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Challenges and Opportunities for Inclusive States in the Arab Region

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Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution

Lebanese American University

Beirut, Lebanon

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. |

Welcome Address

Dr. Joseph Jabbra, President of the Lebanese American University

Opening Remarks

Dr. Imad Salamey, Director of the Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution

Keynote Speaker

Her Excellency Ms. Bahia Hariri, Member of the Lebanese Parliament

Guest Panelists

Dr. Abbas Kadhim, Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at John Hopkins University in Washington

Dr. Amal Hamada

Professor of Political Science, faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Open Discussion

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Reception

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Experts and Organizers

Dina Shehata, Egypt



Senior researcher at Al-Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies, consistently ranked as the top political research center in Egypt. She is also the editor of 'The Egyptian File,' the Centre's main publication on Egyptian politics. Her current research focuses on opposition parties and movements in Egypt and the Arab world. She holds a PhD in Comparative Politics from Georgetown University.

Karim Abdelrazik, Egypt



Assistant Professor of Political Science at Alexandria University. He also serves as an assistant to the Minister of Investment and International Cooperation for parliamentary affairs. He has several years of experience working as a researcher at the Egyptian parliament. He has significant knowledge of Egyptian election laws as well as strong and wide network with parliamentarians.

Maha Khalil, Egypt



Assistant Lecturer of Public Administration at Cairo University - Faculty of Economics and Political Science. She is specialized in the quality of the educational services in Egypt.

Amal Hamada, Egypt



Assistant Professor of Political Science, faculty of Economics and political Science, Cairo University. She focuses in her research on daily politics and how ordinary people get to challenge, maneuver and eventually shift power relations in their local contexts. Amal teaches many courses in both undergrad and post graduate levels on topics related to gender and comparative politics.

Hanan Girgis, Egypt



Executive Vice President of Baseera, one of Egypt's leading polling centers. She is a statistician and has close to 20 years of experience in conducting surveys, along with social and demographic research in Egypt. She is also specialized in population and development issues. For 10 years she has also worked as a senior researcher at Egypt's “promoting evidence-based dialogue on population and development issues”. she was also the executive director of the project from March 2008 until June 2012. Her work included overseeing the preparation of the official report on the “Population Status in Egypt” starting from its second report.

Abbas Kadhim, Iraq



Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, and a senior adviser to the UNESCO Chair at Kufa University in Iraq. He earned a Ph.D. in Near Eastern studies from the University of California, Berkeley in 2006. Between 2005 and 2013 he was a Professor of Middle East Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and a Visiting Professor at Stanford University. Prior to joining SAIS, he held a Senior Government Affairs position at the Iraqi Embassy in Washington, DC. Among his books are: Reclaiming Iraq: the 1920 Revolution and the Founding of the Modern State, University of Texas Press & Governance in the Middle East and North Africa, Routledge. His current research project is focusing on rebuilding Iraq’s Political Economy.

Saraweh Qader, Iraq



Former Member of the Iraqi Parliament and Member of the Kurdish New Generation Movement.

Adnan al-Janabi, Iraq



Iraqi politician, tribal leader, economist, and former Minister of State in the Iraqi Interim Government from June 2004 to January 2005. In 2014, he was re-elected in the Iraqi parliament. He is the President of Iraq Centre For Research and Studies. He is the general Shaykh of Al-Janabi tribe, one of the most important Sunni tribes of Iraq.

Jawad al-Khoei, Iraq



Dr. Jawad Al-Khoei is the Secretary-General of the Al-Khoei Institute in Najaf, Iraq, a pioneering centre that combines a traditional Islamic seminary with a contemporary interfaith academy. He was born in December 1980, in Najaf into the family of the spiritual leader for Shia Muslims, Ayatollah Imam Sayyed Abul-Qasim Al-Khoei. Shortly after the murder of his father in 1994, he migrated to Iran in 1994 where he undertook Islamic studies at the Hawza (religious seminary) of Qom, before returning to his hometown of Najaf in 2003 to continue his studies at the Hawza. He graduated in 2008, with a Bachelor degree from the

University for Islamic Studies in London and obtained his Masters degree in Islamic theology from the University of Islamic Studies in Amman in 2010. He completed his PhD in 2017, from the University of Islamic Studies in Amman with a focus on the theological roots of religious violence in Islam.

