



EURO-MEDITERRANEAN
NETWORK FOR ECONOMIC STUDIES
الشبكة الأورو-متوسطية للدراسات الاقتصادية

EMNES Annual Conference 2019

Towards A Regional Integration and Employment Driven
Socio-Economic Model in the Mediterranean:
A Comprehensive Policy Roadmap



Co-funded by
the European Union

Disclaimer: This publication was produced with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents are the sole responsibility of EMNES Partners and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union.

OUR SPEAKERS

Welcome



Rym Ayadi

Founder and President, Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, Director of Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES) and Professor CA55 Business School and Member of the Centre for Banking Research (CBR) at the City University in London, U.K. She is Associated Scholar at the Centre for Relationship Banking and Economics (CERBE) at LUMSA University in Rome. She is Academic Member of several high-level expert groups including the European Shadow Financial Regulatory Committee (ESFRC), the European Banking Authority Banking Stakeholders Group (BSG) of which she was elected president in February 2019, the European Commission's Financial Services Users Group (FSUG), Finance Watch, the European Parliament – Economic and Financial Committee and Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) and the Union for the Mediterranean (UFM), and an invited expert in international organisations including OECD and IMF, among others.



Daniel Gros

Daniel Gros has been Director at CEPS since 2000. Among other current activities, he serves as adviser to the European Parliament and is a member of the Advisory Scientific Committee of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) and the Euro 50 Group of eminent economists. Previously he has held positions at the IMF and the European Commission, and served as advisor to several governments, including those of the UK and the US at the highest level. He is Editor of *Economie Internationale* and *International Finance*. Daniel Gros holds a PhD. in Economics from the University of Chicago and has written several books and numerous articles in scientific journals. His main areas of expertise are the European Monetary Union, macroeconomic policy, the economics of transition to a market economy, public finance, banking and financial markets.

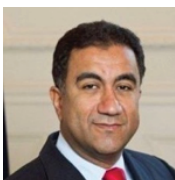
Keynote Speech - Euro-Mediterranean Integration and Cooperation: Achievements and Challenges



Michael Köhler

Michael A. Köhler is Director of DG NEAR-B, the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations at the European Commission and he is responsible for the Policy and Cooperation with the Southern Neighbourhood of Europe. He holds a Ph.D. in History and Middle-Eastern Studies from the University of Hamburg. Michael A. Köhler joined the European Commission in 1994 and was, inter alia, Head of the Cabinet to the Commissioner for Energy from 2010 to 2013 and Head of the Cabinet to the Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries from 2008 to 2009. Before joining the European Commission, he was a representative of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in Morocco and Tunisia, before working in the Policy Planning Department of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Germany. Michael Köhler has taught since 1993 in several universities in Europe; since 1997 he is a professor for Europe and the Mediterranean studies at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.

Keynote Speech - The Future of Regional Integration and EU-Med Partnership



H. E. Fathallah Sijilmassi

Fathallah Sijilmassi was appointed Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean on 1 March 2012. He was re-elected Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean on December 4, 2014. A career Diplomat for the Moroccan Government, he specialises in the field of economic international relations, in particular with regard to Euro-Mediterranean issues. He started working in the banking sector as representative of the Banque Commerciale du Maroc in Milan (Italy). His career within the Moroccan administration was then marked by his active role in the negotiations of free trade agreements with the European Union, the United States, and several Arab and African countries.

Panel Discussion: Regional Integration Beyond Trade?



H.E. Jaloul Ayed

Since he left the Tunisian Ministry of Finance in December 2011, Mr Ayed has been an active public speaker promoting his vision for a prosperous Tunisia. He is a regular guest speaker of prestigious academic organizations and civil society forums. He continues to serve as director in the board of the Tunisian Caisse de Dépôt et de Consignation (CDC) that he founded in 2011; and as an independent member of the national joint committee in charge of supervising the reform of the financial system, and the restructuring of public banks. Mr. Ayed set-up a technology group in 2012 (the Vega-Group of Companies) to empower about 70 young Tunisian graduates and young professionals, many of them unemployed at the time, engaging them in IT career opportunities.



