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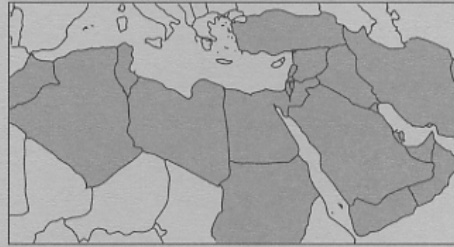
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MEEA Research in Middle East Economics

The second volume in the MEEA's annual series, *Research in Middle East Economics*, will be shipped to members in January 1998 by our publisher, JAI Press, Inc. All members who paid the \$45 membership fee for 1997 will automatically receive Volume 2. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please contact MEEA executive secretary Mine Cinar to do so. It is a good deal in that MEEA members receive their copies of the annual at a price almost one-third lower than the list price for non-member academicians (\$30 versus \$43.95).

The table of contents of Volume 2 is provided on page 7.

The series editor, Karen Pfeifer, strongly urges submissions from MEEA members for future volumes.

Volume 3: Volume 3, "The Economic Ramifications of Peace in the Middle East," is being guest-edited by Dr. Sara Roy, Harvard Middle East Center. Accepted papers are now undergoing revision.

Volume 4: Volume 4 will be devoted to the topic of "Women and Work in the Middle East," and is being guest-edited by Dr. Mine Cinar, Loyola University department of economics. Papers have been solicited. Further submissions are welcome. Please contact either Mine Cinar or Karen Pfeifer.

Volume 5: At its meeting in January 1998, the MEEA Board of Directors will take up the issue of whether Volume 5 should be a non-theme or a theme issue, and, if it is to be a theme issue, what that theme might be. If you have a preference or a suggestion, please communicate it to Karen (or to any other member of the Board, as you like) to be included in the discussion at the meeting. Be sure to state your reasoning.

Reviewers needed: The series editor is always eager for reliable and thoughtful reviewers of manuscripts, for either non-theme volumes edited by her or as a help to guest editors of theme volumes. If you provide this valuable service to the profession, you will not only receive our undying gratitude, but your name will also appear on the frontispiece of the volume in the list of "Reviewers of Manuscripts." Please jot a note or an email (as below) to Karen indicating your willingness and be sure to state your fields of expertise. Work it is, but important and gratifying work. Thanks!

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**MINUTES OF THE MIDDLE EAST
ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS
MEETING, JANUARY 5, 1997, SHERATON
HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LA**

The meeting started at 5:45 p.m.

Fateme Moghadam, MEEA president, called the meeting to order. The minutes of 1995 Business Meeting as appeared in the Fall, 1996 MEEA Newsletter were approved unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was MEEA Annual, Research in Middle East Economics. The discussion centered on current dues and the expenses related to the annual. It was stated that the current dues of \$25.00 are insufficient to cover the expenses related to the Annual. Therefore, for the first volume, all members in good standing will receive the annual, and the deficit will be subsidized by MEEA. Starting from next year, 1997, however, membership dues are raised to \$45.00 to cover the expenses of the Annual, and members will receive a copy of the Annual.

Fateme Moghadam thanked Karen Pfeifer, editor of the Annual, for her effort in getting the first volume out, and in having established a system that would allow MEEA to have a volume each year. The floor was then given to Karen. She announced that the JAI booth in the exhibition hall had the Annual on display; the Annual is a refereed volume; and the 1996 Newsletter has the copy of the first volume's index. She explained that Volume Two is open to any topic on the economics of the Middle East and encouraged paper submissions. The guest editor of Volume Three is Sara Roy and the topic is

"Economic Implications of Peace in the Middle East". The guest editor of Volume Four is Mine Cinar, and the topic: "the Economics of Women and Work in the Middle East". Volumes Three and Four will have both solicited and contributed papers.

On behalf of the Board, Fateme expressed thanks to Saeed Rahnema who started and edited MEEA Newsletter for seven years. He was presented with a plaque.

It was noted that CHRAF, the human rights arm of MEEA, was officially formed in the Board Meeting, January 4, 1997.

