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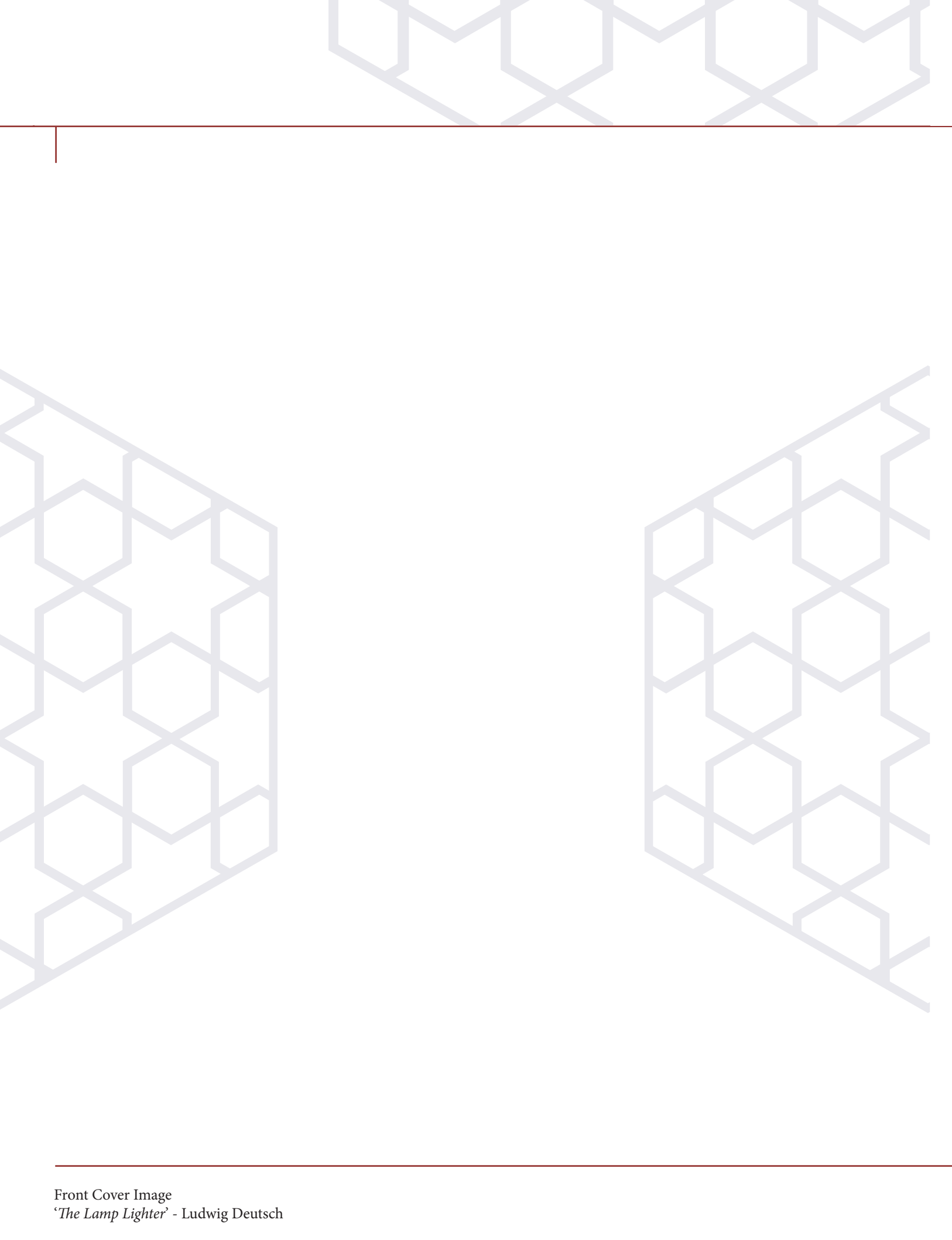


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Introduction by Shafik Gabr

In an increasingly changing world, instability, insecurity and volatility have become the new normal. With rapidly developing technology, we are connected in more ways than we ever thought imaginable. In a world of 24/7 communication, this new relentless cycle often acts in a manner of providing news with minimum understanding, and there are more conflicts, misinterpretations and a state that is fragile in a world where the pace of change is increasing exponentially.

We seem to have forgotten how to talk to each other, how to really listen, engage with, and understand each other. This is evident in all parts of society, from media to global politics. Direct, unmediated interaction between the Arab world and the West is declining. Citizens misinterpret one another and view each other as 'others,' they feel more distant from activities on the political and economic sphere, and are at the same time being spoon-fed in many cases misleading and false information by social and different types of media.



In today's world, the opportunity for misunderstanding, knee-jerk reactions and decisions based on superficial knowledge is of a higher rate than ever before. This urgently calls for new ways of thinking, creative minds, and most of all better communication that is based on understanding and face to face interaction to focus on appreciating the other. The '*East-West: The Art of Dialogue*' initiative, which stemmed from the Shafik Gabr Foundation, was created to focus on bringing together young emerging leaders from Egypt and the United States. Every year, some of the brightest minds of their generation gather together to have an intense program of exchange that gives them deep knowledge of the world on the other side of the Atlantic: from business and politics, media and technology, art and culture to religion, customs and philosophy. This is followed by cooperation on joint projects that can bring the knowledge gained to a wider audience.

Since the initiation of the program in 2012, it continues to be focused on young emerging leaders from the US and Egypt, however it is expanding to include other nations. The years 2015 and 2016 witnessed additional Fellows from the United Kingdom and Lebanon. My dream is to be able to expand the program both in terms of the number of Fellows and nationalities from across the world. While at present the Fellowship is focused on Egypt and the US, I sincerely believe it will be an anchor for improved understanding and improved relationships between the East and West.

Shafik Gabr
Founder, The Shafik Gabr Foundation

The Initiative

The mission of the Shafik Gabr Foundation's initiative, '*East-West: The Art of Dialogue*' is to promote greater mutual understanding by building bridges between the people of the Arab world and the West, particularly with the U.S., by instigating dialogue and the exchange of ideas between these two cultures. Established in 2012, in response to the increasing tensions building between the East and West, the Foundation sponsors and fosters exchanges between emerging leaders from Egypt and the US in arts, science, law, media and entrepreneurship – both business and social.

The program, which has come to be known as 'The Gabr Fellowship', works towards the vital goal of building on the aforementioned ties between the two nations through cross-cultural dialogue and the development and execution of collaborative projects, which are the result of the combined creative visions of the Fellowship's carefully selected participants.

Each year, the Fellowship consists of 22-24 Fellows with approximately 10 Americans and 10 Egyptians, of which half are men and half are women. The Fellowship expands each year to include additional nationalities, with one participant from the United Kingdom having been included in the 2015 program, and a participant from Lebanon included in the 2016 program. Program participants spend two weeks in Egypt, followed by a further two weeks in the U.S., building enduring connections through hands-on activities, rigorous discussions, web-based interaction and most importantly, their own collaborative 'action projects'. In 2016 the exchange was 10 days in Egypt and 10 days in the U.S., due to scheduling constraints, given the U.S. Presidential election.

Since 2012, American and Egyptian Fellows have participated in the program and its aftermath by developing their collaborative projects, where they can leverage their experience and develop impactful initiatives that also aim to be shared with their peers, colleagues and societies.

The exchanges do more than introduce the Fellows to new societies – they alter the very perceptions that have been fabricated by decades, even centuries, of misinformation. They provide the opportunity for frank discussions about the real issues impacting both regions and forge alliances between leaders of the generation to which the gauntlet of cooperative alliances has been passed.

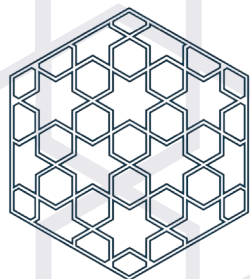
The Gabr Fellows acquire a greater understanding of both Egypt and the United States and the challenges they face. Having served as cultural as well as linguistic interpreters for each other, they now return to their homes to play the role of diplomats, introducing Egyptians and Americans to a culture and a future never before explored in this way. Together, through their cooperation and their projects, they are creating the legacy of the Gabr Fellowship: an international cohort dedicated to pursuing cooperative, collective solutions to their regions' most pressing issues.

The Foundations



The Mohamed Shafik Gabr Foundation for Social Development (Egypt)

The Gabr Family Foundation in Egypt has several initiatives underway. Among these are major initiatives in education, from improving elementary school education and higher education, to sponsoring university graduates for postgraduate studies abroad in the U.S. and Asia. Moreover, the Foundation is carrying out extensive work in the health area and is launching the first free health clinic after treating over 80,000 patients during the period between 2006 - 2016. The Foundation also has several initiatives in the area of sports, anti-human trafficking, training and culture.



The SHAFIK GABR Foundation

The Shafik Gabr Foundation (U.S.)

The Foundation's mission is to promote greater mutual understanding between young emerging leaders of the Middle East, Europe and the Americas by fostering dialogue and the exchange of ideas. Established in 2012 in response to the erosion of sympathy and understanding between the Arab world and the West, the Foundation sponsors exchanges between emerging and entrepreneurial leaders in the arts and sciences, law, entrepreneurship and media. The Fellows work together to leverage their experience and launch projects that impact their peers and communities. The Foundation works in partnership with other charitable organizations, corporations and individuals to renew and strengthen ties that have bound together Eastern and Western nations over many centuries. In the United States, the Foundation also supports epilepsy research, children with cerebral palsy, educational sponsorships and special projects.





2016 Gabr Fellows Biographies

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Egyptian Fellows



Ahmed Aboul Naga

*Engineer, Head of the Scheduling and Risk Management Planning, I-Build
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 25*

Mr. Aboul Naga is the Head of the Scheduling and Risk Management Planning at I-Build Company, headquartered in Cairo, which is involved in many real estate projects in New Cairo. With this international exposure, Ahmed has developed an interest in pursuing international studies and diplomacy, where he hopes to bring about his highest potential. Prior to that Mr. Naga worked for Engineering International Group (EIG), where he developed perspectives on the international real estate market.



Anis Issa

*Communication & Development Officer, Arts Center, Cultural Outreach Sector,
Bibliotheca Alexandrina
Hometown: Alexandria; Age: 28*

Mr. Issa started his career path in the renowned modern library of Alexandria, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, in February 2010. He was appointed as a Reference Librarian in the main library section, then he was in charge of International cooperation in the Francophone section, and later he was assigned the role of Cultural Debate Specialist. Since February 2016 Mr. Issa has been working as the Communication and Development Officer at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Arts Center. At the same time, and since August 2013, he has also served as the Cultural Assistant to His Holiness, Pope Tawadros II of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of Saint Marc. Since November 2015, Mr. Issa has been a member of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Culture, and in 2013 he received his Master's Degree from The Cultural Public Services department at the École Nationale Supérieure des Sciences de L'information et des Bibliothèques, Lyon University.



Hadeel Adel

*Actress
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 28*

Ms. Adel is working as a Senior Business Development Executive and a certified innovation facilitator at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. Following her passion, she started her acting career in 2013 by starring in a series of theatrical productions: "Zenocrate & Zenobia", produced by the Embassy of Spain in Cairo and the British Council, "Brasil Uma noite no Cairo", produced by the Embassy of Brazil in Cairo, and "Triangles are my Favorite Shape". Ms. Adel has also acted in a number of short movies and independent feature films. Ms. Adel received her Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, and she is now studying filmmaking to pursue her dream in storytelling.

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Egyptian Fellows



Hala Abdel Gawad

*Teaching Assistant of Political Science, Cairo University
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 25*

Ms. Abdel Gawad is a Teaching Assistant of Political Science at Cairo University. Immediately after her graduation from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University in 2013, she worked as a junior political researcher at the Egyptian Cabinet until her appointment as a tenured Teaching Assistant at Cairo University. Ms. Abdel Gawad has participated in a number of international conferences, academic summer schools and voluntary activities in Egypt and abroad. Ms. Abdel Gawad has also worked closely with national think tanks and international organizations. Moreover, she was part of the London Mayoral campaign of 2016, for the Conservative Party. Ms. Abdel Gawad is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Political Sociology with a focus on Women's Studies at London School of Economics, University of London.



Hani Elzoumor

*Economics Teaching and Research Assistant, Cairo University
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 27*

Mr. Elzoumor is a Teaching and Research Assistant of Economics, Department of Economics, School of Economics and Political Science, at Cairo University, where he is currently pursuing his M.Sc. degree in Economics. Mr. Elzoumor is also a senior assistant at the Student Mentorship and Career Counseling Unit at Cairo University and he was a visiting scholar at the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany. During his recent work in Egypt, he became a Certified International Professional Trainer (CIPT) from Missouri State University, USA. Moreover, he is a certified trainer in financial education from GIZ, the German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation. Mr. Elzoumor's extracurricular activities include travelling, fitness and active engagement in many Egyptian NGOs such as Helm Egypt.



Iman Higazy

*Pharmaceutical Research Associate, the National Research Center
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 33*

Ms. Higazy has been working for over 10 years as a Drug Design and Delivery Researcher at the National Research Center. She received her MBA from Edinburgh Business School and a diploma in Total Quality Management from the American University in Cairo. Ms. Higazy has always been interested in community service, and was certified as a professional trainer from the American University in Cairo. She is interested in social work and she co-founded an NGO named "Al-khan Cultural Organization", which provides cultural and artistic workshops to teenagers, in addition to being the Editor in Chief of a quarterly magazine named "Al-Khan" Cultural Magazine. Ms. Higazy enjoys meeting new people and building friendships with people of diverse nationalities and backgrounds.

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Mohamed Elattar

Founder & Managing Director, Ramasside Travel
Hometown: Alexandria; Age: 34

Mr. Elattar is the Founder and Operation Manager of Ramasside Travel, one of the leading companies in E-Tourism in Egypt. With over 12 years of work experience in the Travel and Hospitality fields, Mr. Elattar believes that tourism has always been one of the most successful ways to establish mutual understanding, and to eradicate gaps between cultures. He received his first degree in English Language and Literature, a second in Tourism and Egyptology, and he is currently working on his thesis for a Master's Degree in Theosophy at the Hellenistic Center in Alexandria, Egypt. Mr. Elattar is passionate about history, philosophy and business and is currently working on his first book about interacting with different cultures from an avid traveler's point of view.



Nayra Gadallah

Senior Refugee Status Determination Assistant, UNHCR
Hometown: Cairo; Age 24

Ms. Gadallah is a Senior Refugee Status Determination (RSD) Assistant at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Prior to that, she worked as Volunteer Legal Advisor at St. Andrew's Refugee Services. Ms. Gadallah also worked as an Attorney at Law at Sharkawy & Sarhan Law Firm. She holds a LL.B Degree from Ain Shams University and she also received a postgraduate diploma in International Law. During her undergraduate years, Ms. Gadallah acted as team member of the first team representing Ain Shams University, in a Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, by Oxford University. She was nominated as the Best Oralist in the Middle East Final Rounds in 2013, when her team qualified to represent the University at the International Rounds in Oxford.



Shorouk Essam

Risk Management and Analysis Officer, Bank Audi S.A.E
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 26

Ms. Essam is a Risk Management and Analysis Officer at Bank Audi S.A.E. Prior to that, she worked at Pepsico and Vodafone after her graduation. She is passionate about the arts and works as a freelance graphics designer, and she also volunteers in the graphics teams of various NGOs. In her free time Ms. Essam studies motion graphics and animation design. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the British University in Egypt, Class 2011, and she is currently planning to pursue a Master's Degree in Business Analysis.

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Yasser El Zahhar

*CEO at Gedety Healthy Catering Company
Hometown: Cairo; Age 27*

Mr. El Zahhar is the Founder and CEO of the first healthy catering company in Egypt called “Gedety”, his third startup and the most mature one. After his graduation from the Faculty of Computer Science at Cairo University in 2011, Mr. El Zahhar decided to follow his passion for food. He is sharing his experience and spreading entrepreneurship culture in Egypt by volunteering in different mentorship programs like “Injaz Egypt”.



