



**International Conference:**

**Trade Policies and Sustainable  
Development in Arab Countries**

**26-27 September 2012, Amman - Jordan**

**Organized by the University of Jordan - WTO Chair Program**

**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**
  - 2:30-3:25 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”.
  - 3:10-3:30 Dr. Hussam Aldauod & Ali Alassaf.** “The direct impact of FDI on poverty reduction in developing countries during the period 1980-2010”.
  - 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”.
  - 4:50 -5:10 Prof. Issa Farisi.** “The reality of the Libyan trade policies and its prospects in light of the WTO Agreement”.
  - 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. Nouredine.** “Challenges of Algeria's accession to the Great Arab free trade area”
  - 9:50-10:10 Prof. Nidal Fayoumi & Dr. Bana Abuzayed.** “Bank Concentration, Institutional Quality, and Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from MENA Countries”.
  - 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-swarray, 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. Sulistyono 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. Ibrahim 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**