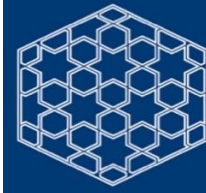




2018 GABR FELLOWS WITH MR. AND MRS. SHAFIK GABR AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YASSER REDA, AMBASSADOR OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED STATES



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I have witnessed Egypt in time of war, when people put sandbags in front of their houses and blacked out their windows in the fear of military raids. Now, we are living in Egypt in time of peace, building new cities, hospitals, educational institutions and, most importantly, hope. Thomas Jefferson once said "There never was a good war or a bad peace," and this is absolutely true.

Amid the growing tension, as the USS Abraham Lincoln returns to the Gulf region, President Donald Trump declared that the United States does not want war with Iran. Now, world leaders are fully aware that peace should always be a priority, and that the only way to avoid war is to pursue constructive dialogue and to negotiate even the non-negotiable. Dialogue and peace are two faces of the same coin, whilst absence of dialogue is the quickest route to war.

Last month, the U.S. State Department celebrated the 40th anniversary of one of the greatest diplomatic accomplishments of the 20th century, the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty, signed and negotiated by the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, with the American President Jimmy Carter at the White House. I firmly believe that dialogue and negotiations are not limited only to governments, but that each citizen must play an active role in building bridges towards sustainable peace and cross-cultural understanding – and this is the mission of the Shafik Gabr Foundation and its Gabr Fellowship.

M. Shafik Gabr

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News and Updates...

Judson Moore writing his first book



2015 Gabr Fellow Judson Moore is writing his first book entitled *Exponential Happiness*. The book is a guide to Judson Moore's insights and life hacks for discovering and achieving one's goals. The expected publishing date is February 2020. Judson is a concert promoter, international economic developer and author, based in Berlin.

Dalia Ihab featured on several media outlets



2017 Gabr Fellow Dalia Ihab was featured on media outlets DW news, DW stories and Australian SBS. Dalia is a voiceover performer, creative copywriter and copyeditor. She is especially interested in entrepreneurship, passionate about innovation, and a technoholic, who likes to use her music skills to bring people together.

Katherine Tan graduates from the Wharton MBA Program



2016 Gabr Fellow Katherine Tan graduated from the Wharton MBA Program for Executives with an MBA with honors (top 20% of class) this weekend. Her degree will help her bring a practical set of business and leadership skills to her work at the Gates Foundation, where she helps to influence global development finance policy, while also structuring innovative financing deals that advance key social sector priorities in health, agriculture, and human development.

Ahmed Radwan participates in a radio comedy show



2015 Gabr Fellow Ahmed Radwan plays the character Saeed in the Radio Comedy show "Vitamin Wow," which is being broadcast on Nogoum FM Radio Station every day until the end of Ramadan. Ahmed plays the villain of the story who steals "Vitamin WoW" created by his master, which enables people to expand their powers 10 times, and uses it to deceive people and gain money from it.

Fabrice Guerrier contributes to a book



2018 Gabr Fellow Fabrice Guerrier has contributed a chapter essay in an anthology titled *Slavery's Descendants*, published by Rutgers University Press this month. Fabrice served as President of a racial reconciliation non-profit organization and national movement called Coming to the Table back in 2017.

Gabr Fellows attend a French-Egyptian music concert



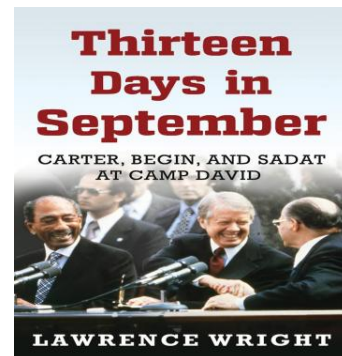
Gabr Fellows were invited by The French Institute in Cairo to attend a music concert at Makan Egyptian Center for Culture and Arts, dedicated to traditional music of Egypt. The concert was a mix between French musicians from Al-Qasar with traditional musicians from Makan. The Shafik Gabr Foundation is a Gold sponsor for Egypt - France Cultural Year 2019.

Gabr Fellows Meet with the Chairman of the Shafik Gabr Foundation



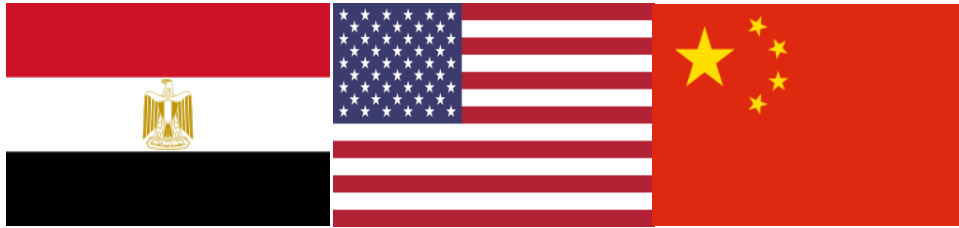
On May 5, Mr. Shafik Gabr, Chairman of The Shafik Gabr Foundation, has met with the Gabr Fellows in Cairo. During the meeting, the Fellows shared their latest updates in their professional and personal fields. Afterwards, the Fellows and the Chairman discussed the current local and global events. At the end of the meeting, Chairman Gabr wished the Fellows a happy month of Ramadan, and the Fellows expressed their interest to have such gatherings more often.