Members were encouraged to identify themselves as MEEA members when registering with the ASSA. This is important, since it affects the number of panels allocated to MEEA at the ASSA meetings.

Questions were taken from the floor on the impact of raising the membership fee. One member proposed a two tier system: one with \$25 and one with \$45. Karen Pfeifer said that the publisher, JAI, would not accept such a two tier system and that we could not find a publisher who would agree to that. Hamid Zangeneh, the Treasurer, stressed that payment of 1996 dues is a pre-requisite for receiving Volume One, and that such dues payment could be done retroactively, as well.

Fateme then thanked the Program Committee for its work in arranging the annual MEEA/ASSA program. She noted that we had a successful program, and the credit should go to the Committee members: Mine Cinar, Jeff Nugent, Ragui Assaad, and Djavad Salehi-Isfahani. She also noted that the panels were well attended and there were lively discussions. The floor was then given to Mine Cinar, the executive secretary.

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Election of new Board of Directors

Dear Colleagues:

The Election Committee of MEEA is pleased to report the results of the elections for the new members of the Board of Directors of MEEA:

President: Fateme Moghadam
Executive Secretary: Mine Cinar

Treasurer: Bulent Uyar

Members at large:
Ragui Assaad Hans Lofgren
Jeffrey-Nugent Karen Pfeifer

The Election Committee congratulates the members of the new Board of Directors and thanks all the candidates and MEEA members for participating in the elections. Special thanks are due to Professor Bahram Tavakolian (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Denison University) for his help in counting the ballots.

The Middle East Economic Association, a non-profit international organization, was formed in 1978 and is affiliated with the American Economic Association and the Middle East Studies Association. The main objective of MEEA is to foster scholarship and to establish lines of communication among specialists interested in the Political Economy of the Middle East.

Board of Directors elected by member ballot in 1997

Board of Directors

Fateme Moghadam
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University of Akron
1986-1989

Abbas Almasrawi
University of Vermont
1990-1994

Sohrab Bohdad
Denison University
1995-1996

**Middle East Economic Association Annual Meeting
in conjunction with Allied Social Science Association**

January 3-5, 1998, Chicago, Illinois

January 3, 1998

8:00 A.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

**INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION ISSUES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

Presiding

David Surdam, Loyola University
Chicago

Said Saffari, Harvard University; "Fet-
ters of Micro-Finance: the Agricultural
Banks of Egypt and the Ottoman
Empire, 1888-1914"

Omar Altalib, University of Chicago,
"The Economic Role of Waqf in the
Ottoman Empire"

Mehmet Emin Karaaslan, Alfred Uni-
versity; "Commissioned Entrepreneurs,
Administered Prices and Post-privati-
zation Performance: the Case of Sumer
Holding Sales Outlets"

Mustafa Tumer, Uludag University;
"Developing and Export Marketing
Model for Small and Medium Sized
Enterprises of Manufacturing in North
Cyprus"

Kasim Korun, Eastern Mediterranean
University of North Cyprus; "Total
Factor Productivity Growth in Turkish
Republic of Northern Cyprus Manu-
facturing Industry"

Hakan Ercan, Bogazici University;
"Turkish Maritime Transportation
Demand and Supply"

Discussants

David Surdam, Loyola University
Chicago

Isabelle Perrigne, University of
Southern California

10:15 A.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

**FINANCIAL MARKETS AND THE
MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIES**

Presiding

Hesna Genay, Federal Reserve Bank of
Chicago

Rajesh Aggarwal, Dartmouth College
and **Tarik Yousef**, Harvard University;
"Islamic Banks and Investment
Financing"

Timur Kuran, University of Southern
California, Los Angeles; "The Genesis
of Islamic Economics: A Chapter in the
Politics of Muslim Identity"

Asli Demirguc-Kunt, The World Bank;
"Financial Markets and Banking Struc-
ture in the Middle East"

Discussants

Subu Venkataraman, Federal Reserve
Bank of Chicago

Randall Kroszner, University of
Chicago

George Kaufman, Loyola University
Chicago

2:30 P.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

**HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION
DYNAMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

Presiding

Nejat Anbarci, Florida International
University

Bharati Basu and Brigitte Bechtold,
Central Michigan University; "Game
Theoretic Views on Sociology,
Socialization and Endogenous House-
hold Preferences"

