



On Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 11am at CEDEJ, **Abdelmageed M. Yahya** will present his research **Perception of the Sudanese Refugees to their legal status in Egypt, and coping strategies for dealing with difficulties.**

Abstract

The study aims to examine the legal aspects of the Sudanese refugees in Egypt and how they deal with difficulties and challenges. The continuation and escalation of the war has worsened the socioeconomic situations of the Sudanese community in Egypt. The current Sudan's war has resulted in a new shape of forced migration in terms of the number, category, direction, paths and challenges. The presentation seeks to understand the perceptions of the Sudanese community (men and women) to their legal status in Egypt within the framework of the four freedoms agreement (movement, work, living, and ownership) that has been functioning in the two countries since 2004. It is an attempt to investigate the Strategies that have been adopted by of the Sudanese community in Egypt to cope with difficulties and challenges via addressing the potential opportunities for men and women against capability to integrate in market economy and compete in the Egyptian labor market. The study stays within the domain of qualitative researches, relays on information gathered from the Sudanese refugees in Egypt by using (interviews, focus group discussion, participant observation and structural questionnaire). The study argues that despite the Sudanese people have a long history of migration and living in Egypt, they currently face new types of socio-economic difficulties and challenges. The argument is illustrated through the examples of changing dynamics of polices and socio-economic aspects of the refugees against limited options for integration in market economy and engagement in the Egyptian labor market.

Abdelmageed M. Yahya, holds PhD in Geography and is an associate professor at Sudanese universities. He currently works at Open University of Sudan. Additionally, Yahya works as an expert with Peace Research Institute of Khartoum University on several occasions and assignments related to social studies and peace building in war affected areas of Sudan. With over twenty years of experience, Yahya engages in generating scientific research in the field of social sciences focusing on migration and human trafficking, peacebuilding, land and natural resource management issues. Yahya as a capable researcher, demonstrated by his PhD dissertation "Transformation of Traditional Resource Management Systems and Conflicts in the Clay Plains of Central Sudan, the case of Nuba Mountains Sudan. Abdelmageed has been part of the Bergen-Sudan academic collaboration program since 2010. Now he is in a fellowship program with CEDEJ Cairo, as one of the team members in the research cluster on migration in the Sudan-Norway Academic Cooperation (SNAC) project. As he published several articles, his recent articles and research paper focus on food security and future of investment in agricultural sector and migration and human trafficking in Sudan.