Youssef El Toukhy

*Engineering Teaching Assistant, Al Mansoura University
Hometown: Al Mansoura; Age: 25*

Mr. El Toukhy is a Teaching Assistant at the Faculty of Engineering, Al Mansoura University. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Electronic and Communications Engineering. Mr. El Toukhy joined the research team at Zewail City for Science and Technology in 2015, where he earned his Master’s Degree in the field of Nanotechnology. Youssef has more than 6 years of volunteer experience as the leader of the “One Heart” team, which consists of young people united by their love and talent for music.

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Lebanese Fellow



Chaza Abou Daher

*Economic Researcher, the American University of Beirut
Hometown: Beirut; Age: 26*

Ms. Abou Daher is a Consultant at Addima Consulting and also an Economic Researcher at the American University of Beirut (Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences). She has four years of experience primarily in economic research and analysis with the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Beirut and Mount Lebanon, and the American University of Beirut. Ms. Abou Daher most recently moved into the consulting field with a focus on public policy and government restructuring. She earned her Master’s Degree in Economics from University College London (UCL) in 2013 and her Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from the American University of Beirut. Ms. Abou Daher has worked on topics related to macroeconomics, economic policy, health economics and environmental economics, and has several published academic papers on these issues.

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American Fellows



Abby Wiedenhaefer

*Staff Assistant at the Global Engagement Center, US Department of State
Hometown: Warrenton, Virginia; Age: 25*

Ms. Wiedenhaefer serves as a Staff Assistant at the Global Engagement Center (GEC), an interagency office seated at the State Department, responsible for leading the integration, coordination and synchronization of government-wide counter-ISIL messaging directed at foreign audiences. Prior to joining the GEC, Ms. Wiedenhaefer worked as a Special Assistant in the Bureau of Diplomatic Security where she advised on a number of issues related to personnel security and suitability. She earned dual Bachelor degrees in English and Foreign Affairs, with a specialization in the Middle East and a concentration in comparative politics, from the University of Virginia.



Alexis Taylor

*Program Manager at 3 Day Startup
Hometown: Independence, Missouri; Age: 24*

Ms. Taylor activates entrepreneurial potential in students globally at 3 Day Startup, in Austin, Texas. She began her career with the international nonprofit in 2013, when she launched the organization's first engagement in the Great Plains, and currently leads 3 Day Startup's large-scale federal grant operations. Ms. Taylor has a BS in Business Administration from Creighton University and her work history includes nonprofit experience at the Business Ethics Alliance, and startup experience at the Appconomy tech startup and Dundee Venture Capital investment firm. In her free time, she enjoys "walk and talk" intellectual discussions typically around how to create world peace through entrepreneurship, and how to have the most meaningful impact on the lives of others.



Heidi Green

*Program Associate at Sayara International
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada; Age: 30*

Ms. Green is a program associate at Sayara International, a global development company, focusing on programs in Afghanistan and assisting with business development. She is also a Press Officer of the Ramadan Tent Project (RTP), an international interfaith community initiative and she serves on the Washington D.C. Interfaith Leadership Summit planning team. Previously, Ms. Green taught Conflict Resolution as a high school teacher in Hawaii, where she presented a TEDx talk about her innovative curriculum. She has worked on peace building projects in Northern Ireland and in Bosnia, and she served as a global youth ambassador for a UN Education initiative. Ms. Green also facilitated peacebuilding workshops for college students at Brigham Young University Hawaii, and she has a M.A. in Global Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

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John Ryan

*Democratic Deputy Chief Counsel of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Hometown: Gaithersburg, Maryland; Age: 28*

Mr. Ryan currently serves as Democratic Deputy Chief Counsel of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC). Among his primary responsibilities are ambassadorial, State Department, and related agency nominations, as well as treaty consideration. John previously served as a staffer in the personal office of Senator Robert Menendez. A Maryland/D.C. native with a passion for politics and history, Mr. Ryan received his B.A. from Cornell University's College of Arts and Sciences, and his J.D. from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law.



Katherine Tan

*Program Officer, Finance Investment & Trade, Millennium Challenge Corporation
Hometown: Rosslyn, Virginia; Age: 27*

Ms. Tan is a Program Officer in the Finance Investment and Trade division at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a US government development agency, where she engages private sector investment to amplify the impact of MCC's grants to low-income countries, and where she leads the development of a \$12.5 million program to fund agricultural enterprises. Ms. Tan began her career in the leadership development program at Bridgewater Associates, the world's largest hedge fund, with \$160B AUM, where she served as chief-of-staff to Bridgewater's President David McCormick. Following this, she was selected as one of fifteen Bankers without Borders Fellows from 650 applicants, at the Grameen Foundation, an international NGO which utilizes technology to improve the lives of the poor. Ms. Tan graduated cum laude from Harvard, and has had her editorials and articles appear in various media outlets.



Kevin DeWar

*Founder and CEO of DashPeek
Hometown: Detroit, Michigan; Age: 28*

Mr. DeWar is the Founder & CEO of DashPeek, a startup that provides advertising space on screens in rideshare vehicles like Uber and Lyft. His thirst for entrepreneurship started at an early age and at the age of 8, Mr. DeWar recruited children from his neighborhood to rake leaves, eventually expanding operations to selling candy, soda and other products. In high school, he ran a successful web development firm that counted several prestigious university departments and a National Book Award Winner among their roster of clients. Mr. DeWar graduated from Williams College with a B.A. in American Studies and he spent a year in China, where he served as a corporate trainer, English teacher and also as a professional voice recorder. Over the years, his professional journey has taken him to Google, LinkedIn and DesertCart, an e-commerce business where he served as Head of US Operations.

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American Fellows



Leisel Bogan

*Consultant, Global Strategy for Information Cybersecurity
Hometown: Bakersfield, California; Age: 35*

Ms. Bogan currently holds a position in consulting at Global Strategy for Information and Cybersecurity. She was a Research Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and from 2009-2012, worked for Dr. Condoleezza Rice at Stanford University, as her Senior Research Associate, Deputy and Interim Chief of Staff, ending her tenure as Research Director. Ms. Bogan has also collaborated on Dr. Rice's bestselling memoirs and other publications. Concurrently, she served as the first Associate at the geostrategic consulting firm, RiceHadleyGates, LLC, focusing on strategy, communications, and technology development in emerging markets. Previously, Ms. Bogan worked as a consultant at Palantir Technologies and several other technology and investment firms in the Silicon Valley, and before moving to the Bay Area, she was an analyst at Warner Bros. Entertainment. Ms. Bogan holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Pepperdine University and she has also guest lectured at the undergraduate school's study abroad program in Florence, Italy.



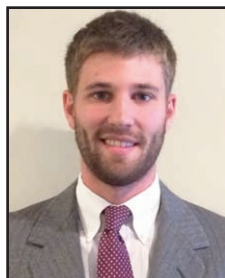
Robert Sheldon

*Policy Director, Business Executives for National Security
Hometown: Nashua, New Hampshire; Age: 31*

Mr. Sheldon is a Policy Director focused on cybersecurity and technology at Business Executives for National Security (BENS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that conveys private sector insights, expertise, and best practices to the U.S. government on a pro bono basis. He also serves as an adjunct fellow with the Strategic Technologies Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Mr. Sheldon was also a Mike Mansfield Fellow in Tokyo, where he worked with Japanese government agencies on a variety of Japanese cybersecurity policy issues and U.S.-Japan cybersecurity cooperation. Previously, he was senior policy analyst for military and security affairs at the congressionally mandated U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, where he focused on China's cybersecurity, telecommunications and technology policies. Mr. Sheldon holds a M.A. in Security Policy Studies and a B.S. in Computer Forensics.

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American Fellows



Thomas Hanna

Graduate Student (M.A.), International Commerce, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky

Hometown: Lexington, Kentucky; Age: 25

Mr. Hanna is currently a Master's student at the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky. He received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Biotechnology from the University of Kentucky and a Minor in Arabic and Islamic Studies. Mr. Hanna currently works part-time as a compounding pharmacy technician in Lexington, Kentucky while attending graduate school. He recently completed Middlebury College's Intensive Arabic Language Summer Program in California and intends to continue language study abroad in the future.



Kate S. Chiucchini

Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congresswoman Kathleen M. Rice

Hometown: New York, NY; Age: 30

Ms. Chiucchini is a Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congresswoman Kathleen M. Rice, where she is responsible for legislation across a number of issue areas. After graduating from Vassar College with a B.A. in Sociology, Kate worked as a Trial Preparation Assistant in a Trial Bureau at the New York County District Attorney's Office. Prior to attending law school, Kate spent time working at Equal Education, a non-profit organization in Cape Town, South Africa. She pursued her interest in international law and justice during law school, with the opportunity to participate in a summer legal program in Accra, Ghana, and a clinical legal program focused on international law and development in Africa. Kate holds a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, and is admitted to practice law in New York and New Jersey.





2016 Gabr Fellowship Projects

East-West Virtual Book Club

Team: Ahmed Aboul Naga, Iman Higazy, Abby Wiedenhaefer, John Ryan, Anis Issa, Hala Abdel Gawad and Leisel Bogan

The Challenge

In today's world we are inundated with infinite information and opportunities, thereby increasing the importance of how we choose to spend and invest our limited time. The pursuit of knowledge is an endless endeavor and by summarizing culturally and politically-influential books of both the United States and Egypt, this project attempts to capitalize on the investment of time, and distribute the benefits of that investment and knowledge broadly.



Project Overview

Works may include Henry Kissinger's *World Order*, Samuel Huntington's *Clash of Civilizations*, Scott Anderson's *Lawrence in Arabia*, Gamal Himdan's *Egypt's Character*, Robert Solet's *L'Egypt Passion Francaise*, John Berger's *Ways of Seeing*, Frank Feuredy's *On Tolerance*, and Umberto Eco's *History of Beauty*.

The book summaries will be from an objective perspective, and the size of the review will range from 1-4 pages, depending on the complexity of the work reviewed. For each summary, a Fellow will add a proverb from his or her culture that they feel best sums up the work. For works of special significance, the East-West Virtual Book Club will solicit brief political and social commentary from prominent figures relating to the cultures of the United States and Egypt. All summaries will be provided in English and Arabic, and once they are written, an online repository of the content will be created and distributed via a monthly newsletter and there will be a monthly release of 3-4 books.

The Goal

The goal of the project is to instigate dialogue and promote understanding between the cultures of the United States and Egypt, by writing summaries of various books that have shaped the the two civilisations. The books will be chosen by committee based on their cultural and political significance. These books can be treatises, histories, novels, or any book that provides insightful, political, cultural, scientific or economic commentary significant to Egypt and the United States. In the rare case that a work has been made into a cinematic production, summaries will be provided for both the book and film.

Population Served

The initial audience of the project will be Gabr Fellows from all years, however, the project is intended to appeal to a wider audience of individuals from the United States and Egypt, who lack the time to read entire books or explore more deeply the literature that has influenced the development of their cultures.

Project Milestones

Phase 1:

- In the first 3 months, the East-West Virtual Book Club will conduct organization of the project, agree on the format of the summaries and organize a presentation to the Gabr Fellows and other interested parties, via the Foundation website, LISTSERV, and numerous other mediums
- Each month, the East-West Virtual Book Club will release reviews of two works, one written by an Egyptian author and the other by an American author

Phase 2:

- Within 6 months of the launch, the East-West Virtual Book Club will have developed a virtual community forum for exchanging audience ideas, opinions and insights
- Previous reviews from the 1st phase will be folded into the new weblog, while the format of twin reviews will continue

Expected Outcome

The expected outcomes for the East-West Virtual Book Club include: elevated awareness of the Fellowship and its constructive role in fostering dialogue between the United States and Egypt; the gaining of stronger ties between bibliophiles in the United States and Egypt; the development of a greater understanding of the intellectual histories of each country, and a repository of useful summaries that could be used in educational institutions as study tools, in government as “cheat sheets” for background briefings, by other book clubs, or as reference materials for organizations seeking to develop similar exchange programs.

Furthering the Foundation’s Mission

The Foundation seeks to promote greater understanding between the people of the Middle East, Europe, and the United States by fostering dialogue and the exchange of ideas. The Virtual Book Club will promote and facilitate the exchange of the foundational ideas of each culture, and encourage dialogue on the intellectual history and development of each country. It will provide a platform for intellectual engagement, and for the disputation and discussion of ideas.

Humans of Harmony

Team: Shorouk Essam, Hadeel Adel and Katherine Tan

The Challenge

The mission at Humans of Harmony is to create an alternative media platform that tells stories of diversity and justice, empowerment and peace building in both the United States and Egypt, using digital content and social media campaigns that engage the audience as participants. Humans of Harmony provides an alternative to traditional media narratives that perpetuate stereotypes in both countries. It challenges misconceptions by highlighting human stories that will make you smile, cry, think deeply, and even take action to improve the status quo. Humans of Harmony utilizes social media thoughtfully to engage the audience and promote constructive dialogue that breaks through echo chambers.



Project Overview

Humans of Harmony is an internet media platform (to feature a YouTube channel, a Facebook page and a Website/Blog) that publishes digital videos and other content, featuring authentic citizen-centered stories in Egypt and the United States which seek to promote the exchange of ideas and human narratives.

To generate buzz for the project and fuel the crowdfunding campaign, Humans of Harmony will first produce several 1-2 minute iPhone-shot #AskAnEgyptian and #AskAnAmerican “promo videos.” These videos will be “guerilla style” by intention, with sporadic and minimal production to convey spontaneity. The media will be spread on the Humans of Harmony social media channels, alongside a hashtag campaign, to generate interest in the platform and raise crowd funds.

The first batch of content will be produced by the Gabr Fellows team and videographers, consisting of 5-10 minute mini-documentary segments, that juxtapose one Egyptian story with one American story on the same topic and putting the 2 experiences into dialogue. Stories will highlight topics relating to the common human themes: Diversity and Justice, Empowerment and Peacebuilding.

Once the first batch of 6 videos have been published (2 for each theme), the second phase will be to utilize viewer engagement, create more content and facilitate dialogue. Viewers will be invited to submit reactions to the videos by creating their own content (blog posts, photos, videos), which may be published on both the Humans of Harmony and the Gabr Foundation websites, the content of which will be vetted.

The Goals

- Create an alternative social media platform that tells stories of diversity and justice, empowerment and peace-building in the US and Egypt, highlighting stories that counteract traditional stereotypes perpetuated by the media
- Through interactivity, Humans of Harmony will promote audience engagement with the content, and promote constructive dialogue between the East and West, using the tools of new media

Population Served

The “social media generation” – young people aged between 15-35, in Egypt, the United States, and around the world.

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Creating the project Identity & Branding (3 months):

Create a logo, Facebook account, YouTube channel and a Website/Blog; create, publish and promote “promo videos” shot with iPhone cameras, take questions posed from Egyptians to Americans and those from Americans to Egyptians “to the streets”, and launch crowd funding campaigns in the United States.

Phase 2: Production Part 1 - Team-Produced Video Content (6 - 9 months – approx. 1 video per month):

Humans of Harmony plans to locate/identify stories and individuals and develop interview scripts for each episode/mini-documentary, splicing together interviews and “day in a life” footage. One story from Egypt and one story from the United States will approach each theme (Diversity and Justice, Empowerment and Peacebuilding). One videographer/film producer will be hired in each location; videos (interview and B roll) will be shot in Egypt and the United States; editing and post-production will be carried out and videos will be published and promoted on social media channels and via partners.

