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The Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution at LAU was founded in 2015 with the mission to develop a research-based public policy forum that addresses contemporary issues of social justice and conflict resolution in the Arab world through:

- ▶ Advancing the state of knowledge regarding conflict resolution and the attainment of social justice through the production, expansion, and exchange of scientific research in the Arab world
- ▶ Compiling and hosting the Conflict Resolution Database of the Arab World (CRDAW)
- ▶ Disseminating scientific findings through public speaking, professional forums, and academic conferences
- ▶ Developing academic programs and curricula in conflict resolution and social justice education
- ▶ Building the capacity of policy leaders, civil society organizations, practitioners, and students in conflict resolution and social justice advocacy

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# Meeting of Experts and Advocates for Challenges of Transnational Movements and Inclusionary States in the MENA

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## Project Description

The Arab states face an array of political economic, social, and transnational challenges in the aftermath of the Arab uprisings. With the exception of Tunisia, a brief period of political euphoria was followed by either authoritarian restorations or collapsed states. Sudan, for now at least, remains in the nascent stages of a complex transition. In what ways are the political economic orders of the post-Arab uprising states and societies being organized? What is the role of political and institutional engineering in promoting reconciliation and inclusion in these states? What kind of socio-economic policies promote the participation of marginalized gender, ethnic, sectarian, or tribal groups? And, finally, what has been the impact of armed non-state actors on post-uprisings Arab states?

These themes are the topic of a one-day workshop held at the Lebanese American University (LAU) on 19 September 2019. The workshop is part of a two-year generous grant by the Carnegie Corporation of New York housed at LAU's Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution (ISJCR). It is held in collaboration with George Washington University's Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS). The ultimate aim of the project is to form a permanent research and policy advocacy program that can provide MENA scholars, experts and stakeholders with resources and networking capacity to advocate for better socioeconomic and political reforms in their respective countries.

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# The Challenges of Transnational Movements and Inclusionary States in the MENA

September 19, 2019

Lebanese American University  
Irwin Building, 6<sup>th</sup> floor Irwin B, Beirut Campus

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

## Introductions

- **Joseph Jabbra**, president, Lebanese American University
- **Tamirace Fakhoury**, Lebanese American University & ISJCR
- **Bassel F. Salloukh**, Lebanese American University
- **Marc Lynch**, George Washington University & POMEPS

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## Panel 1: The Role of Political & Institutional Engineering in Promoting Reconciliation & Inclusion in Postwar Deeply Divided Places

- **Simon Mabon**, Lancaster University
- **Mariam Salehi**, University of Marburg
- **Makram Ouais**, Lebanese American University
- **John Nagle**, Queen's University, Belfast (Discussant)

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## Refreshments

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Panel 2: The Role of Socio-Economic Policies in Promoting the Participation of Marginalized Gender, Ethnic, Sectarian, or Tribal Groups

- **Mazen Hassan**, Cairo University
- **Morten Valbjørn**, Aarhus University
- **Ala'a Al Shehabi**, University College London
- **Sami Atallah**, The Lebanese Center for Policy Studies
- **Ibrahim Halawi**, Royal Holloway, University of London (Discussant)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Lunch

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## Panel 3: The Impacts of Armed Non-State Actors on Post-Uprisings Arab States

- **Toby Dodge**, London School of Economics and Political Science
- **Hassan Nadhem**, University of Kufa
- **Stacey Philbrick Yadav**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- **Nour Samaha**, European Council on Foreign Affairs
- **Jeroen Gunning**, King's College London

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Concluding Remarks & Next Steps

8:00 p.m.

## Dinner

### ► Hotel Accommodation

#### Staybridge Suites Beirut

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### ► Dinner

September 18, 2019, 8:00 p.m.:

#### YOKO Restaurant

Location: Down Town – Minet El Hosn, Beirut.

September 19, 2019, 8:00 p.m.:

#### Al Sultan Brahim Restaurant

Location: Beirut Waterfront Down Town, Beirut.

## List of Participants

### ► Ala'a Al Shehabi

Ala'a Al Shehabi is a British-born economics lecturer, prominent activist and writer in Bahrain. She is also a founding member of the Bahrain Watch, an investigative platform where she voices her support for democracy in Bahrain. Dr. Al Shehabi has a PhD from Imperial College London and is currently deputy director and data manager at UCL Institute for Global Prosperity. She previously worked as a policy analyst at RAND Corporation and as a lecturer at the Bahraini Institute for Banking and Finance during the 2011 uprising and has written for the *Guardian*, *Al Jazeera*, *Jadaliyya*, *openDemocracy*, and *Foreign Policy*. She also held a visiting position at Lund University and a fellowship at the Arab Council for Social Sciences. She is the co-editor of *Bahrain's Uprising: Resistance and Repression in the Gulf* (Zed, 2015).