Sayyed Jawad is a member of a number of theological and religious organisations, which focus on interfaith dialogue and the establishment of closer relationships between faith groups. He is a regular contributor at local and international conferences on interfaith and interfaith dialogue.

He is also a signatory to the “Common Word” initiative between Muslims and Christians. In 2012, he received the prestigious Peace Prize from the Foundation of Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, presented by Lord Carey and Canon Andrew White at the House of Lords, England. He is also UNESCO Chair for the Development of Interreligious Dialogue Studies at the University of Kufa.

In 2013, Sayyed Jawad along with the Christian and Mandaien communities launched the Iraqi Council for Interfaith Dialogue, which is a Baghdad-based national interfaith body in Iraq. He is one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world.

Luay Al Khatteeb, Iraq



Luay Al-Khatteeb is the founding director of Iraq Energy Institute, Fellow at the Center on Global Energy Policy (Columbia University-SIPA) and a former Foreign Policy Fellow at Brookings Institution. His professional experiences span over twenty years in business development and public policy with executive capacities as director and senior advisor to various multilateral institutions, international oil companies, commercial banks and management consulting firms. He is a frequent commentator on issues related to energy security, economics, and politics in the Middle East. He is working on two books, the first addresses the comparative energy policy frameworks in federal systems, and the second on the political economy of Iraq post 2003. His writing has appeared in Foreign Affairs, The New York Times, Brookings Institution, Harvard University, Columbia University, The National Interest, The Huffington Post, Al-Monitor, CNN, MEES, the Petroleum-Economist and The National among others. Dr. al-Khatteeb earned his Ph.D. in Political Economy from the University of Exeter.

Mahmoud al-Esawi, Iraq



Sheikh al-Esawi is an Iraqi Islamic scholar from Anbar, has Ph.D. in Islamic Sciences from the University of Baghdad, and Ph.D. in History from the Institute of Arab History for Postgraduate Studies. He is Imam and preacher of the Shaykh Abdul Qadir al-Gilani Shrine in Baghdad, Chairman of the Ifta Committee in Iraq, the advisor to the President of Iraq for religious affairs and a lecturer at the Postgraduate Studies at the Islamic University. He is the recipient of Hani Fahs Award for religious dialogue.

Dominique Tohme, Lebanon



UNHCR Liaison Officer (Adviser on Lebanese Affairs. Previously Head of the Legal Unit, UNHCR)

Andre Sleiman, Lebanon



A Senior Governance Expert who has been working extensively on public policy issues in Lebanon and the Middle East with international organizations such as UNDP, USAID, and VNG International etc. He has assumed several managerial and team leader positions. He advises on matters related to institutional capacity assessment, per-sector assessment of public services, and public policy programming. Since 2016, he has been the Country Representative of Democracy Reporting International (DRI) in Lebanon. He holds a PhD in Sociology from EHESS/Paris (2013).

Lara Saade, Lebanon



Lawyer, public policy and legislation advisor and human rights advocate. She has over 10 years of national and international experience providing legal research and technical advice to governmental, non-governmental and UN organizations in public policy, legislation, governance, human rights, gender, anti-corruption, rule of law and development.

Ms. Saade is the first woman to be appointed in Lebanon as a policy and legislation advisor to the president of a prominent political party - MP Samy Gemayel.

Prior to this, Ms. Saade had worked on several United Nations projects that aim to promote knowledge and develop capacities for governments, legislatures, judiciaries and civil society in focus areas related to international security and counter-terrorism, judicial modernization, justice, anti-corruption and transparency in the MENA region. Ms. Saade is currently a PhD Candidate in Public Law at the University of Grenoble Alpes, France. Her research interests focus on power-sharing agreements, constitutions and peacebuilding in post-conflict multiethnic societies.

She holds a Master of Law from Saint Joseph University of Beirut; a Master in Diplomacy and Strategic Negotiations from Paris-Sud XI University; and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Public Policy and Public Administration from Syracuse University, New York.