Phase 3: Production Part 2 - Audience Engagement:

The project will gradually transition into a more audience-driven platform, with continued moderation and newly produced content. An audience engagement strategy will be developed, user reactions to video content will be solicited and filtered, opportunities will be created for viewers to communicate with and pose questions to individuals highlighted in videos, and audience engagement will be monitored via Google Analytics.

Expected Outcome

- Gaining a greater understanding of challenging topics relating to Egypt and the United States
- More authentic “human narratives” reaching young people, to enrich and counter the shallow narratives they may currently observe

Furthering the Foundation’s Mission

Humans of Harmony furthers the Foundation’s mission by engaging young people in Egypt and the United States with real stories that relate to their own lives, and encourages them to look past stereotypes, think deeply about current cultural issues and engage in dialogue. One videographer/film producer will be hired in each location; videos (interview and B roll) will be shot in Egypt and the United States; editing and post-production will be carried out, and videos will be published and promoted on social media channels and via partners.

Egypt-US Startup Connection

Building Bridges of Innovation Through Youth Entrepreneurship

Team: Yasser El Zahhar, Hani Elzoumor, Robert Sheldon and Alexis Taylor

The Challenge

Youth unemployment is a major challenge facing both Egypt and the United States, and the highest rate is among recent college graduates. In the present day we have access to postsecondary education. However, economic situations limit the ability for communities to fully utilize their most educated members and talent becomes stunted. This challenge provides a unique economic growth opportunity: to engage university youth in entrepreneurship workshops and enable them to use their talents to create ventures.



Project Overview

The Egypt-US Startup Connection is a diplomacy initiative for 80 American and Egyptian students, who will receive intense entrepreneurial training on how to start up ventures that focus on addressing problems in their communities. The initiative will mould the next generation of Egyptian and American entrepreneurs into innovation bridges between the East and the West, by promoting virtual and in-person dialogue among participants. Within 10 months, 200 Egyptian and American university students will have participated in the initiative, developing cooperative and collective solutions to their region's most pressing issues.

Project Goal

- Cultivate the entrepreneurial mindset, specifically risk taking and innovative thinking
- Develop cross-disciplinary teamwork skills
- Engage participants with local talent pipelines that align with their skills and interests
- Increase the mutual understanding among Egyptians and Americans through building constructive ventures that address problems in their communities

Population Served

Full-time students from Cairo University and the University of Texas, Austin.

Project Milestones

- Phase 1:** (Leadership Development): Select students from Cairo University and the University of Texas at Austin, and begin a 3-month leadership training program.
- Phase 2:** (Recruitment): Leadership training program participants engage 200 students from diverse backgrounds selected through an educational application process.
- Phase 3:** (Venture Creation and East-West Dialogue): 80 students participate in 3 Day Startup's rapid-format, immersive venture creation workshop and corresponding virtual seminars. An American 3DS facilitator will lead the program at Cairo University and they will also train an Egyptian 3DS facilitator to lead the same program at the University of Texas at Austin.
- Phase 4:** (Measure Impact): In partnership with the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, the action project team will submit a final impact evaluation to the Shafik Gabr Foundation.

Expected Outcome

- Development of 10-14 early stage ventures
- A positive change in the entrepreneurial mindset of participants
- Participants will gain a mutual understanding of the people of Egypt and the United States

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The Egypt-US Startup Connection furthers the Foundation's mission by engaging youth in Egypt and the United States in entrepreneurship training workshops. These workshops will spark action-oriented dialogue on how to develop cooperative, collective solutions to their region's most pressing issues.

For further information, please visit our website at egyptstartups.3daystartup.org

Universal Language: Connecting People Through Music

Team: Kate Chiucchini, Chaza Abou Daher and Youssef El Toukhy

The Challenge

The relationship between the East and West is often framed by economic and political boundaries, while connections based on ideologies and values have become increasingly fragmented. In the globalized world we live in today, media plays a prominent role in shaping our perceptions of different cultures. Generalizations are imposed on individuals and nations have often served as a proxy for entire populations, inhibiting communication and understanding to a more basic human level.



Egypt and the United States are two nations in the midst of transition, that are experiencing significant events that will have reverberating effects across the Eastern and Western world. Shifting the focus to connections on a personal level is a way to promote deeper understanding of this critical time for our generation. Music is one universal commonality that has the ability to break down barriers across cultures. The challenge of this project will be to use the power of music as a universal language to connect people from the East and West, at the most basic human level—through a shared emotional experience.

Project Overview

The cornerstone of this project will be the creative development of original compositions by musicians from the East and the West. These compositions will be inspired by the musicians' reactions to images representing different themes relating to human experiences. Five photographs depicting powerful images of critical events from around the world will be selected as visualizations, and a selection of performers and orchestras from both regions of the world will each interpret the photographs through music. The resulting pieces of music will be recorded and compiled into an album.

In conjunction with the completion of the album, an event will be organized and held to exhibit live performances of the compositions, to be played by one prominent orchestra. The event will be promoted to a broad audience, in both Eastern and Western countries, which will help build upon the idea of communication through music, regardless of nationality, language, or culture.

The Goals

The goal of this project is to foster human understanding and dialogue through the universal language of music. By eliciting the audience's emotional response to the music, a connection will be created between people from around the world, on a personal level. While the pieces may have different interpretations from both the musicians and the listeners, and contain unfamiliar instruments, sounds or languages, the resulting multi-national and cross-cultural album will break boundaries currently blocking communication, through a shared experience.

Population Served

The prospective audience to be served by this project is expansive. Music is a widely accessible medium through which the project hopes to reach people of all ages in Egypt, Lebanon, the United States, and other nations around the world via the internet, streaming and live performances.

Project Milestones

- Phase 1:** Selection of themes and photographs, and outreach to musicians and orchestras
- Phase 2:** Recording of original compositions and album development
- Phase 3:** Album distribution and choosing a prominent orchestra to perform at a live concert
- Phase 4:** Planning and logistical coordination for the event
- Phase 5:** After the inaugural performance, future events will be planned to hold additional performances that will reach a broader audience in both Eastern and Western countries

Expected Outcome

The outcome of this project will include the production of an album holding 10 tracks of music from Eastern and Western composers, and a live orchestra performance of these compositions. After the completion of the album and the first performance, the project will continue to be promoted and exposure generated via online portals. The creation of dialogue through music between cultures will promote the values of respect, diversity and cooperation between East and the West.

Future events will be held, with different musicians performing the album to communities from both the Egyptian and U.S. regions, to further the project's overall mission - to foster an intercultural experience and develop understanding between East and West through the universal language of music.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

This project ultimately seeks to promote the Gabr Foundation's mission of bridging the gap between the East and West, through the creation of shared experiences at a personal level and by impacting how people perceive their differences, focusing on integration rather than opposition. Music is the universal language of mankind and it can break barriers between cultures and promote dialogue through shared emotion and human understanding.

The East-West Education Forum

Team: Heidi Green and Nayra Gadallah

The Challenge

A recent report by the World Economic Forum ranks Egypt in last place for its quality of primary education. If teachers in Egypt were better trained and properly compensated, and if classrooms were not overcrowded the quality of education would be significantly higher. Education in the United States lacks language and cultural studies, which diminishes its future economic prosperity and global position. Culture influences the method in which students are taught and also how they learn. However, being exposed to new cultures can enhance one's worldview and better shape their methods of learning. Students will be able to explore their cultures, identities and learning abilities, developing into self-learners with entrepreneurial and leadership skills.



Project Overview

Teachers from Egypt and the United States will be trained to teach students using diverse learning styles, for which they will earn a certificate of achievement. Teachers will be selected and paired to go through a series of 4 workshops over the course of 1 month (1 per week), to learn teaching methods that help students become self-learners, and to teach in ways that cater to students with visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning needs. Teachers will discuss what they learn together, compare their perspectives, and establish how they will apply the training to their classrooms, reporting back the impact of how their teaching methods changed and how the students responded.

Each professional development workshop will focus on a topic that addresses challenges in education and emphasizes how cultural understanding and diversity greatly enhance the quality of education. The topics will be as follows:

1. Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to match the needs of students with diverse strengths and abilities
2. UDL applied to classroom behavior management
3. Self-Directed Learning (SDL) methods
4. SDL implementation

At the end of the project, teachers may opt to collaborate in offering their students an educational cultural exchange, whether it be through writing letters, drawing pictures, teaching each other a lesson virtually, or some other idea that aligns with the existing curriculum.

Results reported by teachers will be used for data collection and analysis. In the latter stages of the project, results will be used to compare how methods apply across cultures and how they serve as a basis for further research and ideas. This will initiate discussion in a network of educators across the globe.

The Goals

To help students become self-guided learners through improved teaching methods. To enhance the quality of education in both the United States and Egypt and raise awareness of the need for more innovative and applicable learning and teaching methods. The goal is to also raise awareness of the importance of cross-cultural understanding, as it applies to education and youth development.

Population Served

- Target audience: Teachers in Egypt and the United States
- Secondary audience: Youth in Egypt and the United States

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Connect teachers through virtual exchange and training. Train teachers on self guided learning, behavior management, and universal design principles. Teachers report on the effectiveness and impact of the program

Phase 2: Analyze feedback and measurements of program effectiveness. Report results, develop research ideas and participate in discussion forums

Phase 3: Build a platform and an online network of resources for educators to communicate and collaborate

Phase 4: Develop a toolkit for education advocacy

Expected Outcome

The East-West Educator Forum will build a strong network of educators who can advocate for the improvement of the quality of education in their countries. It will raise awareness of innovative teaching methods and the importance of self-guided learning. Teaching methods that allow students to become self-learners will help them mould into prospective future leaders and entrepreneurial-minded citizens, helping them adapt to an evolving world.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The East-West Education Forum furthers the Gabr Foundation's mission by fostering dialogue and the exchange of ideas between the United States and Egypt, with regard to education. Greater understanding of cultural diversity and education in the United States and Egypt will be built, and education experts will expand their worldview, their resources and their ideas on improving education.

When in Egypt

Team: Kevin DeWar, Mohamed Elattar and Thomas Hanna

The Challenge

Egypt has experienced a significant downturn in tourism over the last 6 years. It has lost over 20 million tourists through 2015 and, in addition, there are persisting negative perceptions of Egypt in the West that continue to limit the amount of people willing to visit the country. The project When in Egypt aims to utilize rideshare advertising and travel bloggers to highlight Egypt's safety, showcase Egypt's destinations and highlight the stability of Egypt's government.



Project Overview

The aim is to publish videos of Western travel bloggers who move through Egypt using rideshare vehicles, as a platform to combat many of the negative stereotypes of Egypt that persist in the West.

The project will focus on travel bloggers so as to take advantage of their wave of followers, to promote Egypt as a desired tourist destination. Bloggers will focus on cuisine, art, nightlife and fashion, and each blogger will be connected with a relevant Egyptian organization, to encourage long-term continued engagement between the blogger, the organization and their respective followers.

This project believes the only way to reverse the downward trend in tourism in Egypt is to overcome Americans' fear for safety in Egypt, by educating them on Egypt's political stability and accommodating laws. The videos will be advertised in rideshare vehicles like Uber and Lyft because airports and local tourist destinations are among their most frequently visited destinations. In addition, rideshare passengers are a captive audience, allowing Egypt to be highlighted in a setting where information can be more readily absorbed, making rideshare passengers the perfect audience.

The Goals

- Boost trade and tourism
- Fight stereotypes of Egypt
- Increase cultural understanding
- Highlight unique aspects of Egypt's culture
- Advertise multiple Egyptian destinations
- Reach over 2 million Americans

Population Served

When in Egypt's videos aim to be seen by 2 million rideshare passengers in the United States.

Project Milestones

Phase 1 Weeks 1-7:

- Create promotional materials to recruit travel bloggers
- Begin outreach to famous travel bloggers and select Westerners
- Reach out to potential sponsors

Phase 2 Weeks 8-11:

- Pitch potential videos to sponsors and confirm creative direction
- Confirm blogger timelines

Phase 3 Weeks 12-28:

- Initiate blogger visits and begin shooting
- Connect bloggers with local organizations for continued engagement
- Initiate video post-production and revision process

Phase 4 Weeks 29+:

- Initiate rideshare advertisement campaign in the United States

Expected Outcome

The campaign aims to be seen by over 2 million U.S. citizens and it will play a large role in boosting Egyptian tourism to pre-2010 levels. By choosing bloggers specializing in cuisine, art, fashion and nightlife, the project hopes to position Egypt's image as a key player in each of those areas.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

'When in Egypt' will further the Foundation's mission of bridging the gap between the East and West by encouraging Westerners to re-engage with Egypt. The project will demystify the already clouded view of Egypt, encourage increased dialogue and promote cultural understanding.





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Ambassador Abdel Rahman Moussa

Ambassador Abdel Rahman Moussa is the Advisor for International Affairs to the Grand Imam of Al Azhar. He is the former Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs and he served as an Ambassador to Poland and the Czech Republic. Ambassador Moussa also served as Director of Security and Strategic Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was delegated to represent Al Azhar at his forum.

Mr. Adel El-Adawy

Mr. Adel El-Adawy is a political researcher focusing on transnational security issues, civil-military relations, and Egyptian foreign policy. He received his Bachelor's degree from The College of Wooster in Ohio, and Master's degree in Political Science from the American University in Washington, D.C. He is currently finishing his doctoral research at the War Studies Department, King's College London, while setting up an international security and foreign policy think-tank in Cairo.

Mr. Ahmed Abul Ella

Mr. Ahmed Abul Ella is an Egyptologist who works as a guide at Abercrombie & Kent. His guiding specialties are Egyptian temples, the ancient Egyptian religion and its strong links to our modern religions. Writing history articles for several Egyptian and international publications and lecturing about Egypt all over the world, Mr. Abul Ella recently published the works entitled "Prophets & Pharaohs", "Concise History of Egypt," and "By way of Accident". He graduated from Cairo University with a Bachelor's Degree in Art and continued his studies at Helwan University and Cairo University School of Archeology, where he received his postgraduate degree in Ancient Egyptian History and Archaeology.

H.E. Ahmed Aboul-Gheit

H.E. Ahmed Aboul-Gheit is an Egyptian diplomat who has been Secretary-General of the Arab League since July 2016 and he previously served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt. H.E. Aboul-Gheit started his career as Third Secretary at the Embassy of Cyprus and subsequently, he was First Secretary for Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations, Political Consultant at the Egyptian Embassy in the Soviet Union, and Ambassador of Egypt to Italy, Macedonia and San Marino. In 1999 he was the head of Egypt's Permanent Delegation to the United Nations.

Dr. Ahmed Darwish

Dr. Ahmed Darwish is the Head of the Suez Canal Zone. Previously he was the Minister of State for Administration Development, which included three major portfolios. The first was the preparation of the National Policy and Strategy Document on e-government, the second portfolio was the design and execution of the Institutional and Human Resources Development Program, and last but not least, the third was governance institutionalization including transparency and integrity in government and the public sector. Dr. Darwish received his B.Sc. in Electronics and Communication Engineering and M.Sc. in Computer Engineering from Cairo University. He received his Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of California, Davis and he received the Egyptian National Engineering Award for the year 1999.

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Mr. Ahmed El Alfi

Mr. Ahmed El Alfi is the Founder and Chairman of Sawari Ventures, with over 25 years of entrepreneurial and TMT-related experience. Previously living in California, Mr. El Alfi relocated to Cairo as the CEO of EFG-Hermes Private Equity and subsequently founded Sawari Ventures. Mr. El Alfi has extensive experience in creating and nurturing early stage companies, as well as structuring international M&A transactions, including several IPOs on the NASDAQ. He has been a member of the Board of Directors and Advisors of Waqf Endowment, Polytechnic School Pasadena, Claremont Graduate School of Religion, and several for profit corporate boards.

