International Conference:

Trade Policies and Sustainable Development in Arab Countries

26-27 September 2012, Amman - Jordan

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Venue: The University of Jordan

Faculty of Business
Conference Agenda

First day:

- 9:00 /Conference Registration (Faculty of Business, Building #1-Great hall)

  Master of the Conference: Dr. Khawlah Spitan

- 10:00 Opening of the Conference

  The Royal Anthem of Jordan

  Qur’an Kareem Verses

- 10:10-10:20 /Opening Speech / Dean of Faculty of Business/ Prof. Musa Al-lozi

- 10:20-10:30/ WTO- Chair Holder Speech/Prof. Taleb Awad Warrad

  10:30-10:40/ Sponsor speech: President of the University of Jordan

- 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

Session 1: (11:00-1:00) Chairman: Prof. Taleb Awad

  11:00-11:30 Counsellor Aik Hoe Lim , WTO: "GATS and the services economy of the 21st century: Why it matters for development?"

  11:30-12:00 Dr. Sophia Twarog, UNCTAD, "Key trade and sustainable development issues: remittances, circular migration, transaction costs, promoting competition including various forms of liberalization of financial, telecom and energy sectors Arabian organic, harmonization and equivalence, Rio +20".

  12:00-12:30 Mr. Yosef Alshamali, Head of trade policies and foreign relation Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade. “Trade policies in Arab Countries”

  12:30 -1:00 Discussion
• 1:00 -2:00 Lunch Break
• Session 2: (2:30-4:10) Chairman Dr. Fayez Haddad

2:30-3:2:50 Dr. Buthaina Almuhtaseb & Amin Jaber. “Industrial development horizons in Jordan under the WTO and GATT agreements”.

2:50-3:10 Dr. Adel Bino, Dr. Diana Abu Ghunmi, and Ibrahim Qteishat. “Trade, Export Capacity, and the WTO Membership: Evidence from Jordan”.


3:30 -3:50 Prof. Ma’en Rajap & Prof. Mohammad Saleem. “The Palestinian social and economic development policies and its effects on job opportunities- study period 1994-2013”.

3:50 -4:10 Discussion

• Session 3: (4:10-5:50) Chairman: Dr. Buthaina Muhtaseb

4:10 -4:30 Dr. Amer Bakir. “Effects of International Economic Crisis on the Economy of Jordan.”

4:30-4:50 Prof. Talib Awad. “Exchange rate policy and economic growth in Jordan”.


5:10 -5:30 Dr. Mohammad Hassan Allawi & Dr. Sarah Lhimr. “The impact of trade liberalization on the environment in Tunisia and Jordan during the period 1980-2010”.

5:30 -6:00 Discussion
Second day:

- **Session 4 : (9:30-11:10) Chairman: Dr. Adel Bino**

  9:30-9:50 Prof. Mohammad Abu Nasar, Dr. Salehi & Dr. Noureddine. “Challenges of Algeria's accession to the Great Arab free trade area”


  10:10-10:30 Dr. Khawlah Spitan & Dr. Nahil Saqfalheit. “Export diversification and economic growth: case of Jordan and other selected Arab countries”.

  10:30-10:50 Prof. Rafah Alhamdani. “Analysis Iraq's GNP function for the period 1994-2010”.

  10:50-11:10 Discussion

  11:10-11:30 Coffee Break

- **Session 5 (11:30-12:50) Chairman: Prof. Sa’ed Altarawneh**

  11:30-11:50 Dr. Mariama Deen-swarzay, Dr. Bamidele Dekunle & Dr. Gbadebo Odularu. “Developing infrastructure to facilitate intra-regional trade and integration in ECOWAS”.

  11:50-12:10 Dr. Saeedi Yahya. “Foreign direct investment and development finance, a case study of Algeria”.

  12:10-12:30 Dr. Ali Mahmoud. “General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and its impact on the Libyan financial sector”.

  12:30-12:50 Discussion

1:00 -2:00 Lunch Break
• Session 6 (2:30-4:15)   Chairman: Prof. Fathee Alarouri

2:30-2:50 Dr. Sulistyo Ningsih. “How Trade Policy Contribute to Poverty Alleviation in Developing Countries”.

2:50-3:10 Prof. Ma'en Alsaied. “Criticizing the justifications adopted by supporters of the policy of restricting foreign trade”.

3:10-3:30 Prof. Hani Aldmor & Dr. Ibrahem Issa. “The impact of innovation in Jordanian chemical and pharmaceutical industries on export performance”.

3:30-3:50 Discussion

3:50-4:15 Closing session