Aysit Tansel, Middle East Technical
University, "Informal Sector Wage
Determination in Turkey"

Patrick Cardiff, USAID, "The
1995/1996 Egyptian Household
Income, Expenditure and Consumption
Survey (HIECS), Results and the Use of
Results"

Hassan Hakimian, University of
London, "Migration and Population
Dynamics in Post-Revolutionary Iran"

Ali Tasiran, University of Michigan
and Gothenburg University, "Econo-
metric Analysis of Fertility Dynamics
in Turkey"

Discussants

Nejat Anbarci, Florida International
University

Abdol Soofi, University of Wisconsin-
Platteville

5:00 - 7:30 P.M.
MEEA Board Meeting
Hyatt Regency Chicago,
Skyway #280

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108 Wilmot Road, 4th Floor
Deerfield, IL 60015

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(847) 940-2386 (Outside U.S./Canada)
Phone (credit card only) (800) 424-5248 (U.S./Canada)
(847) 940-2152 (Outside U.S./Canada)

Hotels

Hyatt Regency Chicago
In Illinois Center
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 565-1234

Sheraton Chicago
Hotel & Towers
301 East North Water Street
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 464-1000

Chicago Hilton & Towers
720 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 922-4400

Chicago Marriott
540 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 836-0100

Fairmont Hotel
At Grant Park
200 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 565-8000

January 4, 1998

8:00 A.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

MODELS OF MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIES

Presiding

Luan Lubuele, Northwestern University and the City of New York

Ulrich Bartsch, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies; "Allocative Effects of Natural Gas Development in the Small Gulf Countries"

Hans Lofgren and **Mylene Kherallah**, International Food Policy Research Institute; "Egypt's Wheat Policy and International Price Stability: A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis"

Ardeshir Sepehri, University of Manitoba; "Stabilization, Adjustment and Growth: the Case of Iran"

Melike Altinkemer, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey; "Capital Inflows, Monetary Policy Offset and Sterilization in Turkey"

Oguz Asirim, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey; "Testing the Amended Version of Purchasing Power Parity in the Multivariate Cointegrating Framework"

Discussants

Luan Lubuele, Northwestern University and the City of New York

Wassim Shahin, Lebanese American University

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Business Meeting
Hyatt Regency Chicago,
Stetson Suite D

10:15 A.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

TRADE AND INTEGRATION IN NORTH CYPRUS, TURKEY AND THE GULF

Presiding

Abbas Alnasrawi, University of Vermont

Jonathan Warner and **Sevgin Akis**, Eastern Mediterranean University of North Cyprus; "Viability of an Un-recognized Micro-State: Options for the Future of the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus"

Fatma Guven-Lisaniler, Eastern Mediterranean University of North Cyprus; "The Effect of Size When Foreign Trade is Impossible: the Case of North Cyprus Economy"

Aylin Ege, Middle East Technical University; "Regional Integration Between Unequal Partners"

Julia C. Devlin, Georgetown University; "Regional Integration and Long Run Growth in the Gulf"

Ali H. Bayar, European Commission, and **T. Pamukcu**, Universite Libre de Bruxelles; "Fiscal Dependence on Trade Taxes, Economic Development and Liberalization: A Case Study for Turkey"

Cihan Yalcin, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey; "The Price-Cost Margins and Foreign Trade in Turkish Manufacturing Industry: A Panel Data Analysis"

Discussants

Douglas Walker, United Nations

Mehmet Emin Karaaslan, Alfred University

2:30 P.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

WOMEN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Presiding

Fatemeh Moghadam, Hofstra University

Jennifer Olmsted, University of California, Riverside; "Invisible Migration: the Constrained Mobility of Bethlehem Area Palestinian Women"

Fatemeh Moghadam, Hofstra University; "Is Female Labor Free or Coerced? A Case Study of Iran"

Sulayman Al-Qudsi, California Energy Research Commission; "Determinants of Women's Education, Fertility and Poverty: the Case of Yemen"