Mr. Ahmed Helmy

With almost 18 years of experience spanning from Egyptian dot-coms in the early days of the Internet, to telecom and frontier technology giants in the UK and Europe, Mr. Helmy's professional experience covers the entire communications process. He held a variety of marketing and strategic roles in Kuwait, the UK, Canada and Egypt and he self-started several successful e-commerce destinations and design studios. He joined Ogilvy, a global network of communication disciplines, as a strategic planner at their Kuwait office. Mr. Helmy holds a BA from the American University in Cairo in Integrated Marketing Communications and he has recently moved back to Cairo to head OgilvyRED.

Dr. Aly El-Samman

Dr. Aly El-Samman is President of the International Union for Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue and Peace Education for Europe and Egypt, and also the secretary general of the Association for Economic Information Europe-Egypt. Dr. El-Samman previously served in Paris as Director of the Middle East News Agency and as Director of Egyptian Radio and Television for Western Europe. In Cairo, he was the Foreign Media Advisor to President Anwar Sadat, Director of the Prime Minister's Cabinet for Infrastructure projects for Western Europe, Vice President of the Permanent Committee of Al Azhar for Dialogue with Monotheistic Religions, and advisor to the Grand Imam of Al Azhar for interfaith dialogue, among many others.

Dr. Farid Fadel

Dr. Farid Fadel is a Doctor with a M.Sc. in Ophthalmology and he is also an artist known for his naturalistic approach to painting. Throughout his long career, he has held over 30 solo exhibitions in the USA, Egypt, the UK and Hungary, and he has participated in many group shows. He has been commissioned by high officials and royals to paint their portraits to great acclaim, and he has written four books on art; the last of which is about his journey into the world of Leonardo da Vinci. Music takes a prominent place in his artistic work. Dr. Fadel has won many awards, the first of which was the Pope's Gold medal and Vatican award when he was only 15. In addition to his work as a Doctor and painter, he is currently tutoring young talents in drawing and painting.

Mr. Hafez Al Mirazi

Mr. Hafez Al Mirazi is Professor of Practice in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at the American University in Cairo (AUC). Mr. Al Mirazi has more than 30 years of experience working in both American and Arab broadcast television and radio. Prior to returning to his native Egypt, Mr. Al Mirazi spent 24 years living and working in Washington, D.C. He served as Al Jazeera's U.S. bureau chief and hosted the channel's widely regarded weekly news program From Washington. While in Washington, he also held positions as correspondent and broadcaster at the Voice of America's Arabic service, the BBC Arabic/World Service and the Arab Network of America (ANA).

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Dr. Hala El Said

Dr. Hala El Said is the Dean of Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University, and she also serves as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Public Administration Research and Consultation Center at Cairo University. She is a Non-Executive Director of the Arab African Internal Bank and, prior to that, Dr. El Said served as a Member of the Middle East Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Mr. Hisham El-Khazindar

Mr. Hisham El-Khazindar is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Al Qalaa Holdings. Prior to that, Mr. El-Khazindar was Executive Director of Investment Banking at EFG Hermes, where he started his career and advised on landmark M&A and IPO transactions in the region. Mr. El-Khazindar serves on the boards of several leading regional companies, including El Sewedy Electric and Magrabi Retail, and he is on the Advisory Committee of the Emerging Markets Private Equity Association. He also serves as a Trustee of the American University in Cairo, as a Trustee of the Cairo Children's Cancer Hospital, and as a Fellow of the Aspen Institute's Middle East Leadership Initiative. In 2013 Mr. El-Khazindar was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. He holds a BA in Economics from the American University in Cairo and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Dr. Hossam Badrawi

Dr. Hossam Badrawi is a politician, intellectual, and prominent physician. He is the former head of the Gynecology Department, Faculty of Medicine, at Cairo University. He was a Member of the Egyptian Parliament and Chairman of the Education and Scientific Research Committee in the Parliament. Dr. Badrawi owns the well-known Nile Badrawi Hospital in Cairo's Maadi district. He is also the founder of the Union Party. Dr. Badrawi graduated from Cairo University, went on to Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan and then completed his postgraduate studies at North Western University. He obtained his Ph.D. in science from Sunderland University in the United Kingdom, for outstanding work in higher education reform in the Middle East region.

Mr. Hussein Fahmy

Mr. Hussein Fahmy is a renowned Egyptian actor and director. He graduated from UCLA with a MFA degree (Master of Fine Arts), and continued to teach at the Academy of Arts for 12 years. Mr. Fahmy is a leading movie star and the first UNDP Regional Goodwill Ambassador for the Arab States. He was also President of the Cairo International Film Festival. He worked in film and TV for 40 years, specializing in directing and appearing in more than 100 movies, on TV and in the theatre. In 2007, Mr. Fahmy was named the first Special Olympics Ambassador for the Middle East and North Africa Region.

Dr. John Swanson

Dr. John T. Swanson is Associate Provost at the American University in Cairo, and Joint Professor of Egyptology and History. At various times over the past decade he has served as Director of AUC's Core Curriculum and Director of International Programs. Dr. Swanson served as director of one of AUC's major "outreach" efforts, organizing programs of lectures for visiting college and university groups from the United States and Europe. He also served as lecturer and study leader for many Smithsonian Institution travel programs in Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan and the Arabian Peninsula. Dr. Swanson joined AUC after completing a Ph.D. in African History at Indiana University. He earned a B.A. in History and Latin at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Mr. Karim Haggag

Minister Plenipotentiary Karim Haggag is an Egyptian career diplomat currently serving as Deputy Director of the Egyptian Institute for Diplomatic Studies. Throughout his 20-year diplomatic career, he has focused on Middle East regional security, Arab-Israeli diplomacy, US-Egyptian relations and counter-terrorism. He served in the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, D.C., the cabinet of the Foreign Minister, the Office of the Presidency, the Policy Planning Division and as Director of the Counter-terrorism Unit in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. He was a Visiting Professor at the Near East & South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington. He is a graduate of the American University, Cairo and holds a Master's Degree in War Studies, King's College, London.

Dr. May El Batran

Dr. May El Batran is a Member of Parliament in Egypt and the Founder and CEO of TMA Education Management, Investment and Development, a company founded as a response to the constantly evolving Egyptian education market and a need for cutting edge executive education. Dr. El Batran serves as the Academic Advisor and International Relations Officer of the High Institute for Specific Studies. Dr. El Batran serves on the executive board of the Egyptian Junior Business Association EJB and acts as Vice President of the Middle East Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. She is the youngest member of the Arab Thought Forum (ATF), in Jordan, under patronage of his Royal Highness Prince Hasan Bin Talal and the Arab Sustainability Leadership Group. Dr. El Batran received her Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from Cairo University and her Ph.D. in Health Policy from Swansea University.

Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem

Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem heads Development Works, a Cairo-based non-profit consultancy office and he has over 35 years of experience in international affairs, social development, humanitarian relief operations, and communication. He currently serves as the Coordinate of the UN Working Groups at the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs. He acquired his professional experience through his work for Al-Ahram's Centre for Strategic Studies, the Egyptian Parliament and the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a member of the Minister's Office, moving on to the Department of International Organizations, the Press Department, and the London Embassy. In 1984, he was seconded to UNICEF and served in several countries in the Middle East and South Asia, including the Gulf, Bangladesh, Sudan and Syria, where he initiated a large-scale intervention in support of Iraqi refugees.

Ambassador Mohamed El-Orabi

Ambassador Mohamed El-Orabi is an Egyptian career diplomat and politician who was the Foreign Minister of Egypt and he worked in the Egyptian Army before joining the Foreign Service. He was Deputy Chief of the Egyptian mission to Israel, and also served in Kuwait and in the United Kingdom as Egyptian diplomat. He served as Chief of the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister and was Egyptian Ambassador to Germany. Ambassador El-Orabi also acted as Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs. He currently serves as Member of the Egyptian Parliament and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

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Major General Mohamed Elkeshky

Major General Mohamed Elkeshky is the Assistant to the Minister of Defense. He also served as the Egyptian Defense Attaché to the United States and Canada. Prior to that, Major General Elkeshky served as Egypt's Assistant Defense Attaché in London. He has undertaken military studies in Egypt and the United States, including Egypt's War College, the United States National War College and the U.S. Advanced Artillery Course.

Dr. Mohamed Kamal

Dr. Mohamed Kamal is Professor of Political Science at Cairo University and the American University in Cairo, and Director of the Center of International Area Studies at Cairo University. Dr. Kamal obtained his Ph.D. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), his MA from Carleton University, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Ottawa, Canada, and his BA in Political Science from Cairo University. Dr. Kamal has been a Visiting Professor at the University of California (Berkeley) and the University of Chicago, and was a Congressional Fellow with the American Political Science Association. He has several publications in Arabic and English on international, regional and domestic politics.

H.E. Minister Mohamed Yehia Rashed

Minister Rashed is the Egyptian Minister of Tourism. He is a seasoned hotel manager, having worked in the hotel industry in various countries around the world. His career in the hospitality business has seen him work for Marriott for 33 years in the United States, Europe and Africa. He was the General Manager of the then newly-opened Paris Marriott in the Champs-Élysées. After spending more than seven years in the French capital, he moved to Amsterdam where he became the General Manager of the Dutch capital's Renaissance Hotel. Minister Rashed graduated from the Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management at Helwan University, and worked as Chief Leading Officer at the Egyptian Tourism Unit of renowned Kuwaiti Conglomerate Al-Kharafi.

The Honorable Mona Makram-Ebeid

The Honorable Mona Makram-Ebeid is a lecturer of Political Science and Sociology at The American University in Cairo. She is an established persona in the Egyptian political and intellectual community. Between 1990-1995, Honorable Makram-Ebeid had been a vocal and dynamic member of the Egyptian Parliament, where she served as Senator on the committees of Foreign Affairs, Education and Budget.

H.E. Moushira Khattab

H.E. Moushira Khattab has a longstanding record of social, diplomatic and ministerial work as an active, leading woman and a world-renowned expert in the areas of development and human rights. She served as Egypt's Minister of Family and Population and Assistant Foreign Minister for Cultural Relations. She served as Egypt's first Ambassador to Nelson Mandela's South Africa, after being the country's Ambassador to the Czech and Slovak Republics. She graduated in Cairo University and got her Bachelor Degree in Political Science. She later got her Master's Degree in the same field from the University of North Carolina, United States, and a Ph.D. in International Human Rights Law from Cairo University.

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Dr. Mostafa El Feki

Dr. Mostafa El Feki is a politician, a diplomat, an academic, and a political thinker and writer. He served in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry in London, where he received his Ph.D. He also served in India as an Ambassador. He was a permanent representative of Egypt to the International Atomic Energy Agency and also a Permanent Representative of Egypt to the Arab League. He was the Secretary to the former President of Egypt, Hosny Mubarak, and the former First Assistant to the Foreign Minister. He is the author of seventeen books on international affairs, political theory, and Middle Eastern policies. Dr. El Feki is an active member in the Supreme Council of Culture, National Council of Human Rights and the National Council of Women, as well as a member of various civil associations in Egypt and abroad.

Dr. Naila Hamdy

Dr. Naila Hamdy is Associate Professor and Chair of the Journalism and Mass Communication department at the American University in Cairo. Dr. Hamdy is also the Past President and a member of the board of the Arab-US Association for Communication Educators, a member of the Broadcast Educators Association, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, and the International Association for Media and Communication Research. She is a former television journalist who continues to contribute to the journalism field through her work as a media consultant. She is currently a member of the steering committee for the Independent Egyptian Editors Association (EEA).

Dr. Noha Bakr

Dr. Noha Bakr is a Political Science Professor at the American University in Cairo, teaching International Organizations and Human Rights. Prior to that, Dr. Bakr served as Assistant to the Minister of International Cooperation, where she was in charge of international economic cooperation with the Americas. She is a Distinguished Alumni of the American University in Cairo, Distinguished Alumni of National Defense University, Washington D.C., as well as Alumni of Cairo University, Lafarge University and SWAMOS Program of War Studies, Columbia University. Her publications are focused on the field of security and international organizations. Dr. Bakr has worked as a consultant to UNDP on a project on Democracy in the Last 50 years in Africa. She is also a member of the Egyptian Council of Foreign Relations, a member of the Arab Network for Tolerance and a member of the Egyptian International Economic Forum.

Mr. Omar Salah Bassiouny

Mr. Omar S. Bassiouny is the Co-Founder and Executive Partner of Matouk Bassiouny. Mr. Bassiouny headed the firm's Corporate/M&A group and has been consistently ranked in the top tier by legal periodicals in the areas of corporate law and mergers and acquisitions, with a specific edge in Private Equity transactions. Mr. Bassiouny focuses on all corporate matters including M&A, public takeovers, restructuring and cross-border transactions. In addition to corporate, he has significant experience on all aspects of investing and doing business in Egypt.

Mr. Ossama Kamal

Mr. Ossama Kamal is an Egyptian writer and journalist. He has worked as the cultural editor of the Ahrām Newspaper (2008-2012), a journalist for Egypt Today (2012-2013), and the producing editor of 'Al Sillum W Al Thaaban.' His works have been featured in Badil Newspaper, Arab Voice, Cairo Newspaper, the Witness, and the Egyptian Republic Newspaper, among many others. Mr. Kamal has also been a TV presenter on several satellite channels.

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Dr. Rania Elwani

Dr. Rania Elwani is a three-time Olympian in swimming. She was a champion for 11 years in a row, and she is the first Arab woman to make it to the finals of the Olympic Games in swimming. Dr. Elwani has competed in three Olympic Games: 1992 in Barcelona, 1996 in Atlanta and 2000 in Sydney. She also participated in the Swimming World Championships in Rome in 1994, and Perth in 1998. Apart from being a world-class swimming champion, Dr. Rania Elwani is also a medical Doctor specialized in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She was elected as a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission in 2004.

Mrs. Rania Shalaby

Mrs. Rania Shalaby is Director of Business Development at INJAZ Egypt. Leading the organization's fundraising and development initiatives, she also oversees media, public relations, events, donor acquisition and retention, and community engagement. She completed her graduate degree in Comparative Literature and since then has assumed various roles in development and communications in Egypt, most recently managing donor relations at The American University in Cairo. Over the past four years she has also supported Egypt's burgeoning entrepreneurship ecosystem, as a mentor and startup competition judge.

H.E. Dr. Sahar Nasr

H.E. Dr. Nasr earned her Professorship from the Supreme Council of Universities. She is a Professor of Economics at The American University in Cairo and a Lecturer at several Egyptian and foreign universities. Throughout her academic career, she published over 60 research papers, technical reports and books, merging her technical and practical expertise in the fields of international finance, economic development, private sector and SME development, as well as the fields of financial reform, the labor market, women empowerment, and economic legislation. H.E. Dr. Nasr also serves as Governor of Egypt to several institutions such as The World Bank, The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

H.E. Minister Sameh Hassan Shoukry

H.E. Minister Sameh Hassan Shoukry is the Foreign Minister of Egypt. Previously, Minister Shoukry served as the Ambassador of Egypt to the United States, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the International Organizations in Vienna, Governor of Egypt on the Board of Governors of the IAEA, Chairman of the Group of 77 & China to the International Organizations in Vienna and Head of Delegation for the Negotiations on the International Treaty to Combat Transnational Organized Crime, Vienna.

Mr. Sean Cleary

Mr. Sean Cleary is Chairman of Strategic Concepts (Pty) Ltd., Managing Director of the Centre for Advanced Governance, and Founder and Executive Vice Chair of the Future World Foundation and Chairman of Atlantic Holdings (Pty) Ltd. He studied Social Sciences and Law at the University of South Africa, the University of Cape Town, and Pahlavi University in Iran, and holds a MBA from Henley Management College at Brunel University in the United Kingdom. He served in the South African Navy on the staff of the Commander Maritime Defense, before beginning a diplomatic career in the Middle East, the United States and Namibia. He is the co-author of two books on risk: "Resilience to Risk" (Human and Rousseau, 2006), and "Global Risks" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007).

