



On Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 11am at CEDEJ **Maya Chehade** will present her research: **Do Private Development Policies Work? Syrian Refugee Entrepreneurs in Jordan and Egypt (2011-2023)**.



This presentation examines existing public policies that encourage refugees to self-sustain through entrepreneurial activities in such developing countries as Egypt and Jordan. As various international organizations (e.g. the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees or the World Bank) have increasingly considered entrepreneurship as a solution to assist refugees in host countries, this presentation proposes a set of scientific tools to analyze “refugees’ self-resilience” through their entrepreneurial activities. It also reviews public policies that support entrepreneurship in host countries in their international context. One of the goals of this presentation is to better examine their impact on host countries and refugees, with various case studies of Syrian refugee entrepreneurs in Egypt and Jordan.

Maya Chehade holds a Ph.D. in political science from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po Paris). She specializes in migration studies and has also worked with the private sector and with international donor organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa and the MENA region. In her Ph.D., Maya used an ethnographic method and a comparative analysis to understand the entrepreneurial trajectories of Syrian refugees in Egypt and Jordan between 2011 and 2023. Maya is currently a post-doctoral fellow at CEDEJ, where she is turning her thesis into a book.