### ► Sami Atallah

Sami Atallah, who is trained in economics and political science, is the director of the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS). He is currently leading several policy studies on political and social sectarianism, electoral behavior, role of municipalities in dealing with the refugee crisis, economic diversification and industrial policy, and governance of the oil and gas sector. Atallah served on the committee established by the Lebanese prime minister to draft a decentralization law, and he participated in the parliamentary committee which is reviewing the draft law. He has edited four books: *Towards Achieving a Transparent and Accountable National Budget in Lebanon* (Beirut: LCPS 2013), *Democracy, Decentralization, and Service Delivery in the Arab World* (with Mona Harb, Beirut, LCPS 2015), *Hollowing out the Lebanese Parliament 2009-2017* (with Nayla Geagea, Beirut, LCPS 2018), and *The Future of Petroleum in Lebanon: Energy, Politics, and Economic Growth* (with Bassam Fattouh, I.B. Tauris, 2019).

### ► Toby Dodge

Toby Dodge is Kuwait professor and director of the Kuwait Programme, Middle East Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr. Dodge is also professor in the Department of International Relations, where he is on leave for the academic year 2018–19. He currently serves as Iraq Research Director for the DFID-funded Conflict Research Programme (CRP). Dr. Dodge's research concentrates on the evolution of the post-colonial state in the international system. The main focus of his work on the developing world is the state in the Middle East, specifically Iraq, including: The shift from the colonial to the post-colonial with the birth and evolution of the state in Iraq, the use of coercive diplomacy in the post-cold war world, how the application of sanctions on Iraq transformed the state, society and the economy and many more.

### ► Maria El Sammak

Maria El Sammak is the project coordinator of the Transnational Movements and Inclusionary State: Communitarian and Gender Policies Project. She has an Honors BA in Political Science/International Affairs from the Lebanese American University. Her research interests include political theory, the varieties of ethno-national identities and political psychology.

### ► Tamirace Fakhoury

Tamirace Fakhoury is an associate professor of political science and international affairs in the Department of Social Sciences at the Lebanese American University, and the director of the Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution. Dr. Fakhoury earned the Jean Monnet postdoctoral fellowship at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy (2010/2011) and the Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers at the German Institute of International and Area Studies in Hamburg, Germany (2014/2015). In 2014, she was elected as member of the first Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA). Her core research and publication areas are: power sharing in divided societies, Euro-Mediterranean migration dynamics and governance, refugee politics in the Middle East, and the role of migrant communities and Diasporas in democratization and conflict transformation.

### ► Jeroen Gunning

Jeroen Gunning is professor of Middle Eastern Politics and Conflict Studies in the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies at King's College London. Dr. Gunning obtained his PhD from the Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Durham University, and was a British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow at St. Antony's College, Oxford University. His research focuses on political mobilization with a specific focus on the interplay between Islamist social movements, democratization, religion, political contestation and violence (both state and non-state) in the Middle East. He has written a critically acclaimed social movement theory explanation of the Egyptian Revolution of 2011, and is currently working on a research project on Hezbollah in Lebanon. He is one of the founders of the field of critical terrorism studies and has taught and advised both policy-makers and civil society organizations.

### ► Ibrahim Halawi

Ibrahim Halawi recently received a PhD in Politics from Royal Holloway, University of London. His doctoral thesis seeks to provide a new theorization of revolution and counterrevolution as continuous, inter-related and evolving contentions over access to strategic resources. Based on this argument, Dr. Halawi's research seeks to fill in the academic poverty in theorizing and understanding counterrevolution, taking the case of Egypt. Dr. Halawi was a political columnist for *The New Arab* (London-based *al-Arabi al-Jadeed* newspaper's English section) before becoming its commissioning editor. The newspaper is printed and circulated across the Middle East in Arabic. Its English section provides unique and in-depth coverage of Middle East events and developments, as well as expert analysis. He has also contributed regularly to the *Middle East Eye*, *openDemocracy*, *Noon Post*, among others.

#### ► Mazen Hassan

Mazen Hassan is an associate professor of Comparative Politics at Cairo University and a Carnegie fellow at Harvard University's Ash Center. Dr. Hassan 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 recent Arab uprisings, legislatures, institutional design in new democracies and mass surveys.

#### ► Marc Lynch

Marc Lynch is professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University. He served from 2009–2015 as director of the Institute for Middle East Studies. Dr. Lynch is the founder and director of the Project on Middle East Political Science. He is also a non-resident senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and a contributing editor at the *Monkey Cage* blog for the *Washington Post*. He is the co-director of the Blogs and Bullets project at the United States Institute of Peace. In 2016, he was named an Andrew Carnegie Fellow. Dr. Lynch publishes frequently on the politics of the Middle East. His next book, *The New Arab Wars: Anarchy and Uprising in the Middle East*, was published by PublicAffairs in 2016.

#### ► Simon Mabon

Simon Mabon is a senior lecturer at Lancaster University. His work falls at the intersection of Middle East Studies, International Relations and (International) Political Theory. Dr. Mabon is particularly interested in sovereignty and its discontents, space, and *nomos*, along with the empirical manifestations of these issues. He is director of SEPAD, the Sectarianism, Proxies and De-Sectarianization Project, funded by Carnegie Corporation, which looks at the way in which the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran is shaping sectarianism and politics across the Middle East. It also explores the contestation of sectarian identities in what we have termed de-sectarianization.

