# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**The Arab Spring and MENA Economies: Quo Vadis?**

Conference Venue: German Research Institute for Public Administration (GRIPA), Speyer  
March 18th to 20th, 2013

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**Session 2: Economic Growth and Labor in Turkey (Fatma Dogruel)**

1. ATIYAS, Izak and Ozan BAKIS: Structural Change and Industrial Policy in Turkey  
2. FILIZTEKIN, Alpay: Regional wage gap in Turkey: Differentials in the return and endowment of human capital  
3. KARAHASAN Burhan and Fırat BILGEL: The Economic Costs of Separatist Terrorism in Turkey  
4. DOGRUEL, Fatma and A. Suut DOGRUEL: Regional Wage and productivity Differences in Turkey  

**Session 3: Environmental Issues in MENA (Mine Cinar)**

1. ACAR, Sevil and Mahmut TEKCE: Economic Development and Industrial Pollution in Mare Nostrum: A Panel Data Analysis  
2. KATIRCIOGLU, SALIH Turan and Hatice IMAMOGLU: Impact of Trade and Financial Sectors on Carbon Emissions: Evidence from MENA Countries  
3. CINAR, Mine, Joseph JOHNSON, and Andrew PALMER: Black Sea Fishing Harvests, Fishers and Risk
14:30  Coffee Break

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Session 4:  Education (Karen Pfeifer)

1. DINÇER, Nazire and Ayca TEKIN-KORU: Adult Education in Turkey
3. TAGHAVI, M. and Antonis ANTONIOU: Output-Outcome Analysis of Education Sector in Libya: A Socio-Economic Analysis
4. BAKİS, Ozan, Borkan BENGÜ and Haluk LEVENT: The Impact of Economic Crisis on School Attendance

Session 5:  Youth, Demography and Labor (Mehmet Balcilar)

1. MANSOUR, Samia: Youth Unemployment in Tunisia: What is needed after the Revolution?
2. NUGENT, Jeffrey: Does Labor Law Reform Offer an Opportunity for Reducing the Youth Bulge Problem? If so, How and Why?
3. KHERFI, Samer: UAE women and the labor market
4. TANSEL, Ayis and Elif Oznur KAN: Labor mobility across the formal/informal divide in Turkey: evidence from individual level data

16:15  Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00  Parallel Sessions

Session 6:  Iran (Hadi Esfahani)

1. SASAN, S. Salahaldin, Nathalie HILMI and Shekoofeh FARAHMAND: The effects of public sector’s policy on urbanization. Comparing urban system between France and Iran
2. SASAN, S. Salahaldin and Anahita ZAHEDI: The impacts of economic sanctions on Iranian's welfare from 1979 to 2013
3. DADGAR, Yadollah, and Rouhollah NAZARI: Analyzing the relationship between good governance and economic variables in Iran

Session 7:  Macroeconomics (Gülçay Tuna)

1. COSKUN, Nazende: Macroeconomic Impacts of Sovereign Wealth Funds
2. COSKUN, Nazende and M. Necat Coskun: Monetary Policy, Financial Stability and Macroprudential Policy
3. OZCAN, Kivilcim Metin: Private Savings in the European Union and Mena Countries: Macro and Socio Economic Determinants

18:00  Welcome and Dinner Reception by the Rector of the German University of Administrative Sciences (AULA University Campus)
TUESDAY; March 19th, 2013

9:00 - 10:30 Parallel Sessions
Session 8: FDI (Ayisit Tansel)
1. BOZDOGAN, Altan and Gokhan UMUT: Inward FDI and sectoral productivity: Panel data analysis of 8 MENA countries
2. ABED, Mohammed: The Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment in Egypt during the period 1980-2010
3. SAMETI, Majid and Hassan MOLLAESMAEILI-DEHSHIRI: Relationship among Economic Growth, FDI and Government Effectiveness, PVAR Approach: the Case of Selected Middle East Countries

Session 9: Trade and Growth (Jeffrey Nugent)
1. SELIM, Eman: Trade Liberalization, Corruption, Economic growth and Income Inequality: Evidence from Countries in Asia and Africa
2. NUGENT, Jeff and Arian FARSHBAF: Gravity Model 1970 -2010: Does MENA Still Trade Too Little, both within the Region and with Other Regions? If so, Why, and What Should be Done?
3. GURESCI PEHLIVAN, Gülcin: The Economic Effects of the Euro-Mediterranean Free Trade Agreement
4. MOHAMED, Sufian Eltayeb: The GCC Economies: Prospects, Sustainable Development and Future Challenges

10:30 Coffee Break
10:45- 12:00 Parallel Sessions
Session 10: Algeria (Abderrezak Benhabib)
2. BENHABIB, Abderrezak, Si Mohammed KAMEL, and Samir Be. MALIKI: The impact of External Shocks on Algerian exports
3. CHERIF, Begga and Hassid SABAH: The impact of advertising through the various television channels on the consumption mode of individuals and families in Algeria- Statistical study of a sample consumers
4. HAROUN, Tahar and Messaoud ZEMOURI: The Chinese economic influence in North Africa and its consequences. The case of Algeria

