Economics of Egypt

Course Objectives:

The course has four standard objectives: 1) to trace the most important economic developments throughout Egyptian history and up to the present time; 2) to pinpoint the key factors influencing economic performance in each phase and ones with long lasting impacts; 3) to identify Egypt’s current challenges and opportunities; and 4) to assess the government’s efforts to solve long lasting problems of the Egyptian economy and understand the role of the private sector.

Since this semester is different from any previous semester, given the on-going revolution in Egypt, a new additional objective is to keep up with the impact of all what is happening on the Egyptian economy plus guide student research to shape the future.

Assigned Readings (all on reserve in library):

4. *Plus*: other more recent additional readings assigned later on in the semester.
Course coverage

Key developments, features, policy changes, and sectoral evolution in the Egyptian economy throughout its history and up to the present time:

a. From Mohamed Ali to the 1952 revolution: The period (1805-1952)- Readings (1)
b. Basic Structure of the Egyptian Economy (1952 – 1973)- Readings (1)
f. The era of new state-business relations (2004-2010)- Readings (4) plus students research
g. The 25th of January revolution and beyond (students research and class discussions)

Exams and Research

- 2 Exams – 1 mid-term plus final
  - 1st Mid-term: Sunday 20th of March (25% of total grade)
  - Final Exam: (during exam week as scheduled by university)- (25% of total grade)

- Research based presentation accounting for (30%)- choice of area of focus by Sunday 20th of February
- Article on Egyptian economy presentation (10%)- choice of article by Sunday 27th of February
- Overall participation (10%)

NO MAKE UP EXAMS

Extra classes

Saturday March 5th (12pm-2pm)
Saturday March 12th (12pm-2pm)