H.E. Hala Helmy El-Said

Hala H. El Said is recently (2017) nominated as Minister of Administrative Reforms and Economic Planning in the Government of the Egypt. Before that, she was the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FEPS) at Cairo University since October 2011 and a Professor of Economics at FEPS. She was also an Assistant to Cairo University President for Research and External Relations since September 2013. Dr. Hala serves as a member of the board of directors of the Central Bank of Egypt and Egypt's National Post Authority.



Hamed El Etreby

Hamed El Etreby joined the UFM Secretariat in January 2018 as a Senior Economic Advisor at the Business Development and Employment Division. Seconded by the Government of Egypt, Hamed El Etreby is a career Commercial Diplomat. He served at the Commercial Representation Office of the Embassy of Egypt in London (2005-2009) and the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the World Trade Organization in Geneva (2012-2016). He held several previous positions at the Cabinet of the Minister of Trade and Industry of Egypt, including until prior to joining the UFMS, the Chief of Cabinet of the Minister.



H.E. Ibrahim Saif

Dr. Ibrahim Saif is currently the CEO of Jordan Strategy Forum; previously, he served as the Minister of Energy & Mineral Resources from March 2015 to June 2017, and the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation from March 2013 until March 2015. Prior to his appointment as a Minister, Saif was a Senior Scholar at the Carnegie Middle East Center, and served as a consultant to the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and other international organizations. Saif was also a Former Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan and served as the Secretary General of the Economic and Social Council in Jordan. He has taught at both the University of London and Yale University, where he led courses on the economies of the Middle East.

Keynote Speech - Economic Integration of the NEAR



Simeon Djankov

Simeon Djankov, a Bulgarian national, was recently appointed to lead the Development Economics group as Director, Development Policy in DEC. Prior to this he was Senior Director in the Office of the Chief Economist (DECCE); Executive Director, Financial Markets Group, at the London School of Economics; and he also served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Republic of Bulgaria for 2009 to 2013; and as Chairman of the Board, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in 2013-2014. Early in his career, he joined the World Bank Group as a Young Professional in 1997 and held other positions including founding the Doing Business project. Mr. Djankov holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan.

Panel Discussion - Blue Transition Scenario in the Mediterranean and Policy Roadmap



Roger Albinyana

Roger Albinyana is director of the Mediterranean Regional Policies and Human Development department at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (EIMed). He is also associate professor at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Barcelona where he teaches international economic policy. He holds a MA in Economic History from the University of Barcelona and the Autonomous University of Barcelona. He is also a board member at CIDOB, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs. From 2013 to 2016, he served as secretary general for Foreign and EU Affairs of the Government of Catalonia. During that period, he was also a member of the EU Committee of the Regions. From 2010 to 2013 he served as advisor and expert on private sector development at the Secretariat of Union for the Mediterranean.



Cinzia Alcidi

Dr. Cinzia Alcidi is Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Economic Policy Unit at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels and LUISS - School of European Political Economy - research fellow. Prior to joining CEPS, she worked at International Labour Office in Geneva and she taught International Economics at University of Perugia (Italy). Her research activity includes international economics, macroeconomics, central banking and EU governance. Since 2015 she is the coordinator of CEPS Academy Activities. She has experience in coordinating research projects and networks. She has published extensively on the economics and governance of the Euro area crisis and participates regularly in international conferences. She holds a Ph.D. degree in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (Switzerland).



Ahmet Evin

Ahmet O. Evin, founding dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Professor Emeritus at Sabanci University, serves as Senior Scholar and Board Member of Istanbul Policy Center. As a Jean Monnet Professor and personam, he has held the Jean Monnet Chair of European Policy Studies, as well as the Anna Lindh-La Caixa Chair for Euro-Mediterranean Studies at Sabanci University. He received his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Columbia University. Professor Evin has been a senior fellow of the Transatlantic Academy (Washington, DC) and an Alexander Onassis Senior Fellow at Elamep, Athens. He serves on the Advisory Board and is a current senior fellow of the Institute of Advanced Studies Köszeg. Professor Evin has previously taught at Harvard, NYU, University of Pennsylvania (where he was director of the Middle East Center), the University of Hamburg and Bilkent University (where he headed the Political Science department).