Nidal Khaled, Lebanon



President of Youth Initiatives Association, which aims at activating the role of youth in the general affairs through combating corruption in various forms, promoting the principles of good and rational governance, promoting the concept of citizenship and human rights, the importance of volunteering and developing civil society work in Bekaa and creating youth initiatives to activate the youth presence in all public areas. Programs to combat the concept of violent extremism among young people.

Ziad Sayegh, Lebanon



Ziad El Sayegh, Expert on Public Policies and Refugees. A researcher on the Palestinian Refugees issue in Lebanon and Peace Negotiations in the Middle East, on Syria Displaced and on Labor Policies and Social Protection. Expert – Member of the Political National Committee working on refugees issue at the Presidency of the Council of Ministries. He is a Policy Advisor in Adyan Foundation. Senior National Policy and Communication Advisor to the Ministry of State for Displaced Affairs (February 2017 - ...). Coordinator of “Better Lebanon Initiative” .He was the CEO of the Civic Influence Hub (July 2012 – January 2016), Policy and Communication Strategies Advisor for the President of the Lebanese – Palestinian Dialogue Committee in the Lebanese Presidency of the Council of Ministers (2006 – 2009). He then was the Policy Advisor and Team Leader of Lebanese Minister of Labor (January 2010 – June 2011), and the National Policy Advisor to the International Labor Organization – (ILO) (September 2011 – June 2013). He was also a Strategie's Communication Advisor for the Middle East Council of Churches, the Syndicate of teachers in Lebanon and the Health Establishment of the Druze Community. He has specialized studies in the Palestinian issue in Lebanon, Peace negotiations, and Labor and social Protection issues, Syria Displaced and published several articles and lectures in Public Policies, as refugees, Christian – Muslim Dialogue, Arab thinking and Citizenship.

Imad Salamey, Lebanon



[Dr. Salamey](#) is Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, Member of the Middle East Task Force (MEST) on Religion, Identity, and Director of [Inclusive Governance](#) Project in the Arab World.

Salamey is the author of [The Decline of Nation-States after the Arab Spring: The Rise of Communitocracy](#) and the Co-Editor of [Post-Conflict Power-Sharing Agreements: Options for Syria](#) as well as journal articles and reports. In his research records are studies, editorials, and assessments that provide strategic examination and analysis of Lebanese and Middle Eastern politics. He is a Senior Policy and Program Evaluation consultant for various governments and International Organizations on issues related to Middle East's sectarian relations, democratic transitions, Islamist movements, public policy, election, rule of law, human rights, power sharing, security, and defense.

Raghda Kawass, Lebanon



Ms. Kawass is the project coordinator of the Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution at the Lebanese American University. Her work focuses on research activities relevant to the impact of armed conflict on early childhood care and education development, intercultural peace and dialogue, impact of education in peace building, and education in emergencies.

Hassan Nadhem, Iraq



Dr. Nadhem is a university professor, writer, and translator. He is the chair holder of the UNESCO chair for the Development of Inter-religious Dialogue Studies in the Islamic World at the University of Kufa. He is also the editor-in-chief of the Kufa Review and founding director of Intellectual Studies (a series of books published by the University of Kufa). Nadhem taught in several Western and Arab universities and institutions, including the Islamic College for

Advanced Studies ICAS-Middlesex University in London, Nasir University in Libya and the University of Kufa in Iraq.

Khalil Gebara, Lebanon



Dr. Gebara is former Head of Good Governance Unit at the office of the president of the Council of Ministers in Lebanon. He holds a Ph.D. in political economy and teaches economic development and public finance at the Lebanese American University. He authored several articles and studies on good governance, corruption, corporate social responsibility, the public sector, and economic reforms in the Arab Region.

Mazen Hassan, Egypt



Dr. Hassan is an Associate Professor of Comparative Politics at Cairo University and a Carnegie fellow at Harvard University's Ash Center. He specializes in party systems, electoral systems, new democracies and experimental political science. His research activities include: elections and electoral systems, experiments explaining political behavior, political parties and party systems, democratic transition in Egypt and the "Arab spring," legislatures, institutional design in new democracies, and mass surveys.

Ramzi Haraty, Lebanon



Dr. Haraty is an associate professor of Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science and Mathematics at the Lebanese American University in Beirut. He is also the internship coordinator for the Middle East Program Initiative's "Tomorrow's Leader" program.