



Economic Policy and Research in the UAE and Beyond First International Academic Conference 23rd of March 2022

Location: New York University (NYU) Abu Dhabi, Conference Center A6 Building, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi

Agenda

9:00 am to 9:45 am

Registration and Reception – VIP Majlis

9:45 am to 10:00 am

Welcome Remarks

- **Yaw Nyarko**, *NYU and NYU Abu Dhabi*
- **Nadia El Cheikh**, *Vice Provost for Cultural and Research Engagement, NYU Abu Dhabi*
- **Paula England**, *Dean of Social Science, NYU Abu Dhabi*

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Session 1: Bridging Policy and Academic Research

Chair: Raghuram Sundaram, Richard R. West Dean, Edward I. Altman Professor of Credit and Debt Markets and Professor of Finance, NYU Leonard N. Stern School of Business

Participants:

- **H.E. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri**, *United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of Economy*
- **H.E. Noura Bint Mohammed Al Kaabi**, *UAE Minister of Culture and Youth; President of Zayed University*
- **H.E. Dr. Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh**, *Cultural Adviser to the President of the UAE; Chancellor of UAE University (UAEU)*
- **Juan Sanchez**, *Provost and Chief Academic Officer, American University of Sharjah*
- **Mariët Westermann**, *Vice Chancellor, NYU Abu Dhabi*

11:00 am to 12:15 pm

Session 2A: Markets and Economic Development Around the World

Chair: H.E. Abdulaziz Alnuaimi, Assistant Undersecretary, UAE Ministry of Economy

Participants:

- **Rabah Arezki**, *Harvard University*
- **Yaw Nyarko**, *NYU and NYU Abu Dhabi*
- **Rohini Pande**, *Yale University*

12:15 pm to 13:30 pm

Lunch

13:30 pm to 14:30 pm

Session 2B: Academics in Policy Panel

Chair: **Jean Fares**, Senior Advisor to H.E. The Minister of Economy, UAE Ministry of Economy

Participants:

- **François Bourguignon**, NYU Abu Dhabi and Paris School of Economics
- **Ricardo Hausmann**, Harvard Growth Lab

14:30 pm to 15:30 pm

Session 3A: Economic Policy and Economic Development in the UAE

Chair: **Mouawiya Al Awad**, Director, Institute for Social & Economic Research (ISER) at Zayed University

Presentations:

- *Learning a Bayesian Structure to Model Entrepreneurial Intentions and Attitudes Towards Business Creation Among Emirati Youth* by **Linda Smail*** with **Mouawiya Al Awad** (Zayed University)
- *Role and Significance of the UAE Joint Economic Committees for Trade Exchange. 3SI Countries' Case Studies* by **Adam Krzymowski*** (Zayed University)
- *Rating vs. Reviews: Does Official Rating Capture What is Important to Customers?* by **Mohammad Arzaghi*** with **Ismail H. Genc** (American University of Sharjah)
- *The GCC Social Contract, Labor Markets, and Female Youth Unemployment* by **Wasseem Mina*** (UAEU)
- *The Liberalization of Business Ownership and Business Activity in Dubai: Policy Analysis Using Difference-in-Difference* by **Ahmed Shoukry Rashad*** (Dubai Economy and Tourism)

15:30 pm to 16:30 pm

Session 3B: Finance and Economic Development

Chair: **Ismail Radwan**, Lead Economist, World Bank GCC

Presentations:

- *Inventor CEOs and Initial Public Offerings* by **Ghulam Mujtaba Mian*** with **Ibrahim Bostan** (Zayed University)
- *Trade, Food Security and Climate Change* by **Heitor Pellegrina*** (NYU Abu Dhabi)
- *The Perfect Bail-in: Financing Without Banks Using Peer-To-Peer Lending* by **Efstathios Polyzos*** with **Aristeidis Samitas** and **Ghulame Rubbaniy** (Zayed University)

16:30 pm

Closing Remarks

16:30 pm to 18:00 pm

Reception

* Indicates speaker.