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Dr. Sherine Al-Shawarby

Dr. Sherine Al-Shawarby is a Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science in Cairo University. She is currently the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science for Community Affairs and Environment Development. Prior to that, Dr. Al-Shawarby was a Senior Economist at the World Bank office in Cairo. She also worked as an advisor to a number of international, regional and national organizations, including the World Food Program, the World Bank, and the US Agency for International Development.

Ambassador Stephen Beecroft

Ambassador Stephen Beecroft was confirmed by the Senate as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt in 2014. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Ambassador Beecroft served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. Prior to his service in Iraq, Ambassador Beecroft served as Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Overseas he has served at the U.S. embassies in Baghdad, Amman, Riyadh, and Damascus. He is a recipient of the Department of State's Meritorious, Superior, and Distinguished Honor Awards. He holds a B.A. from Brigham Young University and a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

His Grace Anba Youannes

His Grace Anba Youannes was a surgeon physician before becoming a monk. Later, he was appointed as the Secretary of Pope Shenoudah III, and he was also the Bishop in charge of public and ecumenical affairs. Currently, he is the Bishop of Assiut, Selim coast, Elbadary and all its belongings. He is a member of three committees in the Holy Synod: Ecclesiastical Relations Committee, Diocesan Affairs Committee and the Rituals Committee. He is also a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. He is known for his services with Egypt's youth and families.

Mr. Zeyad Elkelani

Mr. Zeyad Elkelani, a 2014 Gabr Fellow, is a tenured Assistant Lecturer of political works at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, as well as the Political Science Coordinator at the International Relations Office. Mr. Elkelani received a joint MA degree in Comparative Middle East Politics and Society from both The American University in Cairo and Tübingen University in Germany, and BSc in Political Science from Cairo University. Before joining Cairo University, he worked for AMIDEAST, an American NGO based in MENA. Prior to that, he worked as Research Assistant at the Future Studies Unit in Bibliotheca Alexandrina. In addition to his academic interests, he is a frequent media contributor and writes for several media outlets such as the Huffington Post.

Shafik Gabr

Mr. M. Shafik Gabr, Chairman and Managing Director of the ARTOC Group for Investment & Development, is a renowned leader in international business, one of the world's premier collectors of Orientalist art, and an accomplished philanthropist.

ARTOC Group for Investment & Development has celebrated 45 years of successful investment activities in November 2016 and is a multi-disciplined investment holding company with subsidiaries operating in the fields of industry, automotive, airport terminals, energy, real estate and technology.

Mr. Gabr is the Chairman and a founding member of Egypt's International Economic Forum, member of the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum and serves on Yale University President's Council on International Activities. Mr. Gabr serves on the Advisory Boards of Omega Capital, Stanhope Capital, LLP, Brandeis University's Crown Center for Middle East Studies and the Global Advisory Council of the Mayo Clinic. Mr. Gabr is also a member of the Friends of Fletcher, Tufts University.

Mr. Gabr was previously the Chairman of COMESA (Common Market for East and South Africa) Business Council and a member of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce (Paris), and served on the advisory boards of Zurich Financial Services and The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Furthermore, Mr. Gabr was a founder of the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt in 1982, serving as its first Egyptian President from 1995 until 1997.

Mr. Gabr ranks among Arabian Business and The Middle East magazines 2012 "Most Influential Arabs" and "Our Top 50 Arabs". In 2009 Mr. Gabr was presented with the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) award for Corporate Responsibility. In June 2014 Mr. Gabr was awarded the Meridian Global Citizen Award and in November 2014 the Middle East Institute's Visionary Award. In March 2015 Mr. Gabr received the American University in Cairo's Global Impact Award in New York. In May 2016 Mr. Gabr was awarded the College of Mount Saint Vincent's Saint Vincent de Paul Award and the Drew University's Peacebuilder Award.

Through the Shafik Gabr Social Development Foundation, Mr. Gabr is helping to improve elementary-school education throughout his native Egypt, introducing students to arts and culture and promoting sports and physical fitness for youth. In the area of higher education, Mr. Gabr is a major Egyptian supporter of the American University in Cairo. The Foundation also developed a free medical-care system by providing "Medical Caravans", for residents of underprivileged areas of Greater Cairo. The Foundation is constructing and launching its first Medical and Social Development Center in Mokattam, Cairo, offering free medical and health services. In 2012 Mr. Gabr established in the US the Shafik Gabr Foundation which supports educational and medical initiatives plus launched in November 2012 the *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* initiative (see www.eastwestdialogue.org) promoting exchanges between the US and Egypt with the purpose of cultural dialogue and bridge building.

Mr. Gabr holds a BA in Economics and Management from the American University in Cairo and a MA in Economics from the University of London.



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Ambassador Ahmed Farouk

Ambassador Ahmed Farouk is the Consul General for Egypt posted in New York City. The Ambassador's previous work saw him serve as the Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Inspection, 2012-2013; Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for International Legal Affairs, 2011, while concurrently serving as the Chairman of the U.N. Working Group 4 to Countering Piracy off the coast of Somalia, and Ambassador of Egypt to Slovenia, 2007-2011. Prior to 2007, the Ambassador served in various positions of increasing responsibility within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Alexander Mirtchev

Dr. Mirtchev is president of Krull Corp., USA, a macroeconomic consultancy with a focus on new economic trends and emerging policy challenges. He serves and has served as chairman and director of multi-billion dollar international industrial enterprises, chairman of a joint venture with a high-end risk-mitigation services NASDAQ-listed corporation, independent director of an SWF and as director for a top-rated Washington D.C. law firm.

Dr. Allen Keiswetter

Dr. Allen Keiswetter, a retired Senior Foreign Service Officer, is a Scholar at the Middle East Institute, Senior Consultant at C&O Resources and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland. He has taught courses on Islam and on the Middle East at the National War College and the National Defense Intelligence College. He served as the Senior Advisor on the Middle East to the US Delegation to the General Assembly. In his 36 years at the Department of State, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Director of Arabian Peninsula Affairs in the Near East Bureau and Director of the Office of Intelligence Liaison in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. He also served as NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs in Brussels.

Mr. Amitabh Desai

Mr. Amitabh Desai, with 18 years of experience in finance, public health, policy creation, and diplomacy, serves as the Foreign Policy Adviser to President Clinton and the Clinton Foundation.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Mr. Andrew Miller serves in the National Security Council at the White House as Director for Egypt and Israel Military Affairs in the Middle East and North Africa Directorate. Mr. Miller was previously with the Department of State where he served as the Egypt analyst in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR). He previously spent time on the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff (S/P), covering the Middle East/North African portfolio at the outset of the Arab Awakening. A former Presidential Management Fellow, he has also served as a political officer at U.S. Embassies in Cairo and Doha. Mr. Miller received a B.A. in Political Science from Dickinson College and a M.A. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia, where he is completing his Ph.D. dissertation on U.S. mediation in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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Mr. Barry Pavel

Mr. Barry Pavel is Vice President, Arnold Kanter Chair, and Director of the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security at the Atlantic Council, focusing on emerging security challenges, defense strategies and capabilities, and key European and global defense issues. Prior to joining the Atlantic Council, he was a career member of the Senior Executive Service in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy for almost eighteen years. From 2008 to 2010, he served as the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy on the National Security Council (NSC) staff, serving both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama.

Mr. Brian Sullivan

Mr. Brian Sullivan is co-anchor of CNBC's "Power Lunch" and the host of "Talking Numbers." He also writes for CNBC.com and the recently re-launched CNBC PRO. Mr. Sullivan joined CNBC in May 2011 and is based at the network's Global Headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Mr. Sullivan has more than 15 years of financial broadcasting experience, having served as an anchor at Fox Business Network, and prior to that, as producer, reporter and anchor at Bloomberg Television.

Ms. E. Candace Putnam

Ms. Putnam is the Senior Transition Advisor for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department. Her previous postings included Director of Egyptian Affairs at the State Department, Consul General Alexandria, Deputy Chief of Mission Beirut, Cyrus Vance Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, Consul General Peshawar and Political Counselor Islamabad.

Mr. Chris Jarvis

Mr. Chris Jarvis is the mission chief for Egypt and a Division Chief at the International Monetary Fund's Middle East and Central Asia Department. He was previously in the IMF's European Department where he led missions to Belarus and then Ukraine. Prior to that, he was a speechwriter for Mr. Rodrigo de Rato and Mr. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, former Managing Directors at the IMF.

Mr. Curt Silvers

Mr. Curt Silvers has thirty years of experience addressing government relations, foreign policy, trade and defense issues both within and outside the U.S. government. He has served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was a Professional Staff Member on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, Founding Partner of Vanguard Government Strategies, LLC and was formerly Executive Vice President at the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

Congressman Dana Rohrabacher

Congressman Dana Rohrabacher is currently serving his 13th term in Congress and represents California's scenic 48th District. As Chairman of the Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, he is a forceful spokesman for human rights and democracy around the world.

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Ms. Dana Stroul

Ms. Dana Stroul currently serves as the Senior Professional Staff Member for the Middle East and North Africa on the Senate Foreign Relations Committees (SFRC), Democratic staff. Her portfolio includes North Africa, the Levant, the Gulf States, Iran and Turkey.

Dr. Daniel Serwer

Dr. Daniel Serwer directs the Conflict Management Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is also a Senior Fellow at its Center for Transatlantic Relations and affiliated as a Scholar with the Middle East Institute. Formerly Vice President for Centers of Peacebuilding Innovation at the United States Institute of Peace, where he led teams working on rule of law, religion, economics, media, technology, security sector governance, and gender. As a minister-counselor at the U.S. Department of State, Dr. Serwer directed the European Office of Intelligence and Research and served as U.S. special envoy and coordinator for the Bosnian Federation, mediating between Croats and Muslims and negotiating the first agreement reached at the Dayton peace talks.

Congressman Darrell Issa

Congressman Darrell Issa represents the citizens of the 49th Congressional District in the State of California, in the United States House of Representatives. Prior to being elected to the House of Representatives, the Congressman served as the Chief Executive Officer of California-based Directed Electronics, a company that the Congressman founded and built in the mid-1990s, to become the nation's largest manufacturer of vehicle anti-theft devices. The Congressman is currently a member of the House Judiciary Committee where he serves as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, and the House of Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. David Hamod

Mr. David Hamod is President and CEO of the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC), a position he accepted in 2004. Since its inception almost 50 years ago, NUSACC has been the preeminent organization for fostering trade and investment between the United States and the 22 countries of the Arab world.

General (Retired) David H. Petraeus

General (Retired) David H. Petraeus joined KKR in June 2013 as Chairman of the KKR Global Institute. He also serves as a Visiting Professor of Public Policy, CUNY's Macaulay Honors College, as a Judge Widney Professor, University of Southern California and as a Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Harvard University's Belfer Center. Prior to joining KKR, General Petraeus served over 37 years in the U.S. military. Following his service in the military, he served as Director of the CIA.

Ambassador David Thorne

Ambassador David Thorne was named Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State in August 2013. Among other duties, Secretary Kerry has asked Ambassador Thorne to lead a Department-wide effort to position economic and commercial issues more prominently within the U.S. foreign policy landscape. Most recently, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to Italy from 2009-2013, following in the footsteps of his father, Landon Thorne Jr., who was administrator of the Marshall Plan for Italy (1953-1956). Prior to his service with the Department of State, Ambassador Thorne co-founded Adviser Investments, one of the nation's most highly regarded investment advisory firms specializing in Vanguard and Fidelity mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.

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Dr. Diana C. Patch

Dr. Diana C. Patch, Lila Acheson Wallace Curator in Charge, is an Egyptologist specializing in archaeology, who received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Patch has taught courses at the Institute of Fine Arts, City University of New York, and Rutgers University, and also lectures extensively. For the past 35 years, Dr. Patch has carried out fieldwork in Egypt and she is currently co-director of the Joint Expedition to Malqata - a project for mapping, excavating, and restoring the festival city of Amenhotep III in western Thebes.

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger is serving his seventh term in the United States House of Representatives for the citizens of Maryland's 2nd District. The Congressman currently serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, including the Defense and State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs subcommittees. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for allocating hundreds of billions of federal dollars each year. The assignment comes after a committee-record of 12 years serving on the House Intelligence Committee, including four as Ranking Member.

Congressman Ed Royce

U.S. Representative Ed Royce serves California's 39th Congressional District. His priorities in Congress are: addressing the national debt, protecting the United States, eliminating pork-barrel spending, fighting crime and supporting victims of crime, strengthening education for all students, spurring job creation and strengthening Social Security and Medicare. For the 114th Congress, Congressman Royce was selected to be Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and he has held that position since January 2013.

Senator Edward J. Markey

While serving for 37 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, then Congressman Markey became Dean of the Massachusetts delegation in the House. He was elected to the Senate in a special election in June 2013. In the House of Representatives, Senator Markey served as the Ranking Member of the Natural Resources Committee. From 2007 to 2010, he served as Chairman of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, a signature committee established by then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi. He also served on the Energy and Commerce Committee, where he was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment.

Dr. Eric Trager

Dr. Eric Trager, the Esther K. Wagner Fellow at The Washington Institute, is an expert on Egyptian politics and the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt. He was in Egypt during the 2011 anti-Mubarak revolts and returns frequently to conduct firsthand interviews with leaders in Egypt's government, military, political parties, media and civil society.

Dr. Gawdat Bahgat

Dr. Gawdat Bahgat is Professor of National Security Affairs at the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Study. He is an Egyptian-born specialist in Middle Eastern policy, particularly Egypt, Iran and the Gulf region.

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Mr. George Selim

Mr. George Selim is Director for Community Partnerships at the White House. Mr. Selim was previously a Senior Policy Adviser in the Office for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). His primary duties involved advising department leadership on policy issues at the intersection of civil rights and homeland security. In 2009, he helped create the National Security Internship to train Arabic-speaking college students for careers in public service.

The Honorable Georgette Mosbacher

The Honorable Georgette Mosbacher is the President of Georgette Mosbacher Enterprises, Inc. and was the former Chairman and CEO of La Prairie. She is currently on the boards of the Atlantic Council, The Fallen Heroes Fund and Business Executives for National Security (BENS). She has a BS Degree from Indiana University, and honorary doctorate degrees from Bryant College and the International Fine Arts College.

Dr. Gonul Tol

Dr. Gonul Tol is the Founding Director of The Middle East Institute's Center for Turkish Studies. She is also an adjunct professor at George Washington University's Institute for Middle East Studies and writes a weekly column for the liberal Turkish daily Radikal. She was also an adjunct professor at the College of International Security Affairs at the National Defense University. She has taught courses on Islamist movements in Western Europe, Turkey, world politics, and the Middle East.

Ambassador Gordon Gray

Ambassador Gordon Gray is the Executive Vice President at the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce. He recently retired from the U.S. government after 35 years of public service. Prior to his retirement he was the Deputy Commandant at the National War College. Ambassador Gray served as the U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia from 2009 until 2012, witnessing the start of the Arab Spring and directing the U.S. response in support of Tunisia's transition.

Dr. Graeme Bannerman

Dr. Graeme Bannerman is the founder of Bannerman Associates, an international consulting firm. He is a former staffer for Middle East and South Asia on US Senate Foreign Relations Committee (1979-1987), as well as a former Middle East analyst on US State Department Policy Planning Staff.

