



Call for papers

First international Mediterranean Meeting: Emerging Issues, new economic and social prospects for Southern Mediterranean Countries

29th September to 1st October 2011, Hammamet (Tunisia)

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Applied Economics and Finance laboratory of IHEC Carthage (LEFA), Center of Macroeconomics and International Finance Studies CEMAFI *International* and Central University of Tunis (Central School of Law and management) organize the 1st international Mediterranean Meeting: Emerging Issues, New Economic and Social prospects for Southern Mediterranean Countries from 29th September to 1st October 2011, Hammamet (Tunisia).

This symposium aims, on one hand, the theoretical and methodological training in economics and social sciences for young researchers, on the other hand, the constitution of an area for scientific meeting, reconciliation and exchange between researchers from both sides of Mediterranean.

The symposium's theme will focus on the issues, economic and social prospects for Southern Mediterranean countries in the current movements of popular and social revolt. The democratic aspiration and dignity's request of Arabic peoples were at the heart of the revolt started by the Tunisian rebellion. While now it is obvious that the economic crisis was the key factor in the Arabic revolution.

Does the sudden collapse of non-rentier Arabic state (then, rentier ones) due to the crisis, broke the tacit social agreement that characterized Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, and which still the dominant model of other countries (Jordan, Morocco, Syria, Gulf countries, etc...)?

In Tunisia, as in almost countries, the basic causes of these changes are due to the global economic crisis' impact and are clearly marked through a low and unstable growth at detriment of fair income's distribution.

On the other side, the increase in poverty, an unprecedented explosion in the number of unemployed and rightness people, marginalization and exclusion, and inter-and intra-regional disparities were the main led to the downfall of politically obsolete regimes.

That's why the success of the hoped process of "democratic transition" will require institutional reforms and arrangements that can lead to an **economy** based on democracy, knowledge and innovation, which promotes social and territorial cohesion and which is environmentally and socially sustainable.

Nowadays, when political events in Southern Mediterranean countries highlights powerful dynamic change and the beginnings of the democratization process, this symposium aims to make an inventory of the economic and Social situation in Mediterranean countries and to consider prospects for the short, medium and long terms.

The Symposium will focus its sessions on key issues such as regional development, sustainable development and its implications, inequality and poverty, labor market, governance, knowledge's economy and the conditions for higher productivity.

Themes:

Economic development and regional disparities

- Territories' attractiveness, activities' localization.
- Development and territorial disparities.
- Public Policy of local and regional development

- Territorial attractiveness policy and firms' localization.
- Spatial Paths and Firms' mobility.

Sustainable development and regional development

- Firms localization of and sustainable development
- Territorial governance and sustainable development
- Sustainable development and attractiveness territorial
- Environmental regulation and firms' localization
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- labeled products and green economy

Inequality, poverty and economic development

- Causes analysis and poverty manifestation.
- Study of the poverty and inequality determinants.
- The pro-poor growth
- Economic and social struggle against poverty and inequality.

Labor Market

- Employment and Labor Market
- Education, training and graduate employment
- Wages and discrimination
- Micro-credit, entrepreneurship, profession and business
- Migration Paths

Knowledge economy and productivity

- Education, human capital, productivity and competitiveness
- Innovation, activities of R&D and growth
- Innovation and regional inequalities
- ICT and economic development
- Firms' innovative and foreign trade structure
- Innovation and sustainable development

Governance and Economic Development

- Institutions and economic growth
- Business Climate and Private Investment
- Democratic transition, political democracy and economic development

Important dates

July 10th , 2011	Deadline of papers submission (title, authors with affiliation, email – final paper) through the website: www.rencontremed.com
July 30th , 2011	Notification of paper acceptance
September 20th , 2011	Deadline to register for conference

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Papers submission

Proposals will be electronically submitted through the web site **www.rencontremed.com** until July 10th, 2011. Authors are invited to submit **full papers** (PDF or Word format) in English or French language.

Publications opportunities

After papers' selection and refereeing process, the meeting proceedings can be published in reviews or books.

- **Revue Éthique et Economique**
- **Revue Région et Développement**
- **Revue Economie Appliquée**
- **La Revue des Sciences de Gestion**
- **Journal of Economics and International Finance**