Gunseli Berik and **Cihan Bilginsoy**, University of Utah; "Women's Work and Girls' Survival: Evidence from Turkey"

Isik Urla-Zeytinoglu, McMaster University, **H. Kabasakal**, Bogazici University and **O. T. Ozmen**, **A. E. Katrinli**, **Y. Arbak**, 9 Eylul University; "Invisible Employment: Women as Waged Domestic Workers in Turkey"

Discussants

E. Mine Cinar, Loyola University Chicago

Aysit Tansel, Middle East Technical University

Massoud Karshenas, University of London

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of the MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION, please fill in the attached form and return it to the Executive Secretary. The membership fee is

\$45 U.S. for faculty or other professionals

\$35 U.S. for students

Name	_____
Rank & Affiliation	_____
Professional Address	_____
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Home Address	_____
Telephone: Home	_____

January 5, 1998

8:00 A.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Columbus Hall I & J

INFORMAL MARKETS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Presiding
Jeffrey Nugent, University of Southern California

Ragui Assaad, University of Minnesota; **O. Razzaz**, MIT, and **Y. Zhou**, Vassar College; "Why is Informality a Useful Analytical Category for Understanding Social Networks and Institutions?"

E. Mine Cinar, Loyola University Chicago; "Determinants of Happiness in Informal Sector Households: Evidence from Turkey"

Insan Tunali, Koc University and The Economics Institute; "Labor Market Segmentation and Earnings Differential: Theory and Evidence from Turkey"

Discussants

Hadi Esfahani, University of Illinois
Karen Pfeifer, Smith College
Hassan Aly, Ohio State University

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8:00AM
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

EXCHANGE RATE DYNAMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Presiding
Shah M. Mehrabi, Montgomery College

Abdol Soofi, University of Wisconsin-Platteville; "Exchange Rates as Long Memory, Stochastic Process: Evidence From Parallel Currency Markets of Oil Producing Countries"

Abdel-Hameed Bashir, Grambling State University; "Outward Orientation, Real Exchange Rate Behavior and Economic Growth in the ME"

Wassim Shahin, Lebanese American University; "Currency Substitution in Lebanon"

Serhan Ciftcioglu, Eastern Mediterranean University of North Cyprus; "Foreign Disturbances and Exchange Rate Dynamics"

Ahmet Kipici, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey; "Exchange Rate Pass-Through: the Turkish Case"

Tulin Sener, SUNY at New Paltz; "The Role of Currency Risk for Emerging Equity Markets"

Discussants

Melike Altinkemer, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey
Aylin Ege, Middle East Technical University

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10:15 A.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

MONEY, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MONETARY POLICY IN TURKEY

Presiding
Gulnur Muradoglu, Bilkent University

Gulnur Muradoglu, Nese Akkaya and **Jamel Chafra**, Bilkent University; "The Effect of Establishment of an Organized Exchange on Weak Form Efficiency; the Case of Istanbul Gold Exchange"

Ufuk Hazirolan, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey; "Central Bank Independence: Game Theory Approach"

Gaye Erkan and **Ali M. Kutan**, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; "Impact of Monetary and Real Shocks on the Behavior of Output: More Evidence from Turkey"

Suat Kucukgiltci and **Umit Senesen**, Istanbul Technical University; "A Composite Leading Indicator Index for Turkey"

Gulbin Sahinbeyoglu, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey; "Monetary Targeting in Turkey"

Mehtap Kesriyeli, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey; "The Empirical Performance of Alternative Monetary and Liquidity Aggregates in Turkey"

Discussants

Hesna Genay, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Bulent Uyar, University of Northern Iowa

Caglar Alkan, University of Minnesota

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2:30 P.M.
Hyatt Hotel, Stetson Suite D

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Presiding
Bulent Uyar, University of Northern Iowa

David Wishart and **Fred Tiffany**, Wittenberg University; "Intersectoral Conflict Over Water Resources in Israel, 1965-1995"

Otto Wadsted, University of Ottawa; "Diverse Experiences in Sharing of Benefits and Costs of Transnational River Basins and Their Development"

Hamid Hosseini, King's College; "Foreign Concession Hunting in 19th Century Iran (Persia) as an Obstacle to Economic Development"

Louis G. Hobeika, Sodeltel and American University of Beirut; "Building Government and Private Sector Partnerships in the ME Telecommunications Sector"

Fikret Ceyhun, University of North Dakota and **Dilek Cetindamar Karaomerlioglu**, Case Western Reserve University; Egypt and Turkey: Tigers of the Middle East?"

