



# Economics Department Online Conference

## Global Megatrends: Prospects” for the Egyptian Economy



13 - 15 December 2020

### Background

The economics department of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science organizes its conference entitled “Global Megatrends: Prospects for the Egyptian Economy”. The conference will explore and analyze the global geographic and strategic economic transformations that are expected to reshape the future of the world in a far-reaching way. The impacts of these disruptions are very speedy and massively affect all sectors and industries. While these changes provide the world, as well as the Egyptian economy, with enormous opportunities, they are also associated to uncommon risks to deal with and mitigate. Thus, the conference will focus on such megatrends and examine their implications on emerging economies with a special focus on the Egyptian case in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The sessions will feature world-renowned economists, social scientists, policymakers. and number of diverse papers across crosscutting themes related to such global megatrends.







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**Agenda**

<b>Date: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	
5:30pm – 6:00pm	<b>Opening session: Introduction and Opening Remarks</b>  Dr. Nagwa Samak - The Chair of the Economics Department.  Dr. Mahmoud El- Said - Dean of Faculty of Economics and Political Science.  Dr. Mohamed Othman El Khosht – The President of Cairo University  Dr. Hala El-Said (TBC) - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and Minister of Planning and Economic Development.
6:00pm – 8:00pm	<b>Session 1: The Global Economic Megatrends and The Changing Global Balance of Power</b>  This session aims to answer the following questions: What are the expected impacts of the major megatrends on the global economic landscape? What are the implications of COVID- 19 on the world economy and social aspects? What are the possible scenarios for the rising geopolitical tensions among the world’s major powers?  <b>Moderator</b> Dr. Heba Nassar -Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and Former Vice President of Cairo University for Community Affairs and Environmental Development.  <b>Speakers</b> Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin - Executive Director and Board Member, The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Professor of Economics and Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.  Dr Adel Abdellatif - Director, <i>Ad Interim</i> , of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC).  Dr Roberta Gatti - Chief Economist- Human Development Practice Group, The World Bank.  Dr. Mohamed Kamal - Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Economics and Political Science Cairo University and director institute of Arab research and studies.





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<b>Date: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	
10:00am-11:30 am	<p><b>Session2: Trade, Investment and New Business Models: Worldwide Trends</b></p> <p>This session aims to discuss the following issues: trade war, evolution of new market architecture, virtual markets, investment determinants, strategic drivers of new business models and the global value chain.</p> <p><i><b>Moderator</b></i>          Dr. Mona El Garf - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and former Chairperson of the Egyptian Competition Authority</p> <p><i><b>Speakers</b></i>          Mr. KRAUSE Tobias, Chargé d’Affaires a.i., Deputy Head of EU Egypt Delegation.</p> <p>Dr. Omneia Helmy - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.</p> <p>Dr. Jurgen Kaehler - Professor of Economics, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), Germany.</p> <p>Dr. Chahir Zaki - Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.</p>
12:00pm- 1:30pm	<p><b>Session 3: Labor Markets dynamics and social protections</b></p> <p>This session aims to discuss the following issues: future skills and occupations, GIG economy; inequality in the labor market and social protection policies.</p> <p><i><b>Moderator</b></i>          Dr. Ibrahim Awad - Professor of Global Affairs and Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, at the American University in Cairo.</p> <p><i><b>Speakers</b></i>          Dr. Luca Fedi - the employment specialist of the ILO Office for North Africa.</p> <p>Dr. Sherine El Shawarby - Professor of Economics, Cairo University and the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Future University in Egypt (FUE)</p>



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2:00pm – 3:30 pm	<p><b>Session 4: The Egyptian Economy: Macro-Outlook and Business readiness</b></p> <p>This session aims to discuss the following issues: the macro economic situation and the position of the business sector amid the new reality.</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Dr. Alia El Mahdy - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and Former Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p>Dr. Mohamed Fathy Sakr - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and Economic Advisor to the Minister of Planning and Economic Development.</p> <p>Eng. Mohamed El-Sewedi - Chairman of the Federation of Industries</p> <p>Dr. Fawzeya Ahmed Lecturer of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science Cairo University and Dr. Abeer Rashdan - Lecturer of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, FUE.</p> <p>Dr. Iman Al Shair – lecturer of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and Dr. Ghada Ali Moussa - lecturer of Political Science, School of Economics and Political Science, New Giza University.</p>
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2:30 pm– 4:00pm

#### **Session 5: The Financial Sector in Egypt and Fin-tech**

This session aims to discuss the following issues: block chain technology; crypto-currencies; smart financial services and the role of the Egyptian central bank.

##### ***Moderator***

Dr Ola El Khawaga - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

##### ***Speakers***

Richard Kirby, international expert in digital transformation and government development and Former consultant of United Nations regional office.

Eng. Ziad Abdel Tawab

Assistant to Secretary General of the Egyptian Cabinet for Information Systems & Digital Transformation & Former Chairman of Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC).

Dr. Hanaa Fouad - Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and Yosra Mohamed - Teaching Assistant, MSA University.

Dr. Shahinaz Gamal- Lecturer of Social Science Computing, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and Dr. Mayada M. Aref, lecturer of Social Science Computing - Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.



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4:30pm – 6:30 pm	<p><b>Session 6: Economic Prospects for Egypt: Lesson Learned from the International Experience.</b></p> <p>This session aims to discuss the following issues: the key policies recommended help the Egyptian economy catch up with the global current change.</p> <p><i>Moderator and Discussant</i></p> <p>Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin - Executive Director and Board Member, The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Professor of Economics and Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <p>Dr. Gouda Abdel-Khalek - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University and former Minister of Supply and Internal trade.</p> <p>Dr. Said Bakhache - IMF Senior Resident Representative, Egypt, The International Monetary Fund (IMF).</p> <p>Dr. Rola Dashti - Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).</p> <p>Dr. Mourad Wahba - UNDP Associate Administrator and Director of Regional Bureau for Arab States.</p> <p>Dr. Marina Wes – Country Director for Egypt, Yemen &amp; Djibouti – The World Bank.</p> <p>Dr. Ahmed Gad Kamaly- Deputy Minister of Planning and Economic Development.</p> <p><i>Closing Remarks</i></p> <p>Dr. Nagwa Samak - Professor of Economics and Chair of Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo Univ.</p>
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