Dr. Gregory Copley

Dr. Gregory Copley, President of the International Strategic Studies Association, is an Australian author, philosopher, and industrialist who has, for more than four decades, worked as an advisor to governments in the areas of strategic policy, intelligence and security. He is based mainly in the Washington, D.C. area, but spends much of his time in Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

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Congressman Jeff Fortenberry

Congressman Jeff Fortenberry represents Nebraska's First Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. He is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for the expenditures of the United States government. He serves on three subcommittees with importance for our national and economic security: Energy and Water, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and State and Foreign Operations. In Congress, Congressman Fortenberry serves as co-chair of the Nuclear Security Working Group, co-chair of the Caucus on Religious Minorities in the Middle East and co-chair of the Congressional Study Group on Europe.

Senator Joe Manchin

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin was sworn into the United States Senate in November 2010. Legislatively, job creation is Senator Manchin's top priority, and he believes that government should act as a partner, not an adversary, in helping to create the environment that produces good American jobs. Senator Manchin currently serves on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, and the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Congressman Keith Ellison

Congressman Keith Ellison represents Minnesota's 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Fifth District includes the City of Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs and is one of the most vibrant and ethnically diverse districts in Minnesota.

Dr. Jonathan Golden

Dr. Jonathan Golden is Director of the Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict at Drew University, an interdisciplinary institution focused on global peacebuilding and interfaith leadership. He is Convener of the Certificate in Conflict Resolution and Leadership offered by Drew's Caspersen School of Graduate Studies.

Major General Khaled Megawer

Major General Khaled Megawer serves as the Defense Attaché of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United States of America. He was appointed to this position in January 2015. In his prior assignment, Major General Megawer served as Chief of Operations and then Assistant to the Commander of Egypt's Field Army from 2012 to 2015.

Ms. Lisa MacDougall

Ms. Lisa MacDougall is a Vice President in the Goldman Sachs Office of Corporate Engagement. She is the Director of Programs for 10,000 Women, the Firm's flagship global philanthropic initiative, that fosters economic growth by providing women entrepreneurs with business education and access to capital. Ms. MacDougall manages 10,000 Women's partnership with IFC to create a \$600 million finance facility, which will enable 10,000 women entrepreneurs around the world to access capital.

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Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart

Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart is currently fulfilling his 7th term in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving Florida's 25th Congressional District. The Congressman is a senior member of the House Committee on Appropriations and is chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, in addition to serving on the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs and the Defense Subcommittees. He also serves on the House Committee on the Budget.

Brigadier General (Retired) Mark T. Kimmitt

The Honorable Mark T. Kimmitt advises firms on security and defense matters in the Middle East. Until 2009, Brigadier General Kimmitt served as Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs. In that capacity, he was responsible for worldwide Department of State political-military issues, with particular emphasis on security assistance and defense trade, as well as serving as the principal liaison between the Departments of State and Defense.

Mr. Mark Morehouse

Mr. Mark Morehouse is a professional staff member on the Armed Services Committee of the US House of Representatives. He has served in this capacity since January 2015. He is responsible for advising the chairman of the committee, Representative Mac Thornberry of Texas, on issues related to Africa, security cooperation programs, and detainee policy.

Dr. Mary Morton

Dr. Mary Morton is curator and head of the French paintings department at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. She received her Bachelor's degree from Stanford University in History, and her Ph.D. from Brown University, concentrating on 19th and early 20th century European painting. Dr. Morton began her curatorial career in the European Art department at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and spent five years as associate curator of paintings at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

Brigadier General Michael Fantini

Brigadier General Michael A. Fantini is the Principal Director for Middle East Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington D.C. He formulates and provides oversight of defense policy and national security strategy for 14 Middle East nations, to include Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

Ambassador Michael A. Sheehan

Ambassador Michael A. Sheehan was the former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (ASD SO/LIC). In this capacity, he served as the Secretary of Defense's Principal Civilian Adviser on programs, policies, and resources for special operations.

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Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader

Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader is Deputy Assistant Secretary in the International and Foreign Language Education Office at the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE).

Congressman Nick Rahall

Former U.S. Representative, Congressman Nick Rahall represented West Virginia's Third Congressional District. He served on both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and also on the Public Works Committee for the entire 19 consecutive terms that he served in the U.S. House of Representatives. First elected in 1976, Congressman Rahall is recognized with the distinction of being the youngest-elected, longest serving Member in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ms. Paige Alexander

Ms. Paige Alexander is the Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for the Middle East. Ms. Alexander leads the Bureau, including the efforts of USAID missions and development programs in ten countries from North Africa through the Middle East.

Mr. Rob Malley

Mr. Rob Malley is currently serving as the National Security Council's Special Assistant to the President, Senior Advisor to the President for the Counter-ISIL Campaign, and White House Coordinator for the Middle East, North Africa, and Gulf Region. He is one of the USA's most respected experts on the Middle East, and since February 2014 Mr. Malley has played a critical role in forming the Obama Administration's policy on Iran, Iraq, Syria and the Gulf. He served as Executive Assistant to National Security Advisor Sandy Berger between 1996 and 1998.

Dr. Robert Satloff

Dr. Robert Satloff has served since 1993 as Executive Director of The Washington Institute. In that capacity, he oversees all Institute operations and leads the organization's unparalleled team of Middle East scholars, experts and policy practitioners. He also holds the Institute's Howard P. Berkowitz Chair in U.S. Middle East Policy. He is an expert on Arab and Islamic politics, as well as U.S. Middle East policy.

Dr. Samuel Greene

Dr. Samuel Greene is an Associate Professor at the National Defense College in the United Arab Emirates and the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. He previously taught at Howard Payne University in Texas and served as a Research Assistant at the Center for Technology and National Security Policy at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Scott Carpenter

Mr. Scott Carpenter is the Deputy Director of Google Ideas where he drives implementation of the team's overall strategy and manages the portfolio addressing illicit networks. Prior to joining Google, Mr. Carpenter founded and directed Project Fikra as the Keston Family Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, where he remains an adjunct fellow.

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Mr. Shahier Rahman

Before joining 1776 Startup Incubator, Mr. Shahier Rahman was on the founding team of Canvas, the first tech incubator in Central Florida. Before launching Canvas, Mr. Rahman worked as a legislative aide for the Florida Senate, where he conducted work on the intersection between State Government and the technology industry.

Mr. Steve Forbes

Mr. Steve Forbes is President and Chief Executive Officer of Forbes, Editor-in-Chief of Forbes magazine and a member of the Board of Directors of FreedomWorks Foundation. The company's flagship publication, Forbes, is the nation's leading business magazine, with a circulation of 900,000.

Lieutenant General (Retired) Terry Wolff

Lieutenant General Terry Wolff became the Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL in November 2013, after taking a leave of absence from the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. He previously served as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5 for the Joint Staff from September 2011 until December 2013.

Mr. Thomas M. Sanderson

Mr. Thomas M. Sanderson works on terrorism, transnational crime, global trends and intelligence. He currently investigates violent extremist activity across Africa and the Middle East. Mr. Sanderson has conducted fieldwork in more than 60 countries, where he engages militants, traffickers, intelligence officials, journalists, social activists, NGOs, and clergy.

Brigadier General (Retired) Tom Cosentino

Brigadier General (Retired) Guy "Tom" Cosentino is Vice President for Policy at Business Executives for National Security (BENS), a nation-wide member based non-profit organization of Business Executives, dedicated to improving the relationship between business and the broader National Security Enterprise and helping the government become more efficient in its business practices.

Mr. William Miner

Mr. William "Skip" Miner is a politico-military expert and retired U.S. Navy Commander. He served in the Navy from 1967 to 1988. For the last quarter century Mr. Miner has worked on US-Egyptian relations, explaining American policies to Egyptians and explaining Egyptian policies to Americans. In this capacity, he worked closely with policymakers in both governments as well as consulting the wider community interested in the intricacies of the bilateral relationship.

Ambassador William Taylor

Ambassador William B. Taylor is the Executive Vice President at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Earlier, he was the special coordinator for Middle East Transitions in the U.S. State Department. He oversaw assistance and support to Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Syria and he served as the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, from 2006 to 2009.

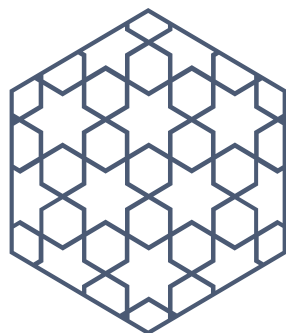




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The Gabr Fellowship Program has created a unique space for Western and Eastern emerging leaders to bridge the East-West divide. As envisioned by its founder Shafik Gabr, The Gabr Fellowship seeks to promote collaborative dialogue between Egyptians and Americans. Its mission states: “In an increasingly interconnected world, cross-cultural understanding and professional networks are essential for peace and progress.”

The Egyptian program advanced “peace and progress” by connecting the Fellows through a multidisciplinary, entrepreneurial approach to human endeavors in the fields of art, science, media and the law. The program provided the 22 Egyptian, American and Lebanese Fellows with the opportunity to meet with leading figures in Egypt in policymaking, civic engagement, governance, communications, youth activism, arts and academia.

The young men and women participating in the program are shaping their countries’ futures, forging their alliances, creating their businesses, and setting their roles on the global stage. The program in Egypt provided the Gabr Fellows with a hands-on, in-depth exploration of Egyptian history, culture, politics, and enterprise. It allowed them to envisage exchanges and programs that enhance cooperation and understanding, while moving forward common business, diplomatic, and cultural goals between Egypt, the U.S. and Lebanon.

In the Egyptian program, through direct engagement the Fellows discovered the present challenges Egypt faces, but also the future vision and ambitions of the Egyptian people. This encompassed candid and direct discussions focused on many subjects pertaining to Egypt, the region and Egyptian – “Western” bilateral relations.

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Friday, September 2

Cairo

4:00pm - 6:00pm Introductory session for all Fellows

Ms. Salma Salem, Senior Strategic Advisor to the Chairman, Shafik Gabr Foundation
Ms. Sarah Elzeini, Director at the Shafik Gabr Foundation

Zeyad Elkelani, 2014 Gabr Fellow
Ahmed El Naggar, 2014 Gabr Fellow
Basma El Baz, 2015 Gabr Fellow

6:00pm - 7:00pm Managing Turbulence: The State of the World
Speaker: **Mr. Sean Cleary**, Chairman of Strategic Concepts and Executive Vice-Chair of the Future World Foundation

7:00pm - 9:00pm Welcome Dinner with **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**



Gabr Fellows with Mr. Sean Cleary, Dr. Marianne Azer, Member of Parliament, and Mr. M. Shafik Gabr

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Saturday, September 3

Cairo

- 9:00am - 10:00am Egypt: The Root of all Civilizations
Mr. Ahmed Abul Ella, Egyptologist
- 11:00am - 12:00pm Political Transition
Dr. Hossam Badrawi, Political Expert
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Technology and the Future
Dr May El Batran, Member of Parliament and CEO, TMA Education Management, Investment and Development Founder and Chairperson, People Development Foundation
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Towards a New Order in the Middle East
Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem, Head of Development Works
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm Intercultural Diplomacy
Ambassador Mohamed El-Orabi, Member of the Parliament and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm The Suez Canal Zone: Putting Egypt on the Global Investment Map
Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Head of the Suez Canal Zone
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm The Art of Dialogue
Mr. Hussein Fahmy, Actor and Former Ambassador of Goodwill to the Olympics
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Dinner Reception hosted by **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**



Gabr Fellows with Former Parliamentarian Dr. Hossam Badrawi, and Dr. May El Batran, Member of Parliament and CEO, TMA Education Management, Investment and Development, Founder and Chairperson, People Development Foundation

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Sunday, September 4
Cairo

- 9:30am - 10:30am Corporate Governance & Recent Legislative Change
Mr. Omar Salah Bassiouny, Executive Partner & Head of Corporate M&A
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Egyptian Women Achievements on the International Sphere
Ambassador Moushira Khattab, Former Minister of State for Family and Population
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm Driving Sustainable Economic Growth: Challenges and Opportunities
Mr. Hisham El-Khazindar, Al Qalaa Co-Founder and Managing Director
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm Egypt – US Cooperation
H.E. Dr. Sahar Nasr, Minister of International Cooperation
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm Reshaping the Global Conversation through Digital & Social Media
Mr. Ahmed Helmy, Managing Director at Ogilvy Red Cairo
- 7:30pm - 8:30pm Global Terrorism and the Role of Egypt
Mr. Karim Haggag, Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Director of the Institute for Diplomatic Studies



Gabr Fellows with H.E. Moushira Khattab, Former Minister of Population



*Gabr Fellows with H.E. Dr. Sahar Nasr,
Minister of International Cooperation*

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Monday, September 5

Cairo

- 9:00am - 10:30am An Overview of the current situation in the Arab Region
H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary General of the Arab League
- 11:30am - 1:00pm Religious Extremism: the Cause and the Cure
Ambassador Abdel Rahman Moussa, Advisor of International Affairs to the Grand Imam of Al Azhar
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm The Economic-Political Matrix of the Egypt-US Relations
Dr. Noha Bakr, Political Science Professor at AUC
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Why Media Matters but is Hated in Egypt
Mr. Hafez Al Mirazi, Professor of Practice at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at AUC
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Egypt's Future: The Hope vs. the Reality
Dr. Mostafa El Feki, Former Parliamentarian and Political Expert
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Art for Peace
Dr. Farid Fadel, Artist and Ophthalmologist
- 8:30pm - 10:00 pm Felucca Dinner



*Gabr Fellows with H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit,
Secretary General of the Arab League*



*Gabr Fellows with Ambassador Abdel Rahman Moussa,
Advisor of International Affairs to the Grand Imam of Al Azhar*

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Tuesday, September 6

Cairo

- 9:30am - 10:30am** Intergenerational Value Change in Post-2011 Egypt
Mr. Zeyad Elkelani, Teaching Assistant of Political Science at Cairo University, 2014 Gabr Fellow
- 11:30am - 1:00pm** Overview of Political and Economic Challenges in Egypt
Dr. Hala El Said, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science;
Dr. Sherine El Shawarby, Professor of Economics and **Dr. Mohamed Kamal**, Professor of Political Science
- 2:30pm - 3:30pm** Entrepreneurship: An Alternative Path or a Life Goal?
Mrs. Rania Shalaby, Director of Business Development at Injaz
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm** The Role of Media in Egypt, The Present and the Future
Mr. Ossama Kamal, Journalist and TV Host
- 9:00pm - 10:00pm** Sports Creating a Global Citizen
Dr. Rania Elwani, Member of Parliament, Member of the Medical commission of the IOC, Foundation board member of WADA



Gabr Fellows in discussion with Dr. Hala El Said, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University



Gabr Fellows with Mr. Ossama Kamal, Journalist and TV Host, and Dr. Rania Elwani, Member of Parliament, Member of the Medical commission of the IOC, Foundation board member of WADA

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Wednesday, September 7

Cairo

- 9:00am - 10:30am Egypt-US Relations: Moving Forward
H.E. Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 11:30am - 3:30pm The Effect of Social Media on Journalism
Dr. Naila Hamdy, Associate Professor and Chair of the Journalism and Mass Communication Department
- 3:30pm - 4:00pm An Overview of ARCE work in Egypt
Dr. Gerry Scott, Director of American Research Center in Egypt
ARCE Premise, Downtown, Cairo
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm Overview of Education in Egypt
Dr. John Swanson, Associate Provost, Professor of Egyptology and History
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Egypt Tourism: Challenges and Opportunities
H.E. Mohamed Yehia Rashed, Minister of Tourism
- 7:45pm - 9:00pm Encouraging Entrepreneurship as a Career Path
Mr. Ahmed El Alfi, Founder and Chairman of Sawari Ventures
- 9:45pm - 11:00pm Dinner at Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant



Gabr Fellows with H.E. Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs



Gabr Fellows with H.E. Mohamed Yehia Rashed, Minister of Tourism

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Thursday, September 8

Cairo

- 9:30am - 10:30am** General Discussion on Religious Harmony throughout Egypt's History
His Grace Anba Youannes, Bishop of Assiut, Selim coast, Elbadary and all its belongings
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm** US-Egypt Military Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities
Major General Mohamed Elkesky, Assistant Minister of Defense
- 2:30pm - 4:00pm** US-Egypt Bilateral Relations
Ambassador Stephen Beecroft, US Ambassador in Egypt
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm** Overview of Egyptian Foreign Policy after June 30th
Mr. Adel El-Adawy, Ph.D. Candidate in War Studies Department at King's College
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm** In-depth Analysis of Present Egyptian Political Scene
The Honorable Mona Makram-Ebeid, Former Parliamentarian and Senator
- 7:30pm - 8:30pm** Interfaith Dialogue and Peace
Dr. Aly El-Samman, President of the International Union for Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue and Peace Education for Europe and Egypt



Gabr Fellows with His Grace Anba Youannes, Bishop of Assiut, Selim coast, Elbadary and all its belongings, Saint Mark Coptic Cathedral



Gabr Fellows with Mr. Adel El-Adawy, Ph.D. Candidate at King's College

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Friday, September 9

Ismailia

10:00am - 12:00pm Visit and Tour of Ismailia Governorate

5:30pm - 7:30 pm Action Projects Presentations with **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**

Saturday, September 10

Cairo

8:00am - 9:30am Action Projects Coordination

10:30am - 12:00pm Guided Tour of the Egyptian Museum

12:45pm - 2:00pm Guided Tour of the Religious Complex

2:30pm - 3:30pm Guided Tour of El Sultan Hassan Mosque

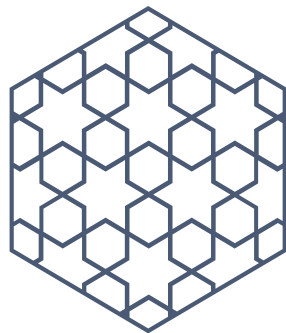


Gabr Fellows at the Pyramids of Giza



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US Program



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THE GABR FELLOWSHIP UNITED STATES PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 17th – 24th, 2016

New York | New Jersey | Washington, D.C.

