

Workshop

Multidimensional Crises and Inequalities in Developing Countries



Saint Joseph University of Beirut – Lebanon | February 22-23, 2024

PROGRAM

DAY 1 - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

8:30 AM Welcoming of the participants

9:00 AM Opening words

9:15 AM **Plenary session**

Lebanon's Multidimensional Deprivation: from 2018 to 2022

Paul Makdissi, University of Ottawa

Discussant: Jean Mercenier

10:30 AM Coffee break

11:00 AM SESSION A - LABOR

11:00 AM **Evaluation of the Effects of Migratory Flows in Lebanon: An OLG Model with Labor Market Frictions**

Marie-Claude Kamar, Riccardo Magnani

Discussant: Ali Fakh

11:30 AM **From Bribes to Business: Analyzing the Consequences of Corruption on Firm Performance in Developing Countries**

Giuseppe Arcuri, Eliane Badaoui, Messaoud Zoukri

Discussant: Loubna Alsaghir Oueidat

12:00 AM **Crisis-Induced Digital Transformation, Perceived Remote Work Productivity and Post-Crisis Digital Resilience**

Loubna Alsaghir Oueidat, Wael Sherri

Discussant: Giuseppe Arcuri

12:30 PM Buffet lunch

1:30 PM SPECIAL SESSION – CIM-LibProject

3:00 PM SESSION B – BANKING AND FINANCIAL RISKS

3:00 PM **Does Banks' Exposure to Sovereign Risk Disturb the Financial Development-economic Growth Nexus?**

Sandra Ghosn, Rihab Sawaya

Discussant: George Maroun

3:30 PM **Bank Liquidity Creation, Uncertainty and Financial Instability: A Panel VAR Approach and Causality Analysis**

Carmela D'Avino, Vincent Fromentin, George Maroun

Discussant: Etienne Harb

4:00 PM **The Determinants of Exchange Rate: The Case of Lebanon in Times of Crisis**

Razan Cheib, Celena Costantin, Roy Farraj, Ali Nassereddine

Discussant: Joseph Gemayel

4:30 PM Coffee break

5:00 PM SESSION C – LEBANESE & REGIONAL ISSUES

5:00 PM **The Impact of a Multi-crisis Context on Mental Health Beyond Disease: A Project Called ENSA**

Caroline El Nahas, Mélissa Allé, Laura-Joy Boulos

Discussant: Elisabeth Tovar

5:30 PM **Price Elasticity of Demand for Substitutable vs non-Substitutable Goods: The Case of Lebanon**

Lamis DIB, Joseph Gemayel, Jean-François Verne

Discussant: Ali NasserEddine

6:00 PM **Does Government Social Support Mitigate COVID-19 Income Effects in the MENA Region?**

Ali Fakh

Discussant: Laura-Joy Boulos

6:30 PM End of first day

7:30 PM Dinner

DAY 2 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

- 9:00 AM Welcoming of the participants
- 9:15 AM **Plenary session**
Intrahousehold Inequality and Targeted Policies
Olivier Bargain, Bordeaux School of Economics
Discussant: Federico Perali
- 10:30 AM Coffee break

11:00 AM SESSION D – GENDER & POLITICAL ISSUES

- 11:00 AM **Female Political Representation and Sexual Offences in South Africa**
Miracle Benhura, Prudence Magejo
Discussant: Idrissa Aladji Aya
- 11:30 AM **Post-Internal Armed Conflict Growth in Africa**
Idrissa Aladji Aya
Discussant: Maryam Soltani
- 12:00 AM **Women's Employment and Expenditures for Children Under Prevalent Gender Norms: The Case of Iran**
Eliane Badaoui, Maryam Soltani
Discussant: Miracle Benhura
- 12:30 PM Buffet lunch

1:30 PM SESSION E – POLITICAL ECONOMY

- 1:30 PM **GVC and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from MENA**
Yasmine Eissa
Discussant: Charbel Bassil
- 2:00 PM **From the Nile to the Desert: Land Investment and Structural Transformation in Egypt**
Antoine Castet
Discussant: Jean-Marc Zogheib
- 2:30 PM **Faith and Entrepreneurship: Navigating the Impact of Religiosity on Self-Employment in the MENA Region**
Charbel Bassil
Discussant: Messaoud Zouikri
- 3:00 PM **Route to Peace in the Middle East: The Economics of Checkpoints**
André de Palma, Federico Perali, Nathalie Picard
Discussant: Antoine Castet
- 3:30 PM Coffee break

3:45 PM SESSION F – GROWTH & FISCAL STUDIES

- 3:45 PM **Climate Shocks and Sovereign Debt Ratings in Developing Countries. Does Fiscal Rule Matter?**
Crépin Dassidi
Discussant: Adham Jaber
- 4:15 PM **Improving the Estimates of Fiscal Space**
Marc-Arthur Diaye, Adham Jaber
Discussant: Crépin Dassidi
- 4:45 PM **Economic Complexity, Growth and Development. An Empirical Analysis at the Macro Level using Buffered Panel Threshold Regression**
Fayçal Hamdi, Saïd Souam, Messaoud Zouikri
Discussant: Rosette Ghossoub
- 5:15 PM Closing remarks

5:30 PM ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Albert Kostanian, Economist, Panelist and Moderator
- Dr. Abdel Rahman El Bizri, PM and former Head of the Corona Commission
- Mr. Imad Kreidieh, Chairman of Ogero
- Mr. Nassib Ghobril, Chief economist and Head of the Economic Research & Analysis Department at Byblos Bank
- Dr. Hyam Ishak, Professor and President of the Center for Educational Research and Development (CRDP)
- Mr. Nabil Abdo, Regional Policy and Advocacy Manager at Oxfam