

# Economics & Society

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## More is yet to come!

by HANY ABDEL-LATIF



Since it was founded six months ago, our *Economic Society* has successfully organised a number of professional activities such as two courses in Econometrics with more than 50 participants from 5 Arabic countries. We have also hosted the first online workshop on the Egyptian Economy, which included speakers and presenters from UK, Egypt, Germany, Nigeria, Bahrain and New Zealand. Yet, we are committed to meet your expectations; you just raise the bar, and always expect more.

## 'More' than half done!

by TAPAS MISHRA



I do not particularly believe in the well-known adage: 'well-begun is half done'. To me, it all depends upon how we define this 'wellness'. As an economist with econometrics training I cannot probably fault my mind in believing that a strong initial condition always begets the better of an expected success! If there is even an iota of truth in this, then I would certainly say that the recent exceptional effort by the Egypt Scholar Economic Society to initiate an online workshop on "Egyptian Economy in Transition" has already found a firm footprint in the future. The concept of

the workshop is unique and the organiser must be highly commended for initiating such a nice beginning. It benefits - more than anything - the young minds, who by all means are the backbone of our future. A small step at present can always culminate in a big leap in time to come and I believe this is what ESES would be striving for. I wish the society the very best. Well-begun- as I said- is 'more' than half done!

## Not just a workshop!

by HISHAM ABDEL-BAKI



Egypt Scholars Economic Society has

organized its first online workshop on "Egyptian economy in transition". The importance of this event appears in two aspects: the main theme of the workshop; and the way it was conducted. First, the Arab Spring revolutions in a number of Arabic countries, including Egypt, are considered as a unique phenomenon which affects all sectors of the national economy. Therefore, selecting the Egyptian economy means studying the Egyptian revolution as a model for the Arab Spring revolutions. Second, the workshop succeeded in bringing together many scholars from different countries and backgrounds, and at different levels of their professions in order to exchange and share experiences and ideas about such an important topic from its different dimensions. For these reasons, I have encouraged one of my students to participate in the workshop by presenting my paper on the "Arab Spring and stock markets", and in fact she was a very good presenter.