Fatima Ezzahra Mengoub

Fatima Ezzahra Mengoub is an economist at the Policy Center for the News South, a think tank based in Rabat. She specializes in agricultural economics and works on several issues related to agricultural growth analysis, economic structural change, inter and intra-regional agricultural trade, natural resource management and food security. She has published various articles on the role of agricultural investment, agricultural value chains, productivity and technological change in agriculture and water management. She has also taught macroeconomics and microeconomics at the Hassan II Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Sciences (IAV) and the School of Governance and Economics (EGE). She holds an engineering degree in agricultural economics from the Hassan II Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Sciences and is preparing a doctoral thesis on the impact of technological changes induced by irrigation on agricultural growth in Morocco.

Panel Discussion - Creating Jobs in the Mediterranean: How to Deal with Labour Markets Frictions?



Nooh Alshyab

Dr. Nooh Alshyab is Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics of Yarmouk University (Jordan) since September 2012. Between 2013 and 2015 he served as Head of Economic Department. Before joining Yarmouk University, he worked at the Jordanian Foreign Ministry. From 2004 to 2012, he was appointed Head of Economic and Investment Desk at the Jordan Embassy in Berlin. He obtained his Doctoral title (Dr. rer. pol.) in Economics at the University of Potsdam (Germany), School of Economics in 2011 and in 2003, a Master Degree in Economics at Dresden University of Technology (Germany). His fields of expertise are economic development, economic reform policies, and applied econometrics. In EMNES he serves as senior researcher and scientific coordinator for the Jordanian team. He contributes to several research areas of EMNES including institutions, institutional reforms and economic development, macroeconomic policies and employment, private sector development and trade policy and economic integration.



Abdellatif Bencherifa

Dr. Abdellatif Bencherifa is Advisor to the President of the International University of Rabat, and Director of the Public Policy Center (PPC) at the same university. His expertise is in Social Geography, Arid Land and Mountain Geocology, Rural Development, and Institutional change. He holds a Ph.D. in Cultural-Social Geography, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University (Worcester, Mass., United States), 1986. He has been a professor of Geography at Mohammed V University in Rabat from 1976 to 1994. In addition to a significant experience in Top Management of Higher Education (Vice-President at Al-Akhawayn University 1994-2002, and President of Meknes University 2002-2005). Prof. Bencherifa had a 12 years high profile Professional Experience in Public Administration and Public Affairs Policy (Ministry of the Interior). His research interests evolve around: Agricultural development and pastoral nomadism ; Arid land development ; Social change in rural areas ; Institutional impact on development ; Moroccan International migration.



Nathalie Creste

Nathalie Creste is French. She entered as an EU official in 1991 in the General Secretariat of the Council, working successively in the Department of Agriculture, the Cabinet of the Secretary General of the Council and the Legal service. In 2005, she joined the European Commission where she occupied the posts of Head of Unit "Communication" in Directorate General Justice Freedom and Security, Head of Unit "Monitoring, Reporting, Verification of Greenhouse gas emissions" in Directorate General CLIMA, Adviser / Head of the Task force responsible to put in place the EU laissez-passer and Head of Unit "Ethics and Ombudsman" in Directorate General Human Resources and Security. She is currently Adviser to the Director for Mobility of workers in Directorate General Employment and Social Affairs where she is notably in charge of the relations with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) for Employment and Labour matters. Recently, she was in charge of the organization of the 4thUfM Ministerial Conference on Employment and Labour in Cascais Portugal – 2-3 April 2019.



Léo Vincent

Professor Léo Vincent graduated from Ecole Centrale de Lyon (French Grande Ecole for Engineers) and received his PhD from the University of Lyon. Professor of material sciences at ECL, his researches concerned tribology (he has been the prime partner of several BRITE European contracts in the 80s and 90s.). He was appointed as the Deputy-Director of Ecole Centrale de Lyon (1994-2004) and of Ecole Centrale Marseille (2004-2007). For 14 years, he has been Director of International Affairs and thus promoted partnerships with universities in Brazil, Chile, China, Indonesia, Japan, Ukraine, U.S., Russia and Tunisia and he participated to the TIME European network of organizations. From 2005 to 2016, he was the elected President of RMEI (Mediterranean network of engineering and management schools). Honorary chairman of RMEI, he is responsible of the Euro Mediterranean program HOMERE which received the label of the UfM. He is now president of HOMERE France.

