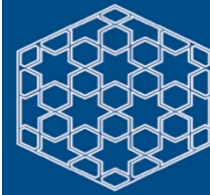




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# The Gabr Fellowship Newsletter

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***Throughout my personal and business journey I have always believed that ethics should come before anything else. Strategic planning, hardworking and ethical behaviors are the foundation to successful enterprises. The Shafik Gabr Foundation works on building young leaders armed with ethics and knowledge, hoping that one day the new generation will make our world a better place.***

The last Egypt Youth Conference held in the new administrative capital of Egypt shows that the Egyptian people and Egyptian leadership are fully aware of the importance of equipping the Egyptian youth with ethics, knowledge and leadership skills. The theme of the National Youth Conferences includes human development and education reforms and achieving a safe and stable future for the Egyptians through discussions and dialogue which perfectly matches with the mission and vision of the Shafik Gabr Foundation. The youth conferences which Egypt holds regularly have given a large amount of positivity and hope and I am very happy to see that several Gabr Fellows are part of the Presidential Leadership Program and they participate in the organization of such events. The Gabr Fellows now have a unique opportunity to share the experiences they gained from the Gabr Fellowship with their peers in the PLP program and also gain knowledge from other PLP participants.

**M. Shafik Gabr**

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## ***News and Updates...***

### **Fabrice Gurrier becomes a Global Shaper at the World Economic Forum in the Washington DC Hub**



**2018 Gabr Fellow, Fabrice Gurrier** has become a Global Shaper at the World Economic Forum in the Washington DC Hub which aims at affecting change at a local level in the D.C. community. Washington DC Hub has a wide range of projects focused around the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Fabrice is the Co-founder & CEO of Syllble Studios, a collaborative storytelling studio startup that publishes original serialized fiction stories and books through collaborative writing.

### **Soad Hossam selected to be an advisor to the council of Arab Economy Unit**



**2018 Gabr Fellow, Soad Hossam** has been selected to be an advisor to The Council of Arab Economic Unity of the Arab League, which she will perform alongside her main job as counselor in Arbitration and International Disputes Department at the Ministry of Justice. Soad holds a Master of Law in International Dispute Settlement from the Graduate Institute and University of Geneva as well as a Master in Private Law and Arbitration from Cairo University.

### **Dalia Ihab performs in the first event of Klaxics project**



**2017 Gabr Fellow, Dalia Ihab** has performed the first live performance for her project Klaxics. Dalia is a voiceover performer, creative copywriter and copyeditor. She is especially interested in entrepreneurship and passionate about innovation, and she likes to use her singing and music skills to bring people together.

### **Haroun Habib joins the Americares Foundation**



**2013 Gabr Fellow, Haroun Habib** has joined the Americares Foundation as their Director of Africa and Middle East Partnerships. Americares is a health-focused relief and development non-profit organization that responds to people affected by poverty or disaster with life-changing health programs, medicine and medical supplies. In this role, Haroun will oversee all Americares activities in the Africa and Middle East program portfolio, including the upcoming expansion and subsequent resource acquisition requirements.

## **Stephanie Cate Lord selected to become a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations**



**2014 Gabr Fellow, Stephanie Cate Lord** has been selected to become a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Stephanie is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and earned a Master's Degree from American University's School of International Service. She has been recognized by the National Society for Collegiate Scholars and American University for her leadership and has been selected for fellowships at the Atlantic Council and National Council for Research on Women.

## **Michael Matthiesen starts studying Law at Florida International University**



**2017 Gabr Fellow, Michael Matthiesen** will be starting Law School part-time in fall 2019. He will be attending Florida International University School of Law. Prior to this, Michael has received a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship to complete an M.A. in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of Health from University College London (UCL), University of London and he has received the President's Call to Service Award and Presidential Volunteer Service Award from the Obama White House.

## **Nick Thomas Starts a new job at Earth X**



**2015 Gabr Fellow, Nick Thomas** has started a new job as Director of Business Development for Earth X, the largest environmental gathering in the world with 177k total attendees last year and likely over 200k this year for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Last month, Nick has traveled to Alaska State making him achieve his goal of visiting all 50 states of US. Nick completed an International M.B.A. for the Hult Business School and earned an M.A. in International Studies and Diplomacy from Denver University's Josef Korbel School in 2010.