Session 11: Renewable Energy and Infrastructure (Andreas Knorr)
1. NOFZ, Melanie and Rahel SCHOMAKER: Future prospects of E-Mobility in the Arab World
2. HONG, Wai Mun Jasmin: Revitalizing socio-economic growth in North Africa with renewable energies: is it possible
3. EL-GAWADY, Zeinab: Arab Spring and Promising Investment Opportunities in Egypt: Transportation as a Case Study

12:15 – 13:00 Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:30 Parallel Sessions
Session 12: Resource-rich Economies (Mohamed Benbouziane)
1. ELIAS ELHANNANI, Farah and Mohamed BENBOUZIANE: How to manage the curse of oil abundance in Algeria?
2. HAOUAS, Ilham and Almas HESHMATI: Can UAE avoid Oil Curse by Economic Diversification?
3. HEIDARI, Fariba and Natalie HILMI: Oil boom and risks of a Dutch syndrome in Iran
4. BALCILAR, Mehmet, Rıza DEMIRER, Shawkat HAMMOUDEH, and Ahmed KHALIFA: Do Global Shocks Drive Investor Herds in Oil-Rich Frontier Markets?

Session 13: Voting and Institutions in MENA (Marcus Marktanner)
1. HANAFY, Shima’a and May ELSAYYAD: Voting Islamist or Voting secular? An empirical analysis of Voting Outcomes in “Arab Spring”
2. SHAJARI, Hoojang, Shekoofah FARAHMAND, and Hossein HASHEMI: The impact of natural resources and institutions on economic growth in MENA

14:30 Coffee Break
14:45 – 16:15 Parallel Sessions
Session 14: Entrepreneurship and Labor Mobility (Karima Khorayem)
1. EL-AMINE, Metaiche: Socio-economic determinants of female entrepreneurship in Algeria
2. MAJBOURI, Mahdi : Oil and Entrepreneurship in MENA countries
3. ESFAHANI, Hadi S. and Roksana BAHRAMITASH: Women’s Entrepreneurship in MENA: Missing SMEs

Session 15: Political Stability, Institutions and Conflict (Rahel Schomaker)
1. ABU-QARN, Amer: Tit for Tat in the Israeli Palestinian Conflict
2. BADRELDIN; Ahmet and Mohammed Reza FARZANEGANAN: Does the Shadow Economy Bring Political Stability?
3. FARROUKH, Arafet: Democracy, governance, institution quality and banking stability: is there a link?
4. DUZGUN, Burcu: Testing whether Health Care Expenditure is a Luxury Good in MENA Countries: A Heterogenous Panel Approach

16:15 Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00 Parallel Sessions
Session 16: Religion, Society and Economic Development (Gouda Abd Al-Khalek)
1. SHAJARI, Parastoo and Bita MOHEBIHAH: Financial stability in Islamic banking system: The capacity to react to current world wide crisis
2. GOUDA, Moamen, and Sang-Min PARK: Religious Loyalty and Acceptance of Corruption
3. KORAYEM, Karima and Neemat MASHOUR: Poverty in Secular and Islamic Economics; Conceptualization and Eradication Policy
Session 17: General Economic Issues in MENA (Mahdi Majbouri)
1. PAYASLIOGLU, Cem and Gülçay TUNA: Modeling Short Term Company Debt: Panel Evidence from Turkish Manufacturing Firms
2. TURHAN, Ibrahim, Uğur SOYTAS and Erk HACIHASANOGLU: The Relation Between European Equity Market Investor Sentiment and MENA Equity Markets
3. BADRELDIN, Ahmed Mohamed: Testing the Fisher Relationship in the MENA region
4. HADDAD, Sandra and Jun REN: Research on demand and supply integration: a practical case study framework

18:30 Conference Reception at the Town Hall Speyer
Address by the Major and Dinner

WEDNESDAY, March 20th, 2013

9:00 – 10:30
Session 18: EU-MENA: Comparisons and Relations (Dirk Wentzel)
1. DJENNES, Mustafa; Mohamed BENBOUZIANE, and Abdesslem BENDIABDELLAH: Social Vulnerability And Economic Growth In Europe And MENA Countries: A Cross-Country Evidence
2. DJENNES, Mustafa; Mohamed BENBOUZIANE, and Meriem DJENNAS: Assessing An Early Warning System For Predicting Economic And Financial Crises: Evidence From Europe And North Africa Countries
3. FARAHMAND, Shekoofeh: The relationship among migration flows, government type and human development in MENA-EU

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break
10:45 Panel Discussion on Arab Spring ramifications (Hassan Aly)
    Hassan Aly
    Gouda Abd Al-Khalek
    Karima Korayem
    Dirk Wentzel
    Jeffrey Nugent

12:00 Plenary Discussion and Closing Ceremony
12:30 End of Conference

Afternoon: Town tour Speyer: Old town and Cathedral