Panel Discussion - Creating Jobs in the Mediterranean: What Role for the Private Sector?



Jihen Boutiba

Mrs. Boutiba is the General Secretary of the Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises-BUSINESSMED since 2014 which is consisted of 22 employers' organizations from the EuroMed region. She has been a stable strong leader of this organization for the past 15 years coordinating and enhancing cooperation diversity all around the Mediterranean. Over the past decade she also had an experience at the U.S Department of States in Tunisia within the Political and Economic section for foreign grants assistance on the Economic Support funds. Mrs. Boutiba holds several Expert Positions within the Economic field and in particularly with the political diplomacy and institutional partners. She is currently the Executive Director of the EU-project "Enhancing Business Support Organizations-EBSOMed" in the EuroMed region, Consultant in Euro-Mediterranean diplomatic trainings with ENA "Ecole Nationale d'Administration" & Deputy Director of the South Mediterranean Social Dialogue Project "SOLID". She is member of the MENA-OECD Business Advisory Board representing Private Sector EuroMed organizations, board member of HOMERE project for Youth, a Board member of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSDD) for the United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan(UNEP/MAP) & member of the High Level Working Group (HLWG) of Employment & Labor for UfM & DG EMPL (European Commission unit).



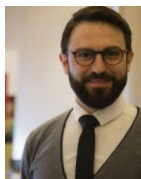
Carlos Conde

Mr. Carlos Conde is Head of the Middle East and Africa Division in the Global Relations Secretariat of the OECD. On this capacity, he leads the implementation of MENA-OECD Initiative on Governance and Competitiveness for Development. Since 2005, the Initiative promotes policy dialogue on governance, investment and private sector development between MENA and OECD countries. During this period, the MENA Initiative has introduced the process of OECD peer review in the MENA region, supported processes of reform at the national level and conducted capacity building activities. Carlos Conde is also responsible for the collaboration with South Africa as key partner of the OECD. Prior to his current position, Carlos Conde was deputy Head of Division at the Governance Reviews and Partnerships Division of the Public Governance Directorate of the OECD, leading the work of the MENA-OECD Governance programme and promoting the collaboration with Latin American countries.



Gilbert Doumit

A strategy advisor, a leadership consultant, and a social entrepreneur, Gilbert has dedicated his work, for more than two decades, to meaningful transformation through policy innovation, institutional building, and people development. Gilbert is a Founder and Managing Partner of Beyond Reform & Development (BRD) Group (www.beyondrd.com), a social enterprise and a consulting firm working to establish innovative, inclusive, and participatory policies and institutions in the Middle East and North Africa region. He advised policy makers in more than 20 countries in the MENA region and the world. He is a senior partner at Beyond Consulting and Training (www.beyondct.com) through which he trains and coaches leaders from around the world such as members of parliament in Nepal, ministers in Arab countries, entrepreneurs in Europe and USA. Gilbert has published numerous articles on leadership, organizational design, social entrepreneurship, economic development, and youth empowerment. He is contributor to CNN Arabic and Huffington Post, and his work has been featured in Sada-Carnegie Endowment, Stanford Innovation Review, BBC, and the Washington Post.



Atilla Kaiser-Yuecel

Mr. Atilla Kaiser Yuecel, Advisor, Financial Inclusion & Technology, GIZ Atilla (M.Sc) is GIZ's advisor for the Financial Inclusion for the Arab Region Initiative (FIARI), carried out in cooperation with the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI), World Bank, and on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). He is also the head of GIZ's Working Group for Financial Systems Development in MENA. He has previously worked as Central Bank advisor based in Jordan, where he has coordinated the development and reforms under the National Financial Inclusion Strategy for Jordan 2018-20 together with the authorities, private sector and civil society stakeholders.



