

Review of Middle East Economics and Finance & Middle East Economic Association Special Issue

Green Transition, Technological Change, and the Future of Work in the MENA Region: Economic, Social, and Institutional Disruptions and Transformations

Special Issue Overview

In collaboration with the Middle East Economic Association (MEEA), this Special Issue seeks to explore the multifaceted challenges and opportunities emerging from the green transition, technological advancements, and the changing nature of work in the MENA region. As the region navigates the dual pressures of climate change and rapid technological disruption, labor markets, institutions, and governance systems are undergoing significant transformations. This issue will examine how these dynamics intersect with economic, social, and political structures, providing insights into sustainable development, labor market resilience, and the future of work in an evolving global context.

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Key Topics

1. Energy Transitions and Labor Markets

- Impacts of energy transitions on employment structures, job creation and gender.
- Labor market responses to green energy policies and institutional reforms.

2. Technological Change and the Future of Work

- Effects of AI, automation, and digital transformation on employment and income distribution.
- Gender disparities in labor force participation and the impact of technological change.

3. Sustainability and Public Policy

- Economic valuation of natural resources and integrating sustainability into industrial policies.
- Climate finance, green innovation, and their implications for economic stability and social equity.

4. Political Economy of Labor and Institutional Responses to the Dual Transition

- The political economy of labor in conflict or post-crisis economies, focusing on resilience and adaptation in the face of both green transition and technological/AI-driven transformations.
- Institutional responses to challenges posed by the dual transition (green and AI-driven economic transformations), including policy frameworks for labor market adjustment and economic stability.

5. Social Equity and Inclusion

- Impacts of green and technological transitions on marginalized communities and vulnerable populations.
- Strategies to promote inclusive growth and reduce inequality in the face of economic and environmental changes.

6. Global and Regional Perspectives

- Comparative analyses of MENA countries navigating green transitions and technological disruptions.
- Roles of international cooperation and global governance in supporting sustainable development in the MENA region.

Timeline

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Last date to submit: March 31st, 2026

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