

Economic Research Forum (ERF)

17th Annual Conference: Politics and Economic Development

March 20–22, 2011, Antalya, Turkey

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 17th Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) will be held in Antalya, Turkey, March 20 –22, 2011. The organizing committee is pleased to invite submissions of proposals according to the outline given below. Invitees are engaged in research about the ERF region (the Arab countries, Iran and Turkey), whether they are affiliates of ERF or not. No submissions will be accepted of papers already published or papers accepted for publication. **The deadline for submitting proposals is May 10th, 2010.**

An honorarium of \$2,000 will be paid for selected papers; of which \$1,000 can be claimed within two years provided the paper is accepted in a refereed journal. In addition, ERF will cover the cost of travel to and lodging in Antalya for one presenter of each paper. Six papers will be selected by the refereeing committees, one per theme, for the “Best Paper Award”. The winning papers are evaluated on the basis of their contribution to knowledge, rigor and policy relevance. The Awards will be announced at the Closing Plenary of the conference and each paper will receive an extra \$1,000. In addition, the editors of the ERF journal (Middle East Development Journal, MEDJ) will select worthy papers for possible inclusion in the Journal after subjecting them to the normal refereeing process.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Like previous ERF annual conferences, the 17th Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity for researchers from the region to interact with one another and with international researchers. It also provides a venue for the presentation of multiple research papers, both in the plenary and parallel sessions, followed by stimulating discussions and feedback. In addition, the conference features special events, the presentation of selected research projects and celebrates excellence in research.

MAIN THEME AND SUB-THEMES

The theme of the plenary sessions this year is “Politics and Development”. The themes of the parallel sessions are varied and broad to accommodate diverse research interests. Submissions for presentations in the parallel sessions can be made under the following areas:

1. **Macroeconomics**
2. **Finance**
3. **International Economics**
4. **Labor and Human Development**
5. **Microeconomic and Sectoral studies**
6. **Institutional Economics/Governance**

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

The deadline for submitting proposals of papers is **May 10th, 2010**. Selected applicants will be informed by **July 20th, 2010**. **The written papers are due by November 21st, 2010**. A detailed timetable is given below.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 10 th , 2010	Deadline for submissions
July 20 th , 2010	Notification of selected proposals
November 21 st , 2010	Deadline for receiving written papers
January 18 th , 2011	Notification of acceptance of papers for presentation
March 21, 2011	Pre-conference activities
March 20, 2011	Conference begins
March 22, 2011	Conference ends
May 4, 2011	Revised papers for publication in the ERF working paper series

Conference URL:

http://www.erf.org.eg/cms.php?id=conferences_details&conference_id=38

GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Proposals of papers should not exceed two pages, or 700 words. They should consist of three sections, as detailed below.

1. Motivation and Outline:

This section should provide a clear statement of the problem at hand, the knowledge gap the paper will address in light of existing literature, and how the proposed research will contribute to advancing our knowledge about the subject. It should also provide an outline of the final paper.

2. Methodology and Analysis:

This section should clearly identify the research question and the hypothesis to be tested, as well as the research methodology that will be employed. It should describe the data that will be used in the analysis, as well as its sources and time span for each variable. It should describe the analytical technique (case studies and/or econometrics) and explain the rationale for using the selected methodology.

3. Policy Implications: Researchers are encouraged to describe preliminary results and policy implications if possible. If not, they should explain how the findings will contribute to the understanding of the topic under investigation.

SELECTION PROCESS

ERF reserves the right to exclude proposals that are not consistent with the above guidelines. In addition, no single author could submit more than two proposals, alone or jointly with others. The selection of proposals is based on their evaluation by referring committees, adjusted marginally to take regional and gender balances into account. Another round of referring will take place to evaluate the completed papers and authors will be notified of their acceptance for presentation accordingly. *All proposals and papers will go through a plagiarism checking process to ensure their originality and authenticity.*

All proposals must specify the theme under which they are submitted. In addition, submissions should include:

- Author(s)' last and first names, affiliation and position, address, telephone and fax numbers, as well as an email address.
- Author(s)' CV(s) and the most recent published paper, if any.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR SUBMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL: erf@erf.org.eg

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