Rim Mouelhi

Rim Mouelhi is full Professor of Economics and Statistics since 2007 at ISCAE la Manouba University of Tunis. She has a PhD in Economics from the University of Bourgogne, France (1994). She published many academic articles in international reviews (as *Econometric Reviews*, the *Journal of Productivity Analysis*, *Labour Economics*, *Economic modelling*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Economie et prévision*...). She also contributed to chapters of books edited by Oxford University Press. She is member of the Laboratory of Applied Economics and Empirical Finance, IHEC Carthage, since 1997. She is Research fellow at ERF (Economic Research Forum, Cairo) since 2002. She is a Senior Fellow in a think tank NABES (North African Bureau of Economic Studies) since 2013. She was a Consultant with the Tunisian Institute of Strategic Studies, consultant with the Institute of Quantitative Economics, consultant with the PNUD and consultant with the World Bank and with the African Bank of development. Areas of expertise include Firm's productivity, firm's performance and firm's dynamics (micro data analysis), Private sector and business environment and Labor markets. In EMNES, as a senior researcher and team leader, she contributes to the research area on private sector development.



Chahir Zaki

Dr. Chahir Zaki is a citizen of Egypt. At present, Chahir is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. In this position, Chahir teaches and conducts research on trade policy and macroeconomics. He is also the Chahir works also for the Economic Research Forum (Cairo, Egypt) as a part-time Senior Economist and as a consultant for several international organization (the World Bank and the International Trade Center (UNCTAD-WTO, Geneva) and ESCWA). He holds a B.A. in Economics from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, an M.A. in Economics from Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne. His research interests include international trade, trade policy, trade in services, applied economics and macroeconomic modeling. He has published numerous studies in the *International Trade Journal*, the *World Trade Review*, *Economic Modeling* and *Applied Economics*.

Scientific Conference



Nora Aboushady

Nora Aboushady is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. She holds a B.A. in Economics from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, an M.A. in International Economics from the Institut d'Etudes. Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). Nora teaches a number of courses including international economics, microeconomics, economic development, public finance, and European policies. She has collaborated with the OECD MENA Corporate Governance Unit, with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), with the Centre d'Economie of the University of Paris 1 Pantheon- Sorbonne. She is a member of a number of research networks including EMNES and MEDRESET-rethinking the Mediterranean. Her areas of interest include trade policy, trade in services, social policy and public policy.



Raja Almarzoqi

Raja Almarzoqi is former IMF advisor. Faculty member in economics Division at Institute of Diplomatic Studies, and also, was adjunct professor at Thunderbird Global Business School and King Saud University. He has a teaching/lecturing experience of 16 years at (Institute of Diplomatic Studies; King Saud University; MIT; IMF; Thunderbird Global Business School) in several subjects in economics. He was a president of Gulf Monetary Council. In addition, Raja worked as a consultant to many government and private organizations (World Bank, ARAMCO, Ministry of Economics & Planning, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), Supreme Commission for Tourism, Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) and KACST...etc). Also, he was a board member in several organizations and Funds. Mr.Almarzoqi is specialized in policy modeling for impact assessment and scenario analysis, Money and Banking, international finance, and Finance. He presented research papers at major international conferences and published papers in major Middle East journals. Mr. Almarzoqi holds a BA from King Saud University in economics, M.A. from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in economics, and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater in economics and finance.



Ahmed Badawi

Ahmed Badawi is a senior researcher at the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Free University of Berlin, he holds a PhD in Political Science from Humboldt University and an MSc in Development Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. His current research interests include state theory and the dynamics of state failure in the Arab world, power relations, institutional change and distributional conflict and the political economy of development beyond the Washington and the post-Washington consensus. He is the Scientific Coordinator of the Research Area on institutions, institutional reforms, economic development and social justice.



Yacine Belarbi

Yacine Belarbi is senior researcher in CREAD since 2009. His research focuses on economic geography, macroeconomic policies and economic development. He was visiting professor at Paris 13 university and Paris Ouest university, and exercised for many years as head of macroeconomic division in CREAD. Yacine BELARBI published many papers, his most recent works focus on the interaction effects of institutions and oil dependence on growth, the regional employment dependence and spatial dependence in Algeria, and the growth urban dynamics in Algeria. He is the director of the Research centre in applied economics for development (CREAD).