#### ► Hassan Nadhem

Hassan Nadhem 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 the *Intellectual Studies* (a series of books published by the University of Kufa). Dr. 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.

#### ► John Nagle

John Nagle received his PhD in Anthropology from Queen's University Belfast. He was then appointed to positions at the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's and at INCORE, a United Nations Research Centre for the Study of Conflict at the University of Ulster

and as lecturer at the University of East London. Dr. Nagle has also been a visiting research fellow at the Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies at the University of Exeter and a Teaching Fellow at University College London. He has published five books (including *Multiculturalism's Double-Bind* and *Shared Society or Benign Apartheid?*) and a number of articles in leading international journals. Dr. Nagle has also served as an Inner International Board Member for the Irish Research Council and is the current sociology pathway representative to the Scottish Graduate School of Social Sciences.

#### ► Makram Ouais

Makram Ouais is an assistant professor of Political Science and International Affairs at the Lebanese American University. His areas of research are conflict resolution, democratic development, elections and international relations. Dr. Ouais held the position of chair of the Department of Social Sciences at LAU. Prior to that, he was chief technical specialist for the Strengthening Electoral Program in Lebanon with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in support of the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities. Before joining LAU, Dr. Ouais was associated with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) where he held the positions of senior advisor for political and election processes, deputy director for Central and West Africa and deputy director for the Middle East and North Africa region.

#### ► Stacey Philbrick Yadav

Stacey Philbrick Yadav is an associate professor of Political Science at Hobart and William Smith Colleges where she teaches courses in Middle East politics, comparative politics and Islamic political thought. Dr. Yadav specializes in comparative politics of the Middle East and her research focuses on the role of Islamist organizations in the transformation of public spheres and over the past ten years I have lived and conducted research in Lebanon, Yemen, Egypt and Israel. She was also visiting associate professor of government at Harvard University in 2008. In 2013, she published *Islamists and the State: Legitimacy and Institutions in Yemen and Lebanon*, a book on the institutional and discursive strategies adopted by the Islamist members of two major political alliances, the Joint Meeting Parties in Yemen and the March 8 bloc in Lebanon.

#### ► Mariam Salehi

Mariam Salehi was a DAAD/AICGS research fellow from mid-April to mid-June 2019. Dr. Salehi is a postdoctoral researcher at the Center for Conflict Studies, University of Marburg. While working toward her PhD, she was a research fellow in the research network "Re-configurations. History, Remembrance and Transformation Processes in the Middle East and North Africa," funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research. Prior to coming to Marburg, Dr. Salehi was a research associate at the chair for political science with a focus on international politics at Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg. Her research interests are situated at the intersection of international relations and peace and conflict studies. They include transitional justice and processes of political and social change.

#### ► Bassel F. Salloukh

Bassel F. Salloukh is an associate professor of political science at the Lebanese American University. His current research looks at post-conflict power-sharing arrangements, the challenge of re-assembling the political orders and societies of post-uprisings Arab states, and the geopolitics of the Middle East after the popular uprisings. Dr. Salloukh is inaugural officer of the American Political Science Association (APSA) MENA Politics Section, a member of the Arab Political Science Network's (APSN) Advisory Committee for 2019-2021, a member of *Middle East Law and Governance* Advisory Board (2019-), a member of the Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Steering Committee, and a member of APSA MENA Workshops Planning Committee. He is also research fellow at the Lebanese Centre for Policy Studies (LCPS), and senior non-resident research fellow at the Interuniversity Consortium for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (ICAMES), McGill University.

#### ► Nour Samaha

Nour Samaha is a seasoned, trilingual expert on political, economic, security, and social issues in the Middle East, with a focus on Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Israel, the Palestinian Territories and the Gulf. She has over a decade of experience developing critical reporting, analysis, and strategy on the most difficult regional issues, and then creating impact. Currently based between Beirut and London, her skills feature strategy development, a variety of analytical products, top-notch investigative skills, and influence at an international level with senior-level government, military, and humanitarian officials on down. She has produced in-depth reports and investigations from the ground for publications including *The Intercept*, *The Century Foundation*, *al Monitor*, *al Jazeera* and *Foreign Policy*. Samaha was also a visiting fellow with the Middle East and North Africa program at the European Council on Foreign Relations.

#### ► Morten Valbjørn

Morten Valbjørn is an associate professor at the Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, and director of the interdisciplinary research project SWAR: 'Sectarianism in the Wake of the Arab Revolts – beyond primordialist and instrumentalist understandings of Shia/Sunni divisions in a new Middle East', ([www.ps.au.dk/swar](http://www.ps.au.dk/swar)). In addition to sectarianism, Dr. Valbjørn's research interests concern various dimensions of identity politics and the sociology of knowledge concerning the study of Middle East politics. His research has appeared in among others *Democratization*, *Review of International Studies*, *International Studies Review*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Middle East Critique*, *Middle East Report*, *Orient*, *International Review of Sociology*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Cooperation & Conflict*, *Journal of Mediterranean Studies*, *Foreign Policy*.