Ali Khalil, University of Mosul; "Iraqi Industrial Sector"

Discussants

Omer Gokcekus, Duke University and North Carolina Central University

Nicholas Sanchez, College of Holy Cross

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Mine reported that both the timing of deliveries and the quality of the sessions were good. She stated, however, that we will continue with our effort to enhance the quality of our panels. She reported that the 1998 meeting will be in Chicago. She also reported that AEA secretarial gave her a list where only 45 of those attending the meeting had identified themselves as MEEA members. She encouraged all MEEA members to identify themselves at the registration for next year. She also reported that February 1, is the new deadline for joint sessions with the AEA.

Mine then opened the floor to questions. The first question concerned discussants. It was requested that discussants be preassigned papers to avoid confusion. One member asked if one could submit an entire panel. Fatemeh urged members to propose and form panels, but submit papers individually. Thus if the panel is rejected, the individual papers could still be considered for other panels. Multiple submission of topics and abstracts was encouraged, but it was stated that only one paper per member could be picked for the program. One member asked how a person is appointed as the editor. Karen Pfeifer said that the Editor is appointed by the Board. One member asked if there would be a proceedings for the papers and was told that this year it was not possible. The floor was then given to Hamid Zangeneh, MEEA Treasurer. He noted that currently MEEA was in sound financial conditions. He stated, however, that we could run into a deficit because of the subsidies for the Annual.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

The Business Meeting was followed by the MEEA annual dinner that was held at the L'economie restaurant. There were no subsidies for the dinner this year, due to subsidies for the annual volume.

Announcements

ECONOMIC RESEARCH FORUM:

Several MEEA members, including Hadi Esfahani and Jeff Nugent, participated in the recent ERF-Arab Planning Institute Workshop on Institutions and Development in MENA Countries in Dubai Nov. 24-26, 1997. For more information about their publications and future ERF workshops, contact the Economic Research Forum, 7 Boulos Hanna St., Dokki, Cairo, Egypt Fax (202) 361-6042 E-mail: erf@idsc.gov.eg.

WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

A conference on "Women and Human Rights in Muslim Communities," will be held at the University of California, Davis on May 8-9, 1998. Please contact Suad Joseph, Dept. of Anthropology, University of California, Davis, CA 95616, USA, E-mail: sjoseph@ucdavis.edu for more information.

ISTANBUL CONFERENCE, JUNE 3-7, 1998

"Long Run Economic Change in the Mediterranean Basin: A Comparative Assessment." The meetings will be held at the Old Ottoman Mint buildings adjoining the Topkapi Palace, with lodging in a hotel nearby. The deadline for abstracts was Dec. 1, 1997, but you may contact Jeff Williamson at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 02138 USA, E-mail: jwilliam@kuznets.fas.harvard.edu for more details about the conference.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MAS)

In August 1997 MAS announced the publication of the first issue of the MAS Economic Monitor, a new periodical which reports on recent economic developments in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The report is published in Arabic and English in one volume, and will be issued semi-annually until time series data becomes available to produce quarterly reports. Subscription prices are US \$30 for one year and US \$15 for a single issue. Contact Wissam Saeed, P.O.Box 303, Ramallah Phone 02-9987053/4 Fax: 02-9987055 to subscribe.