Soumaya Ben Khelifa

Soumaya Ben Khelifa is Assistant Professor in Finance at IHEC. She holds a PhD in Finance from IHEC Carthage in Tunisia in April 2016. From 2010 to 2015, She worked as an adjunct professor at where she taught graduate level courses on Market Finance and corporate finance in ESCT and IHEC. She has participated as a presenter in many international level conferences such as : CEAFE 2018 ; ISEBC 2019. She published in various journals such as: The Journal of Private Equity ; Journal of Asset Management and Law and Financial Markets Review. Her areas of research are: Asset Pricing, Hedge Funds, International Finance, Market Finance. In EMNES she contributes to the research area on finance. Her latest research concentrates on financial inclusion.



Barbara Casu

Professor Barbara Casu is the Director of the Centre for Banking Research at Cass Business School, where she is Professor of Banking and Finance. She is also the Director of the Cass Executive PhD Programme. Her main research interests are in empirical banking, financial regulation, structured finance, and corporate governance. Barbara has published widely, with over 40 publications in peer reviewed Journals. She has also written the popular textbook "Introduction to Banking" (Pearson FT), which is widely adopted for banking courses across the world. She has recently co-edited the Palgrave Handbook of European Banking. Outside academia, Professor Casu has been a consultant/visiting researcher at several organizations.



Sandra Challita

Sandra is a faculty member at ESDES Business School in Lyon. She is also an associate researcher at the International Research Centre on Cooperative Finance (IRCCF) of HEC Montréal, at the University of Montpellier France, Montpellier Research in Management and "Labex entreprendre" Units. She received her Ph.D. in Finance at the University of Montpellier. Her thesis adopts a comparative approach of strategies and performances of cooperatives and investor owned firms in different fields. She adopts an interdisciplinary vision within her research. Sandra has presented her work during international academic conferences and has published and is in publication process of scientific articles in peer review journals. Sandra current research focuses on financial performance and risk of different types of financial institutions. Sandra also holds a master's degree in finance (104) from Paris Dauphine University and a bachelor's degree in management from Saint Joseph's University Beirut. She speaks Arabic, French and English. In EMNES, she contributes to the research on finance, financial inclusion and financial development.



Ralph Chami

Ralph Chami is currently Assistant Director in the Institute for Capacity Development (ICD), International Monetary Fund, where he oversaw the development and implementation of the internal economics training program for all IMF economists as well as the revamping of the Institute's external training program for officials from member countries. Most recently, he was Assistant Director and Division Chief in the Middle East and Central Asia Department where he oversaw surveillance and program work on fragile states: Egypt, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, and Yemen, and was Mission Chief for Libya and Somalia. He is the recipient of the 2014 IMF Operational Excellence Award for his work on Libya. Previously, he was the Chief of the Regional Studies Division, where he oversaw regional surveillance of 32 countries in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia regions, and the production of the Regional Economic Outlook. Prior to that, he was the Chief of the Middle Eastern Division of the IMF Institute where he oversaw capacity development in that region. He joined the IMF in 1999. From 1991 till 1999, he was on the faculty of Finance in the Department of Finance, University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He also served as a consultant to the World Bank, and to the private sector in the US. Ralph Chami has a BS from the American University of Beirut, an MBA in Finance and Statistics from the University of Kansas, and a Ph.D in Economics from the Johns Hopkins University.



Ioannis Charalampidis

Ioannis Charalampidis is a member of the macroeconomics team of E3-Modelling and focuses on the use of general equilibrium modelling tools to consult on energy and climate related policy impact assessment. He has experience in the development of regional macroeconomic models, including the construction of large-scale databases of macroeconomic indicators. Ioannis has participated in studies regarding the development of databases, e.g. for the energy systems of European islands, in the context of EU-funded projects. He has also contributed to the enhancement of the representation of the mobility in the GEM-E3 model. He holds an MSc in Economics and a BSc in Economics Science from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.



Jacques Charmes

Jacques Charmes is director of research emeritus at the Institute of Research for Development (IRD), a French public research institute under the joint supervision of the French Ministries of Higher Education and Research and Foreign Affairs. His research focuses on the measurement and understanding of the functioning of the informal economy, as well as the conception and implementation of time use surveys and gender indices at regional and national levels, especially in the MENA region and in sub-Saharan Africa.