## **Zeyad Kelani starts a new job at Claremont McKenna College**



**2014 Gabr Fellow, Zeyad Kelani** has a new job at Claremont McKenna College as Quantitative and Computational Graduate Fellow, working on Machine Learning Projects. Zeyad is a PhD candidate at Claremont University. Previously, Zeyad was a Political Science teaching assistant at Cairo University and served as vice-president of the Political Science Graduate Student Association.



## Chairman Gabr's Meeting with the Gabr Fellows

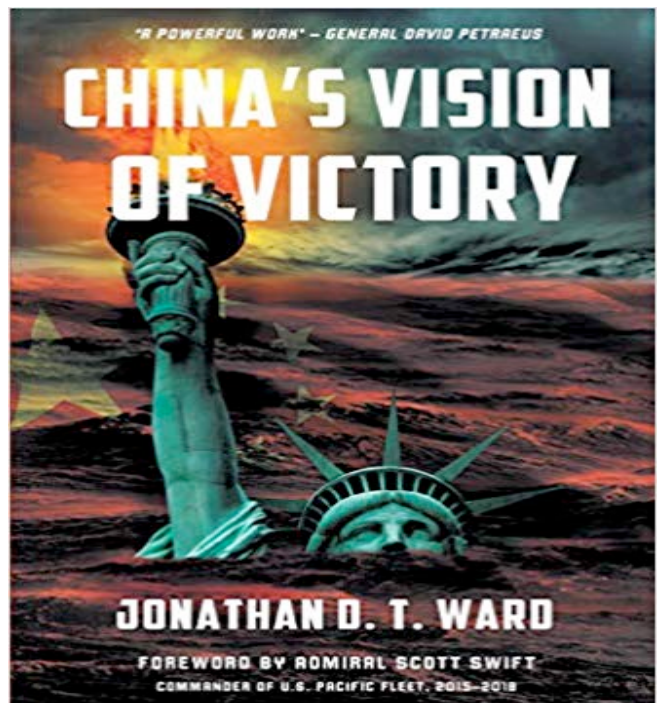


In his latest meeting with the Gabr Fellows on July 30th, Mr. Shafik Gabr, Chairman of the Shafik Gabr Foundation, discussed several topics with the Gabr Fellows. In this meeting, the Gabr Fellows shared their latest updates and asked Mr. Gabr's opinion about various local and international issues. During the meeting, the Chairman spoke about the importance of rebuilding the Egyptian citizens through good education. Chairman Gabr also gave advice to the Fellows to guide them in their career and personal life.

This has proved to be another successful meeting of the Gabr Fellows with the Chairman of the Shafik Gabr Foundation, and the Fellows expressed a keen interest in having more of such events.

## Gabr Foundation Reading Corner

The Foundation Reading Corner is encouraging Fellows to critique the books that have been recommended over the past many issues. For this issue, Mr. Gabr recommends "*China's Vision of Victory*" by Dr. Jonathan D.T. Ward. This book brings the reader to a new understanding of China's planning, strategy, and ambitions. After seventy-five years of peace in the Pacific, a new challenger to American power has emerged, on a scale not seen since the Soviet Union at its height. With a deep if partially contrived sense of national destiny, the Chinese Communist Party is guiding a country of 1.4 billion people towards what it calls "the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation," and, with it, the end of an American-led world. Can American ingenuity, confidence, and will power outcompete the long-term strategic thinking and planning of China's Communist Party?



## 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.

### Is President Trump going to be re-elected?

Yes: 50.00 %

No: 29.17 %

I don't know: 20.83 %

### Should Egypt - US trade be enhanced or is the present trade volume significant enough?

Should be enhanced: 54.17 %

Present trade volume is significant enough: 4.17 %

I don't know: 41.67 %

### Can you foresee an appointment of an Egyptian Vice-President in the next 12 months?

Yes: 20.83 %

No: 50.00 %

I don't know: 29.17 %

### What do you think about Egypt's new NGO law?

Positive: 16.67 %

Negative: 37.50 %

I don't know: 45.83 %

*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 Shafik Gabr 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/>



David Roberts  
*A General View of the Ruins of Luxor from the Nile*  
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