 6:00 Closing Reception (Bar des étudiants)**