Iyad Dhaoui

Iyad Dhaoui is a researcher at the department of social studies at the Tunisian Institute of Competitiveness and Quantitative Studies. He received a PhD's degree in Economics from the University of Sfax, Tunisia. He is interested in conducting economic and social studies relating notably to the development perspectives and to the issues inscribed in the development plans as well as studies of the impacts of policies, social and economic reforms. He is also interested in conducting studies concerning the social aspects of development of Tunisia such as the contribution of human resources of growth and evaluation and policy analysis of employment and income distribution and follow-up of the most important determinants of population growth, health system and social coverage system and analysis of their implications in the economic and social fields.



Aya Elewa

Aya Elewa holds a PhD in Economics from Paris School of Economics and University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. She has recently defended her PhD thesis on "Trade Liberalization, Competition and Market Structure: Theory and Empirical Evidence" under the supervision of Prof. Jean-Philippe Tropeano. She is extremely interested in Economic research, especially Industrial Organisation and International Trade fields. She is also interested in both Empirical and Theoretical research.



Zouhair El Kadhi

Dr Zouhair El Kadhi is the General Director of the Tunisian Institute of Competitiveness and Quantitative Studies (ITCEQ). He was economic advisor to the Tunisian Ministry of Finance in charge of fiscal and macroeconomic studies. He is ex-director of research and studies of the Tunisian Institute of Strategic Studies and after having been chief economist in the Department of Policy Analysis at the Tunisian Institute of Competitiveness and Quantitative Studies. Dr. El Kadhi holds a PhD, on economics from the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (2007), starting his career as a researcher in the Center for Studies in Macroeconomics and International Finance (CEMAFI-Nice) and has worked for five years as an economist at RESEXCODE – Economic Research Center in Paris. He has led several economic studies and published in many forums on economics mainly macroeconomic policies for growth and development.



Giovanni Ferri

Holding a Ph.D. in Economics from New York University, Giovanni Ferri is Professor of Economics at LUMSA University (Rome, Italy; www.lumsa.it). He co-founded and chairs the Center for Relationship Banking and Economics (<https://sites.google.com/site/cerbelumsa/>) focusing on relational goods towards society's wellbeing. Earlier he served at Bari University, Banca d'Italia, World Bank and was visiting at Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Tokyo University, ADB Institute, Princeton University, NBER. He consulted for EU Commission and Parliament, Italy's Treasury, Italian Association of Popolari Bank, seated in the Banking Stakeholder Group at the European Banking Authority, was a founding member of the Think Tank at the European Association of Cooperative Banks and is editor in chief of 'Economic Notes' and 'Journal of Entrepreneurial & Organizational Diversity'. He led policy research projects in Albania, China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam. His research interests include: monetary policy, financial instability, banking structure/regulation, rating agencies, corporate governance, finance-growth nexus, migration, firm internationalization, China's economy, family business, sustainability. He has published extensively on these topics in some of the top international journals and with world renown publishers.



Giorgia Giovannetti

Giorgia Giovannetti is Vice President for international Relationships of the University of Firenze (from November 2015), full Professor of Economics at the University of Florence (since 2001), visiting Professor at the European University Institute, Part time professor at New York University, Study abroad programme and member of the "consiglio di Reggenza" of the Bank of Italy, Florence. She has acted as Scientific Director of the (first and second) European Report on Development in 2009 and 2010, Director of the Development Research Area in the Global Governance Programme (2011-2013), Director of the Research Centre of the Italian Trade Institute-ICE (2005-2007). She has been advising the EU Commissioner for Development (2009-2012), the President of the Italian Trade Institute-ICE (2004-2014), the Italian Treasury (2003-05) and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade (2002-05). She is the scientific coordinator of the Fondazione Manlio Masi, member of the globalization team at OECD, fellow of the Foundation for International Development Study and Research- FERDI, (University of Auvergne at Clermont Ferrand) and Fondazione Luca D'Agliano (Turin). She was in a Group of the Center for Global Development (CGD) in Washington working on the Reform of the Rome Agencies.