Gabr Fellows Reading Corner



The Foundation Reading Corner is encouraging Fellows to critique the books that have been recommended over the past issues. For this issue, Mr. Gabr recommends *Thirteen Days in September* by Lawrence Wright. The book is a timely revisiting of this diplomatic triumph and an inside look at how the first peace treaty in the modern Middle East was made between Egypt and Israel through an American mediation.

Question of the Month: A Pulse of the Gabr Fellowship Community



As the Gabr Fellows enter into leadership roles — in business, diplomacy, government, finance, and more— they will continue to grapple with significant challenges, magnified by an increased pace in technological advancement, the potential for ramped up global inequalities, and changes in governance and economic structures.

To better understand the pulse of the Gabr Fellowship community and to begin to articulate substantive dialogue, the Foundation polls the Fellows each month on the key issues facing their respective countries and the global community at large.

U.S Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo hosted a ceremony to celebrate and commemorate forty years of peace between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel. Do you think a lasting peace deal can be achieved between Israel and the Palestinians?

Yes 40.54%
No 51.35%
I do not know 8.11%

How do you see the end of the Trade War between China and the US?

Positively 16.22%
Negatively 70.27%
I do not know 13.51%

Former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden has shown strength in the first three weeks of his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. In case he secures the democratic nomination, do you think he would have a chance of winning the Presidential election?

Yes 64.86%
No 29.73%
I do not know 5.41%

The White House is not endorsing a global pledge to step up efforts to keep internet platforms from being used to spread hate, organize extremist groups and broadcast attacks, citing respect for "freedom of expression and freedom of the press." Do you agree with that?

Yes 32.43%
No 51.35%
I do not know 16.22%

Amid rising tensions between US and Iran, on the one hand US President Donald Trump has said he does not want a war with Iran. On the other hand, the US has deployed warships and planes to the Gulf and withdrawn diplomatic staff from Iraq in recent days. Do you think the US is heading to war with Iran?

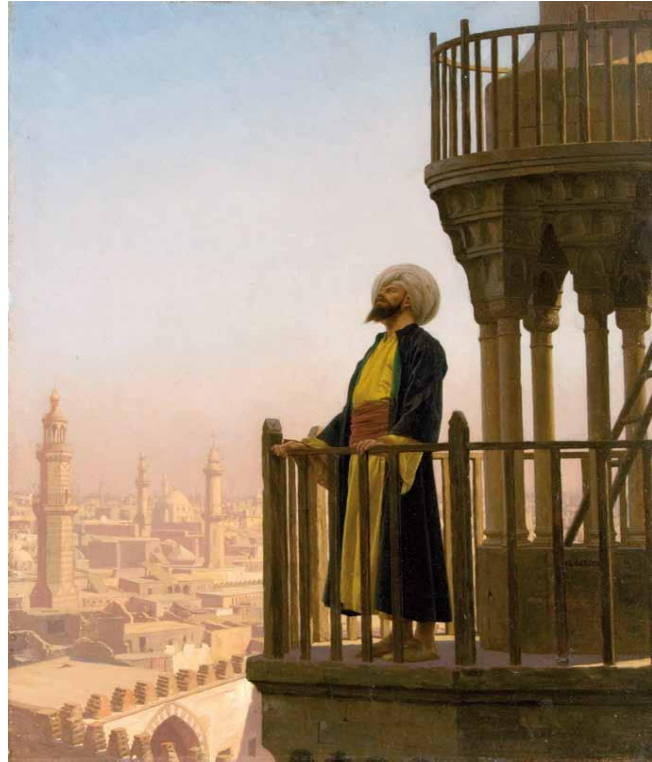
Yes 10.81%
No 70.27%
I do not know 18.92%

Stay tuned for next month's question of the month and the Gabr Fellows' takes on current events, as our community of future leaders grapple with the most pressing challenges of today and tomorrow.

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For more information on the ShafikGabr Foundation and its *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* Initiative, please visit the website <https://eastwestdialogue.org/>.

For earlier itineraries of the US program, please see the previous years' reports at <https://eastwestdialogue.org/fellowship/brochures/>



Jean-Léon Gérôme, *Le Muezzin (The Muezzin)*, from the Shafik Gabr Collection

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