WESTERN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION JULY 1998 CALL FOR PAPERS:

Jeff Nugent is interested in organizing a session on the Middle East or related subject for the Western Economic Association International Meetings in July 1998 in Lake Tahoe. If you would like to present or be a discussant, contact Jeff before January 20, 1998 at the Department of Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089, USA. E-mail: nugent@rcf.usc.edu

Call For Papers

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of
The Middle East Economic
Association (MEEA)

to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of
Allied Social Science Associations
in
New York, New York
January 2-4, 1999

Please send a one-page abstract by April 10, 1998 to:
E. Mine Cinar, Executive Secretary
Middle East Economic Association
Department of Economics, Loyola University Chicago
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e-mail:mcinar@LUC.EDU

Note: Abstracts should be accompanied with a
program submission fee of \$25.00 US dollars as
well as an annual membership fee of \$45 for 1998.

MEEA-CHRAF

The Board of Directors of MEEA, in its January 1997 meeting in New Orleans, approved the formation of MEEA's Committee on Human Rights and Academic Freedom. MEEA-CHRAF will monitor infringements on academic freedom and human rights of economists in the Middle East. For additional information, please contact Co-Chairs of MEEA-CHRAF Abbas Alnasrawi or Sohrab Behdad. Abbas Alnasrawi can be reached at the Department of Economics, University of Vermont, Burlington Vermont 05405 USA, Phone: 802-656-3064, Fax: 802-656-8405, E-mail: aalnasra@moose.uvm.edu. Sohrab Behdad can be reached at the Department of Economics, Denison University, Granville, Ohio 43023, USA, Phone: 614-587-6404, Fax: 614-587-6348, E-mail: behdad@denison.edu

RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS UPDATE:

A number of members have expressed alarm over the recent decision by the Educational Testing Services (ETS), a non-profit organization in New Jersey and the only nationally acceptable college entrance-testing operator, to cease providing its services to students living in Libya and Iran. This action makes it much more difficult for bright Iranian and Libyan students to take TOEFL exams, which are necessary for college entrance in the U.S. If you would like more information about this decision, contact the Iranian Anti-Defamation Alliance (IADA) at E-mail: IADA@aol.com or IADA@earthlink.net Telephone: (510) 420-0460 from 8-9pm PST Or visit their web site at <http://members.aol.com/IADA/>

A related issue of concern to members, and brought to our attention by the Arab American Anti-Defamation Committee (ADC), is the release of a recent report by The Washington Institute for Near East Policy supporting the notion that students from states which the U.S. defines as "terrorist" could be denied student visas, particularly if they plan to study science or engineering. This would affect students from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria. For more information, contact, ADC, 4201 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 300, Washington, DC, 20008, USA: Phone number: (202) 244-2990.

New Members 1997

Sevgin Akis
Eastern Mediterranean
University
Famagusta, North Cyprus

Nese Akkaya
Bilkent University

Omar Altalib
University of Chicago

Brigitte Bechtold
Central Michigan University

Serhan Ciftcioglu
Eastern Mediterranean
University

Omer Gokcekus
North Carolina Central
University

Fatma Guvon-Lisaniler
Eastern Mediterranean
University

Ahmet Kipici
Central Bank of the
Republic of Turkey

Kasim Korun
Eastern Mediterranean
University

RESEARCH IN MIDDLE EAST ECONOMICS

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New and Recent Titles

As part of the information services to MEEA Members the Newsletter will announce new titles on the political economy of the Middle East. We renew our request to publishers to send us copies of new titles on the political economy of the Middle East.

- Abel, Robert B., *The Influence of Technical Cooperation on Reducing Tensions in the Middle East*, Lanham, Md., Oxford, England: University Press of America, 1997.
- Abraham, A. J., *The Lebanon War*, Westport, Conn., Praeger, 1996.
- Abi-Aad, Naji, and Michel Grenon, *Instability and Conflict in the Middle East: People, Petroleum, and Security Threats*, New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997.
- Abu-Rabi', Ibrahim, *Intellectual Origins of Islamic Resurgence in the Modern Arab World*, Albany, NY, State University of New York Press, 1996.
- Almadhagi, Ahmed Noman Kassim, *Yemen and the United States: The Study of a Small Power and Super-State Relationship: 1962-1994*, London, Tauris Academic Studies, 1996.
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- Chatty, Dawn, *Mobile Pastoralists: Development Planning and Social Change in Oman*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1996.
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