

Report on

International Seminar:

International Migration in the Middle East and North Africa after the Arab Uprising: A

Long Term Perspective

Cairo, Egypt 22-23 April 2013

Preamble:

The Arab uprising has an immediate impact on international migration in the Middle East and North Africa as reflected in the return migration for Libya, border crossing from Syria to Turkey, and the slight rise in illegal migration for Tunisia right after the fall of the Ben Ali's regime. However, the immediate impact of the Arab rising was a reaction of the fall of the regimes and the disruption of economic and political systems of these countries. Moreover, the expected changes in political and economic orientations in the countries such as Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Syria, and Yemen and the changing regional mosaic will have a long term impact on the overall configuration of political and economic relations within the region on the one hand and between the region and other regions that form the migration system from and to the region on the other hand. This seminar aims at investigating the long term impact of political and economic change in the region and their impact on the migration system of the region.

Partners:

The international seminar was organized by the IUSSP's Scientific Panel of International Migration in collaboration with the following institutions:

1. Economic and Social Research council/UKAID,
2. The League of Arab States, and
3. Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS), The American University in Cairo (The host institution).

Members of the SPIM participated in the seminar:

Three members of the Scientific Panel on International Migration; Ayman Zohry, the chair of SPIM, Ibrahim Serkeci (Member), and Jackline Wahba (Member).

Participants:

In addition to representative of the SPIM and collaborating institution, 45 persons participated in the seminar from Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon, The United Kingdom, France, and Italy. In addition, representatives of the United Nations Population Fund/ Arab States Regional Office, the International Organization for Migration's Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa, the Economic Research Forum for the Arab World, Turkey and Iran, The National Population Council (Egypt), Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (Egypt), and Egyptian Universities participated in the seminar. A scanned copy of the list of participants is attached.



From Left to right: Dr. Ibrahim Awad representative of CMRS/AUC, Ms. Enas el-Fergani, representative of LAS, and Dr. Ayman Zohry, representative of IUSSP.



Dr. Jackline Wahba, representative of Economic and Social Research council/UKAID and member of SPIM.

Agenda:

In addition to the opening and closing sessions, the seminar was composed of six sessions. A seminar dinner for the participants took place on 21 April. Two presenters did not manage to do it to the seminar. However, their research papers were included in the USB flash memory distributed with the seminar materials. They are Nader Motie-Haghshenas, Research Center in Asia and the Pacific and Yaghoob Foroutan, The University of Waikato, New Zealand. The final Agenda is attached.

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Oriental Hall, AUC Tahrir Campus

AGENDA

Day 1: Monday 22 April

09:30 – 10:30

Opening

- Ayman Zohry, IUSSP
- Hesham Makhlouf, Egyptian Demographers Association (EDA)
- Pasquale Lupoli, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Ahmed Galal, Economic Research Forum (ERF)
- Atef El-Shitani, National Population Council, Egypt
- Enas el Fergany, League of Arab States
- Anita Nirody, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Abou Bakr M. El- Gendy, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), Egypt
- Ibrahim Awad, The American University in Cairo

11:00 – 12:30

Session 1: Exploring the Current Situation of International Migration in the Region

Chair:

Ibrahim Awad, The American University in Cairo

Speaker

- Yasir Elmubarak, Oxford Research, Training and Development Centre “**International Migration in MENA Region: An Existing Phenomenon Exacerbated by the Arab Uprising**”

Speaker

- Ibtihel Bouchoucha, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense /CERPOS “**Revolution in Tunisia: Labor Market Dynamics and its Impact on the Desire to Migrate among Tunisians**”

- Speaker** - Henda Hafez, The American University in Cairo
“Migration Flows In and Out of Egypt After the Revolution”
- Speaker** - Hanan Girgis*, The Egyptian Center for Public Opinion Research (Basseera) **“Desire to Migrating from Egypt after the January 25th Revolution”**
- 12:30 – 01:30 **Lunch Break**
- 01:30 – 03:00 **Session 2: Impact of Temporary Migration and Return**
- Chair** TBA
- Speaker** - Jackline Wahba, University of Southampton **“Labour Market Outcomes and Return Migration in Egypt”**
- Speaker** - Bachir Hamdouch, University of Mohamed V, Rabat **“Return Migration in Morocco”**
- Speaker** - Asmaa Elbadway, Consultant -The Population Council **“Migration Intentions and Education”**
- 03:30 – 05:00 **Session 3: Migration Statistics and Regional Cooperation**
- Chair** **Hesham Makhoulf**, Egyptian Demographers Association
- Speaker** - Samir Farid, MEDSTAT III, **“Households International Migration Survey Initiative: Scope and Methodology”**
“Evaluation of Results from the Pre-test Surveys in Egypt”
- Speakers** - Rawia El-Batrawy*, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), Egypt
- Madiha Saleh, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), Egypt
- Speaker** - Michael Newson, IOM Regional Office Cairo, **“Opportunities for Regional Cooperation in Migration Management: Meeting Mutual Objectives & Addressing Mutual Challenges through Coordinated Initiatives”**

Day 2: Tuesday 23 April

09:00 – 10:30

Session 4: Return Migration, Integration, and Diaspora Engagement

Chair

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“Arab Uprising and Return Intentions of Egyptian Migrants Living in Two Italian Cities”

Speakers

- Angela Papparuso, Sapienza University of Rome
- Viviana Premazzi*, University of Milan and International and European Forum of Migration Research (FIERI)
- Elena Ambrosetti, Sapienza University of Rome
- Eralba Cela, Polytechnic University of Marche
- Tineke Fokkema, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)

Speaker

- Bahija Jamal, Ministry in Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad, **“Managing Return Migration in Morocco”**

Speaker

- Paul Tacon, The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), **“Institutional Reform to Promote Diaspora Engagement in an Emerging Democracy: the Case of Tunisia”**

11:00 – 12:30

Session 5: Widening the Scope: Lessons from the Neighboring Countries

Chair

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“Sources of Irregularity and Managing Migration in Turkey”

Speakers

- Ibrahim Sirkeci*, Regents College London
- Philip Martin, University of California, Davis

“Culture and Population Movements with Emphasis on Migration Trends in Iran and its Neighbors”

- Speakers**
- Nader Motie-Haghshenas*, Research Center in Asia and the Pacific
 - Saryeh Heydari, Research Center in Asia and the Pacific
 - Shiva Naderi Delpak, Research Center in Asia and the Pacific

“MENA Migrants and Multiculturalism: On the Edge of Eastern-Western Cultures?”

- Speakers**
- Yaghoob Foroutan*, The University of Waikato, New Zealand
 - Linda Briskman, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia

12:30 – 01:30 **Lunch Break**

01:30 – 03:00 **Session 6: The Future of International Migration in the Arab Region**

Chair TBA

- Speaker**
- Enas el Fergany, League of Arab States, **“League of Arab States Contribution to Maximize the Future Benefits of international Migration for Development of the Region”**

- Speaker**
- Khaled Hassan, The Egyptian Society for Migration studies, **“The Future of Egyptian Labor Migration after the Arab Uprising”**

- Speaker**
- Michela C. Pellicani, The University of Bari, **“Age Structure, Revolution, and the Arab Uprising: Hypothesis on future International Migration Trends”**

03:00 – 03:30 **Coffee Break**

03:30 – 04:00 **Closing Remarks: The Way Ahead**



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