

Workshop

CRISES AND RESILIENCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: A Multidimensional Perspective



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 **Assessing immigration impacts in developing countries under labor market frictions and widespread informality**

Marie-Claude Kamar, Riccardo Magnani

Discussant: Ali Fakhri

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-Lib Project

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?**

Wafaa El-Baba, Ali Fakhri, Pascal Ghayth

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