Vladimír Hlásný

Vladimír Hlásný is an associate professor of Economics at Ewha Womans University in Seoul. He specializes in labour and welfare economics, particularly in relation to Asia and the Middle East region. In 2015 he served as an economic affairs officer at UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Beirut. He holds a doctorate in Economics from Michigan State University.



Moundir Lassassi

Researcher at the Research Centre in Applied Economic for Development (CREAD) since 2006, Division Human Development and Social Sciences in Algiers, Algeria. PHD in Applied Economics since 2014, Degree from Aix-Marseille School of economics and National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSSE). The first Thesis focused on empirical analysis in cross section and pseudo-panel of occupational choice in Algeria over the period 1997-2007. The second thesis focused in the situation of labour market in Algeria "The labour market in Algeria: Social Networks, Occupational Choice and Wages". Accreditation to Supervise Research since 2015 from National School of Statistics and Applied Economics. Team leader since 2014 "Labor Economics and Social Protection" and Division Manager since 2018 "Social Economics & Human Development" at CREAD. Mainly works in the field of social sciences, specializing in the analysis of the labour market in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Main research fields are Social Networks, Labor Market, Segmentation, Occupation choice, Informal employment, Women's employment, Segregation and Wage discrimination. Published in various national and international journals (last publication was Explaining the MENA Paradox: Rising Educational Attainment, Yet Stagnant Female Labor Force Participation IZA DISCUSSION PAPER).



Elena Perra

Elena Perra is a PhD student of the Doctoral School of Social Sciences at the University of Trento, Italy. Her research concerns the use of new techniques and tools for the analysis of economic issues in developing countries. She holds a MSc in Development Economics and a BA's in Economics, both from the University of Florence. During her master she spent a semester in Passau, Germany in the department of International Economics and Business. She also worked as a Tutor at the University of Florence, where she used to give lessons of Microeconomics and Mathematics for undergraduate students. Before starting her PhD, she was a trainee in the research team of a data collection firm, Economic Development Initiatives (EDI), UK.



Serena Sandri

Serena Sandri is working as Assistant Professor at the Management Department of German Jordanian University since February 2012. Before joining German Jordanian University, she worked at the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management of Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. She is associate researcher at Yarmouk University. Her main fields of expertise are behavioural economics, institutional economics, and entrepreneurship. Her publications have appeared among else in the Journal of Economic Behaviour & Organization, the European Review of Agricultural Economics, and Mediterranean Politics. For EMNES, she contributes to the research areas on institutions, private sector development and finance.



Heba Zaki

Dr. Heba M. Zaki has earned her B.Sc. Major economics and minor in social science computing with honour. She earned her M.Sc. in economics with excellent degree in 2004, by submitting a thesis entitled "Testing the Purchasing Power Parity for the Egyptian Pound Exchange Rate from 1991-1999: Co-integration and Artificial Neural Networks". Dr. Zaki earned her Ph.D. in Social Science Computing in 2012 with excellent degree, for the thesis entitled "The Theoretical and Applied frameworks for the transition Conditions to Knowledge Society". Dr. Zaki is currently teaching for undergraduate and post graduate students, many subjects some of which are: Information Infra structure, Social network Analysis, Application of sociocomputing in modern information societies. Dr. Zaki founded FEPS Business Incubator in December 2016- the first Business incubator in Cairo university- and she is currently its executive Director since February 2017. She also Ex- Advisory board member of Micro Small, Medium enterprise agency- Ministry of trade since June 2017 till December 2018. She used to be the head of Communication unit of the faculty of Economics & Political Science from Jan 2015 till April 2017, as well as the head of ALUMNI and Recruitment unit, since July 2015 till April 2017.

The EMNES Annual Conference 2019 is organised by:



The Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies - EMNES aims to provide a renewed vision for socio-economic development in the Mediterranean region.



EURO-MEDITERRANEAN
NETWORK FOR ECONOMIC STUDIES
الشبكة الأورو-متوسطية للدراسات الاقتصادية



Co-funded by
the European Union

EMNES is co-funded by the European Union – under Grant Contract N° ENPI/2014/354-488 and the EMNES Partners and Associates.

FOLLOW US ON



www.facebook.com/EMNES.org



www.twitter.com/EMNESorg



www.linkedin.com/company/emnes



emnes.org