The Gabr Fellowship Program's mission is to recognize and support future leaders in bridging the East-West divide. As envisioned by its founder Shafik Gabr, The Gabr Fellowship seeks to promote collaborative dialogue between Egyptians, Americans, and the Greater West and Middle East. Its mission states: "In an increasingly interconnected world, cross-cultural understanding and professional networks are essential for peace and progress." The US program advanced "peace and progress" by connecting the Fellows through a multidisciplinary, entrepreneurial approach to human endeavors in the fields of art, science, media, law and entrepreneurship. The program provided the 22 Egyptian, American and Lebanese Fellows the opportunity to meet with leading American figures in policymaking, civic engagement, communications, business and visionaries from the academia.

The young leaders participating in the program are shaping their countries' futures, forging their alliances, creating their businesses, and setting their roles on the global stage. The program in Egypt provided the Gabr Fellows with a hands-on, in-depth exploration of Egyptian history, culture, politics, and enterprise in a framework of candid challenges and opportunities.

The American program complemented this initiative, enhancing the Fellows' understanding of America's diverse cultures. It highlighted what has shaped the American experience and the institutions that America, as a nation and people, has created to represent – artistically, politically, economically and socially – its citizens.

American thought leaders in the world of politics, government, art, science, law, entrepreneurship, media, and much more have engaged with the Fellows to explore America's past, present and future.

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US Program Schedule

Saturday, September 17

New York City, NY, USA

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Briefing by Foundation staff

Ms. Sarah Elzeini, Director of the Shafik Gabr Foundation (US)

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Dinner at hotel and discussion with Gabr Fellow alumni
St. George Tavern

Mr. Murray Abeles, 2015 Gabr Fellow

Mr. Alex Goldmark, 2013 Gabr Fellow

Mr. Nick Thomas, 2015 Gabr Fellow



Gabr Fellows with Mr. Brian Sullivan, CNBC's Co-Ancor of Power Lunch

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US Program Schedule

Sunday, September 18

New York City, NY, USA

- 9:15am - 10:30am** Challenges and Opportunities in Leadership Today
Breakfast Meeting with **Mr. Amitabh Desai**, Foreign Policy Advisor to President Clinton
- 11:00am - 12:45pm** Visit to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- 1:00pm - 2:15pm** Visit to 9/11 Memorial and Museum
- 4:00pm - 5:30pm** Metropolitan Museum of Art Tour
Dr. Diana Patch, Curator in charge of Egypt art Tour of the ancient Egyptian Art Galleries and then walk through the newly installed exhibition, Ancient Egypt Transformed: **The Middle Kingdom**
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm** Reception in honor of 2016 Fellows
The Honorable Georgette Mosbacher



Gabr Fellows meet with Dr. Diana Patch, Curator of Egyptian Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art



Gabr Fellows meet with Dr. Mary Morton, Curator and Head of the Department of French Paintings at the National Gallery of Art

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US Program Schedule

Monday, September 19

New York City, NY, USA

7:00am - 8:00am

The Role of Business Media in America

Visit to CNBC Studios, meeting with **Mr. Brian Sullivan**, Co-host at CNBC

9:00am - 10:00am

The Egyptian View from New York, Egypt's Role in the UN National Security Council, US Presidential Elections and What's Next for Egypt-US Bilateral Relations and Egyptians in New York: Assimilation or Separation

H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Farouk, Consul General of Egypt in New York

11:30am - 12:30pm

Strategic Considerations for International Investment

General (Retired) David H. Petraeus, Member and Chairman of KKR Global Institute and a Professor at CUNY's Macaulay Honors College and the University of Southern California



Special Meeting with General (Retired) David Petraeus, Chairman of KKR Global Institute

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- 1:15pm - 2:00pm** Is The Middle East and North Africa a Dead or Emerging Market?
Meeting with **Ms. Lisa MacDougall**, Vice President, Office of Corporate Engagement, Goldman Sachs
- 2:20pm - 3:20pm** How New Technology Changes Lives (Driverless cars, ear piece for Parkisons)
Mr. Scott Carpenter, Managing Director of GOOGLE Jigsaw
- 4:00pm - 4:30pm** How Can we Advance US Investment in the Middle East?
Mr. Steve Forbes, American Publishing Executive Forbes Media Office
- 5:30pm - 6:50pm** Building Bridges and Dialogue Between Cultures and Religion
Dr. Jonathan Golden, Director of Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict, Drew University



Special Meeting with Mr. Steve Forbes, joined by Congressman Bob Barr at Forbes Media Headquarters

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US Program Schedule

Tuesday, September 20

Washington, DC, USA

7:30am - 8:30am Importance of US Egypt Military Relationship in Countering Terrorism
Breakfast meeting with **Brigadier General (Retired) Mark T. Kimmitt**, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East

9:00am - 10:30am Greatest Global National Security Threats in the 21st Century
Expert Panel at the National Defense University
Dr. Samuel Greene, Associate Professor at the National Defense College,
Dr. Gawdat Bahgat, Political Science Professor, and **Mr. Thomas Sanderson**, Director and Senior Fellow, Transnational Threats Project at CSIS

11:30am - 12:15pm Orientalist Art and Inter-Cultural Understanding
Dr. Mary Morton, Curator and Head, Department of French Paintings, National Gallery of Art



Gabr Fellows meet with Mr. George Selim, Director at the Office for Community Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Distinguished Panel presents to the 2016 Gabr Fellows. (left to right) Dr. Allen Keiswetter, Dr. Gonul Tol and Dr. Daniel Serwer

- 1:30pm - 2:30pm** Egypt's Economy: Risks, Reforms and Opportunities
Meeting with **Mr. Chris Jarvis**, Mission chief for Egypt and an Advisor at the International Monetary Fund's Middle East and Central Asia Department
- 3:00pm - 4:15pm** The Threat of Homegrown Terrorism
Meeting with **Mr. George Selim**, Director, Office for Community Partnerships, Department of Homeland Security U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm** National Security in a Post-9/11 World
Meeting with **Ambassador Michael Sheehan**, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict Distinguished Chair, Combating Terrorism Center, West Point, NY
- 6:00pm - 8:30pm** Annual 'East-West: The Art of Dialogue' Dinner Reception at the McDermott Will and Emery building

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Wednesday, September 21

Washington, DC, USA

- 8:00am - 8:45am Breakfast at the Rayburn House Office Building
- 9:00am - 10:00am Congressional Perspectives on Military Cooperation
Meeting with **Mr. Mark Morehouse**, Professional Staff Member on the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives and **Ms. Dana Stroul**, Professional Staff Member, Middle East/North Africa Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- 10:00am - 10:30am Effect of Military Restrictions on Egypt and Its Impact on the Greater Middle East
Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (MD/Democratic)
- 10:30am - 11:00am Perspective on the 2016 Presidential Elections and U.S. Foreign Policy Towards the Middle East
Rep. Keith Ellisson (MN/Democratic)
- 11:00am - 11:30am US-Egypt Military Relationship
Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL/Republican)
- 11:30am - 12:00pm Egypt-US bilateral Relations: The Path Forward
Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (NE/Republican)
- 12:00pm - 12:30pm Congress' Response to the 2016 Presidential Race
Rep. Darrell Issa (CA/Republican)
- 12:30pm - 1:00pm The Future of Space Technologies
Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (CA/Republican)
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm US Energy Current Issues
Senator Joe Manchin, West Virginia



Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger addresses the Gabr Fellows on Capitol Hill

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- 2:30pm - 3:00pm** US-Egypt Trade and Commerce Interests
Senator Ed Markey, Massachusetts
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** Foreign Policy in the Digital Age
Mr. Barry Pavel, Vice President, Arnold Kanter, Chair, and Director Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, Atlantic Council
- 4:45pm - 6:00pm** Challenges to Peace and Security in the Middle East
Dr. Allen Keiswetter, Retired Senior Foreign Service Officer, **Dr. Daniel Serwer**, Director of the Conflict Management Program at Johns Hopkins SAIS and **Dr. Gonul Tol**, Adjunct Professor, Institute for Middle East Studies, George Washington University Middle East Institute
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm** Egypt-US: Business Relations and Insights for Tomorrow
Dinner and Panel Discussion with **Mr. David Hamod**, President & CEO, NUSACC and **Ambassador Gordon Gray**, Vice President, National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce
- 8:45pm - 10:00pm** Action Projects Discussion amongst Fellows



Mr. Barry Pavel, Vice President, Arnold Kanter, Chair, and Director Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security with the Gabr Fellows

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Thursday, September 22

Washington, DC, USA

- 7:30am - 8:30am** US-Egypt Relations under a new U.S. President: What to Expect
Breakfast meeting with **Dr. Graeme Bannerman**, Founder of Bannerman Associates, **Mr. William (Skip) Miner**, Principal at Vanguard Government Strategies, LLC and **Mr. Curt Silvers**, Congressional Advisor, United States Institute for Peace
- 9:30am - 10:30am** Pentagon, Guided Tour
- 10:30am - 11:30am** U.S.-Egypt Strategic Military Relationship
Brigadier General Michael Fantini, Principal Deputy Director for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Affairs
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** US Foreign Policy towards Egypt: Strategy and Tactics
Ms. Candace Putnam, Senior Transition Advisor for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
Ambassador David Thorne, Senior Advisor to Secretary of State, State Department
- 1:30pm - 2:15pm** Coalition Progress and Status of the Fight against ISIL
Lieutenant General Terry Wolff, Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL



Special Meetings with Lieutenant General Terry Wolff, Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Ms. Candace Putnam, Senior Transition Advisor for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Ambassador David Thorne, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State at State Department

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Dinner Meeting with Dr. Gregory Copley, President, International Strategic Studies Association at Ankara Restaurant



Gabr Fellows at Google with Scott Carpenter, Managing Director of Google Jigsaw

3:00pm - 4:00pm

The Importance of U.S.-Egypt Relations in Countering Terrorism

Mr. Andrew Miller, Director for Egypt and Israel Military Affairs in the Middle East and North Africa Directorate, National Security Council

5:00pm - 6:00pm

The US Election and the Middle East

Dr. Alexander Mirtchev, President of Krull Corp., USA

6:30pm - 8:30pm

What are the Strategic Imperatives for a more Secure and Prosperous Middle East?
Dinner with **Dr. Gregory Copley**, President, International Strategic Studies Association



Special Meeting at the White House with Mr. Andrew Miller, Director for Egypt and Israel Military Affairs in the Middle East and North Africa Directorate, National Security Council

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Friday, September 23

Washington, DC, USA

- 7:00am - 8:00am** Egypt: A Political and National Security View from DC
Breakfast meeting with **Brigadier General (Retired) Tom Cosentino**, Vice President for Policy, Business Executives for National Security and **Congressman Nick Rahall**, former Member of Congress from West Virginia from 1977-2015
- 9:00am - 10:30am** Role of USAID in Education/USAID and Institutional Building
Ms. Paige Alexander, Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for the Middle East at USAID
- 11:00am - 12:00pm** Innovation and Ideas
1776 Start Up Incubator Tour and Briefing
Mr. Shahier Rahman, Campus Manager of 1776
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** Role of Education in Building Bridges between Cultures
Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the International and Foreign Language Education Office at the U.S. Department of Education
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm** Peace Building in the Middle East
Ambassador William Taylor, Executive Vice President at the United States Institute of Peace
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** U.S. Diplomacy: What has worked and what hasn't
Dr. Robert Satloff, Executive Director, Howard P. Berkowitz Chair in U.S. Middle East Policy at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy



Ms. Paige Alexander, Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for the Middle East addresses the 2016 Gabr Fellows at USAID Headquarters



Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the International and Foreign Language Education addresses the fellows at the Department of Education

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Gabr Fellows meet with Dr. Robert Satloff, Executive Director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy

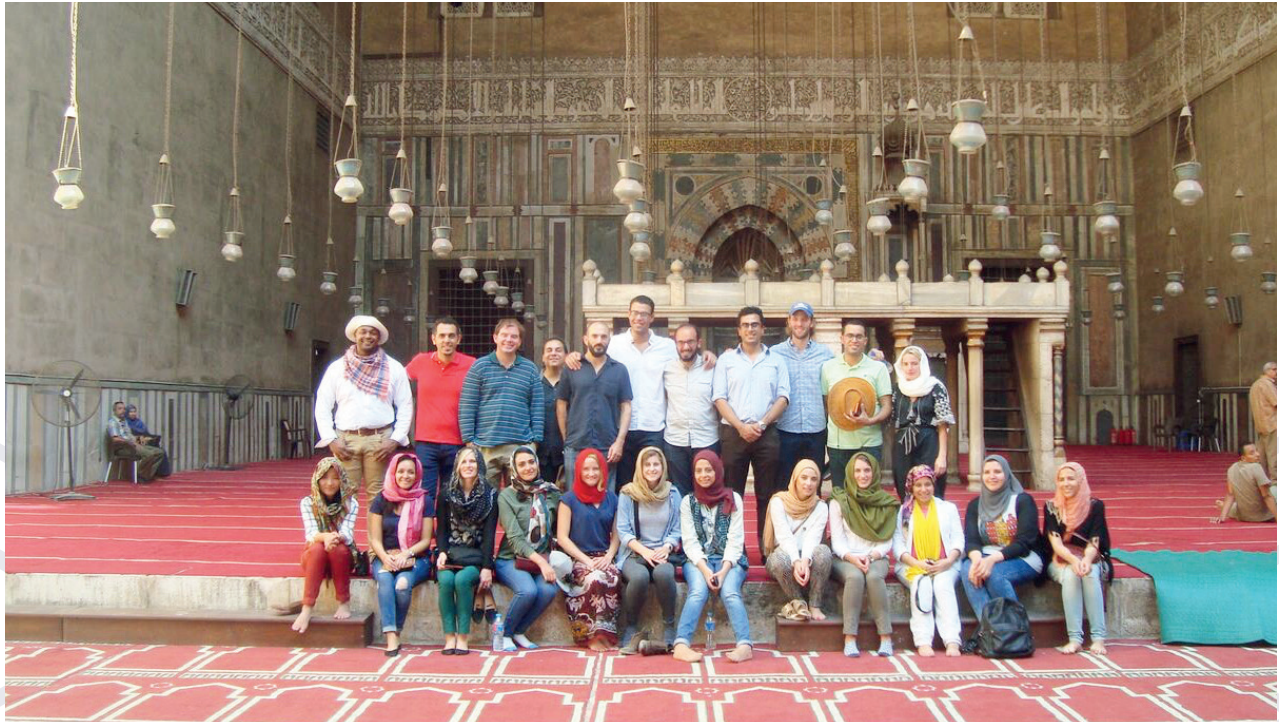
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm The Muslim Brotherhood in America and Internationally Meeting with **Dr. Eric Trager**, Fellow at the Washington Institute For Near East Policy
- 7:30pm - 9:30pm Action Projects Presentations with **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**

Saturday, September 24

Washington, DC, USA

- 7:00am - 8:00am How my Experience in Egypt informed my professional Career Breakfast meeting with **Ms. Elizabeth Dent**, 2015 Gabr Fellow, **Ms. Christina Fallon**, 2013 Gabr Fellow and **Mr. Kemp Gouldin**, 2015 Gabr Fellow
- 8:45am - 10:15am Capitol Hill Building Tour with **Congressman Nick Rahall**
- 11:00am - 12:30pm US-Egypt Military Relations Meeting with **Major General Khaled Megawer**, Egyptian Defense Attaché
- 1:00pm - 5:00pm Visit to the National Mall

2016 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



2016 Gabr Fellows at the Mosque-Madrassa of Sultan Hassan in Cairo



Gabr Fellows at the Arab League

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Gabr Fellows addressed by Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, Representative of Nebraska's First Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives



Gabr Fellows in front of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

2016 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



2016 Gabr Fellows in Wall Street



Gabr Fellows with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, Representative of California's 48th Congressional District on Capitol Hill

2016 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



Gabr Fellows with Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, Representative of Florida's 25th Congressional District on Capitol Hill



Fellows meet with Senator Ed Markey, Massachusetts on Capitol Hill



Gabr Fellows addressed by Congressman Nick Rahall and General (Retired) Tom Cosentino at the Shafik Gabr Foundation (US) Office

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Gabr Fellows meet Mr. Hussein Fahmy, Actor and Former Ambassador of Goodwill to the Olympics



Gabr Fellows with Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Head of the Suez Canal Zone



Gabr Fellows meet with H.E. Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs

2016 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



Fellows meet with Dr. May El Batran, Member of Parliament and CEO, TMA Education Management, Investment and Development Founder and Chairperson, People Development Foundation, at ARTOC Headquarters



Gabr Fellows with H. E. Ambassador Ahmed Farouk, Consul General of Egypt in New York, at the Egyptian Consulate in New York

2016 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



Gabr Fellows at Ellis Island



2016 Fellows with Mr. M. Shafik Gabr at the Annual Fellowship Reception at ARTOC Headquarters



The Honorable Jim Moran addressing the Fellows at the annual 'East-West: Art of Dialogue' reception in Washington, D.C.

2016 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



2016 Gabr Fellows with Mrs. Gehan Gabr at the Annual Fellowship Reception at ARTOC Headquarters



(Left to right) 2015 Fellow Elizabeth Dent, 2016 Fellow Thomas Hanna, 2015 Fellow Leah Moshchella, 2016 Fellow Abby Wiedenhaefer and 2015 Fellow Murray Abeles

2016 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



2016 Gabr Fellows in conversation with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher



2016 Gabr Fellows with Mr. M. Shafik Gabr and Congressman Dana Rohrabacher at the Annual 'East-West: Art of Dialogue' Reception in Washington, D.C.



Impressions from the 2016 Gabr Fellows



Heidi Green

Program Associate

“I am certain that, due to the life-changing nature of the Gabr Fellowship, each alumni will be positively influenced by the richness of the cross-cultural understanding gained from this program. In fact, it would be impossible to not think and act differently after interacting with many of the greatest minds in the world – the speakers in the program who generously shared their perspectives. I developed cherished friendships with incredibly talented young leaders, with a variety of cultures and personalities. Overall, the Gabr Fellowship has had a tremendous impact on me and my understanding of US-Egypt relations, and also the power of dialogue.”



Kate Chiucchini

Legislative Assistant in the House of Representatives

“The Gabr Fellowship was an enlightening and inspiring experience that has significantly expanded my understanding of a region of the world that I was previously unfamiliar with. I learned so much in a short period of time, not only from the variety of influential speakers that we had the opportunity to meet with, but also from direct interaction with the other Fellows. The strong bond that was formed between our group of twenty-two people from diverse backgrounds is a testament to what the Gabr Fellows represent. This experience has proven to me that promoting cross-cultural dialogue and understanding can have a positive impact on a global scale, and that we have the power to make a difference to our future.”

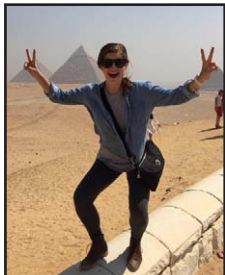


Leisel Bogan

Consultant of Global Strategy

“The Gabr Fellowship is a unique and transformative experience which far surpassed my expectations. It provided me with a new lens through which to view the MENA region; a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities Egypt faces; a more nuanced context for the U.S.-Egypt relationship dynamic; a network of passionate, visionary individuals who labor to strengthen Egypt; a deeper appreciation for the United States and what we represent to the rest of the world, and twenty-two incredible, diverse friends who share a common passion for making the world a better place.”

Impressions from the 2016 Gabr Fellows



Alexis Taylor

Program Manager

“The Gabr Fellowship is a crash course on how to become a globally minded leader. The curriculum that Mr. Gabr designed, empowers his Fellows through exclusive settings, content, and contacts in the arts, science, law, media, politics, business, and entrepreneurship. I feel honored to have participated in this fellowship so early in my career; it shifted my understanding of what I can achieve and cultivated my global mindset. We are living in a highly interconnected world surrounded by problems that take cooperative, collective action, by globally minded leaders to solve, and I know this fellowship and the genuine friendships I formed with emerging leaders, were the first steps towards finding comprehensive solutions.”



Katherine Tan

Program Officer

“I travel to many places for my work in international development, but prior to the Gabr Fellowship, I never had the opportunity to visit the Middle East and North Africa region, despite having an interest in art and culture from the Islamic Golden Age. I’ve engaged in cross-cultural experiences before, so I had some idea of what to expect, but the fellowship was pretty extraordinary in terms of the level of speakers, diversity of perspectives, and degree of candor in conversation. To be honest, I was expecting to get a more “packaged” or superficial view of Egypt through the fellowship, and instead I was exposed to the current reality of Egypt, in all of its complexity and contradictions. I also gained an extended family of Gabr Fellows, that I will treasure for a long time.”



Abby Wiedehaefer

Staff Assistant at State Department

“The Gabr Fellowship was an incredible experience in numerous ways. Not only was I provided ‘once in a lifetime’ opportunities, but I was also encouraged to explore numerous interests, perspectives and possibilities, while making lifelong friends along the way. I’m so thankful for the opportunity to have participated in this extraordinary program.”



Robert Sheldon

Policy Director

“Never before have I gained so many new insights or formed so many new connections and friendships in such a concentrated period of time, as I did during the Gabr Fellowship. The program was both uniquely challenging and deeply rewarding. I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated and I look forward to remaining engaged on U.S.-Egypt relations, well into the future.”

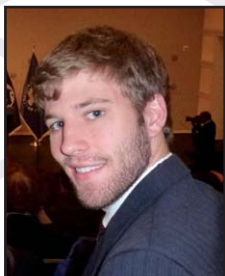
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John Ryan

Democratic Deputy Chief Counsel

“The Gabr Fellowship was a wonderful experience that introduced the fellows to the modern United States and Egypt, both extraordinary countries, in all of their beauty, diversity and complexity. It introduced us to the knowledge and viewpoints of prestigious speakers who are among the most prominent in their fields of expertise, be it politics, business, the military, religion, art and culture. Most importantly, it introduced us to a remarkable group of fellows whose intelligence, warmth, and talents made a rigorous fellowship schedule fun, and whose friendships I will treasure for the rest of my life.”



Thomas Hanna

Graduate Student

“The Gabr Fellowship was a life-changing experience. The opportunity to meet these remarkable individuals was a privilege, and I will take the lessons I learned with me for the rest of my life. I feel I now have a greater ability to communicate with, and understand people, in every aspect of life, due to the perspective gained from this program. I am truly fortunate to have had this experience.”



Kevin DeWar

Entrepreneur

“The Gabr Fellowship was a life-changing experience. It transformed me into a more informed global citizen by connecting me with some of the brightest minds in the US and Egypt. To say that I learned more of Egypt’s culture and people would be an epic understatement, and to say that I appreciate the opportunity Mr. Shafik Gabr afforded me would neither do him, nor the opportunity justice. The only way I can possibly do such an opportunity justice is to make the most of it, and the Foundation has given me the tools to make that happen. I left the program with increased understanding and, most importantly, freshly forged friendships that will last a lifetime, and will have the potential to impact future generations.”

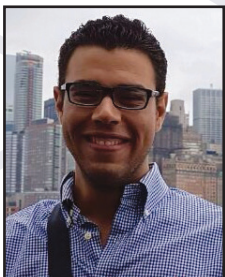
Impressions from the 2016 Gabr Fellows



Chaza Abou Daher

Economic Researcher

“Joining the Gabr Fellowship program made me feel that I am part of something much bigger than I ever imagined for myself - a mission to make a true and sustained impact in this chaos of a world we live in. After this experience I am now equipped with an expanded view and a strong and lasting support system from different corners of the planet and I have gained friendships with Fellows, with whom I shared amazing moments and will continue to share for the rest of my life. In sum, I am most grateful for the ideology that made all of this happen: Mr. Gabr’s dream of a better world through dialogue”



Ahmed Aboul Naga

Engineer

“The broader vision the Fellowship helped me to develop was incredible. I had the opportunity to meet with a group of the best Fellows from Egypt, U.S. and Lebanon, who really made me proud and optimistic for the future. No entity can offer the opportunity to learn from the very distinguished speakers, high level officials and to have lifelong true friends, but this fellowship. Simply, it was the best experience I have ever had.”



Anis Issa

Communications & Development Officer

“Adventure, boot camp, east, west, Fellows, friends, intensity, system, education, experience, exposure, civilizations, culture, arts, economics, politics, knowledge, dialogue, diplomacy, negotiations, coordination, leadership, decision making, touch the sky. Life-time experience.”

Impressions from the 2016 Gabr Fellows



Hadeel Adel

Senior Business Development Executive

“The world has never been a quiet zone, with conflicts here and there, broken souls and lost hope. I was left with unanswered questions and poor faith in any potential attempt at understanding and peace building, that is until I joined the Gabr Fellowship program. I have never come to witness such an empowering opportunity to future world leaders, until now. An intense learning journey with an exposure to diversified world-views that helped me find my own voice and my responsibility towards the world. I am most grateful to the journey, partners, the Fellows and to the strangers that have become friends and family. We shared interesting and informative discussions, we laughed, and we cried, together. I have learned more about my own identity and culture through being exposed to theirs and I will always be grateful to Mr. Gabr, the inspiring man whom I learned a lot from and who gave me a role model to look up to. I cannot wait to write more chapters in this life-changing story.”



Hala Abdel Gawad

Teaching Assistant of Political Science

“The Gabr Fellowship is a true eye-opening experience. It is not a mere cultural exchange program, but it is a continuing journey of sharing ideas, meeting incredible future leaders from Egypt and the States, and gaining massive knowledge about politics, economics, diplomacy and culture. If you are ready to have an unforgettable journey to a world of new ideas, and think you have the potential for initiating beneficial changes in your community, do not hesitate to apply for this extraordinary program.”



Hani Elzoumor

Teaching and Research Assistant of Economics

“It is true that dialogue is a gateway to understand why we are completing each other. Indeed, the ‘East – West: The Art of Dialogue’ is the bridge for gathering tomorrow’s leaders from Egypt, Lebanon and the U.S., to boost their bright minds and characters through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation. Therefore, I believe that discovering yourself before anything else, is the core of the Gabr Fellowship program. At present, I have a completely open mindset and I am eager to discover new horizons and aspects of diverse humans.”

Impressions from the 2016 Gabr Fellows



Iman Higazy

Pharmaceutical Research Associate

“The Gabr Fellowship is a real life turning milestone through which knowledge, diplomacy, culture and communication, evokes a smooth friendly pool of exchange between East and West, represented by a wonderful group of American, Egyptian and Lebanese Fellows, who were selected according to, but not only, professional, social and intellectual aspects, but more importantly, on human aspects, to weave a masterpiece of intercontinental dialogue. And because of all this, the Gabr Fellowship will always be a pioneer initiative for world peace.”



Mohamed Elattar

Founder of Tourism Company

“Being part of The Gabr Fellowship made me expand my scope to a great extent. Not only did I get the chance to interact with intellectuals and policy makers, but I was also given a chance to share my own opinion with them. I was exposed to different opinions, I analyzed them and shared my own impressions. I feel this experience has changed my whole world, and now I feel it is my turn to contribute towards strengthening the East & West Dialogue. I have come to believe that deep inside East & West are not so different after all, as we have more similarities than differences and I am now more open to accepting other cultures and ways of thinking.”



Nayra Gadallah

Senior Refugee Status Determination Assistant

“Participation in programs such as the Gabr Fellowship is something that happens once in a lifetime, but its impact continues for the rest of your life. Now I feel that I am part of an international family that expands year after year. The bond that the program establishes, either at the time of the program, or the projects and the activities that come after, is a strong asset for the fellows and for the international community as a whole. The Gabr Fellowship exposed me to people and experiences that helped me widen my horizons, by exploring the U.S., its people and their culture. I have learned more about Lebanon from my Lebanese friend and, surprisingly, discovered new sides of my beloved Egypt.”

Impressions from the 2016 Gabr Fellows



Shorouk Essam

Risk Management and Analysis Officer

“This fellowship has been a turning point in my life. It did not only change the way I view others but it also changed the way I view myself. I became more aware of what I am capable of, and of what I can achieve. I have learnt so much about the world in the duration of two weeks, which would usually take some years to learn. The program is informative, transformational and eye-opening, to a whole new world of possibilities and a whole new version of you. My greatest gain was the Fellows, who are now friends. We laughed, cried, danced, sang, discussed and bonded. I now have ten family members in the U.S., one family member in Lebanon, and ten family members in Egypt. Here is to new beginnings and to fellows who turned into family.”



Yasser El Zahhar

CEO of Healthy Catering Company

“Regardless of how high your expectations are, this Fellowship will always exceed them - prepare yourself for a high dose of eye-opening insights. The experience of meeting decision makers is an exceptional once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and the fellowship helped me develop a new perspective on the nature of the relationships between Egypt, the USA and the world at large. I am certain that my relationship with the foundation will continue to grow, as Mr. Gabr always says, “once a Fellow, forever a Fellow.”



Youssef El Toukhy

Teaching Assistant of Engineering

“Through the Fellowship, I have enjoyed being in different positions: A representative for my own country, Egypt, a political advisor to Congressman Markey during his interactive meeting and a speaker. I was a scholar being lectured by high-profile, knowledgeable speakers and professors and I was an art and history admirer who observed beautiful works and who was ecstatic to be in the Egyptian Museum, National Galley of Art and Cairo Museum! I also played a very argumentative role during the Fellowship meetings. To put it simply, I enjoyed the many roles whilst acting as a Gabr Fellow.”

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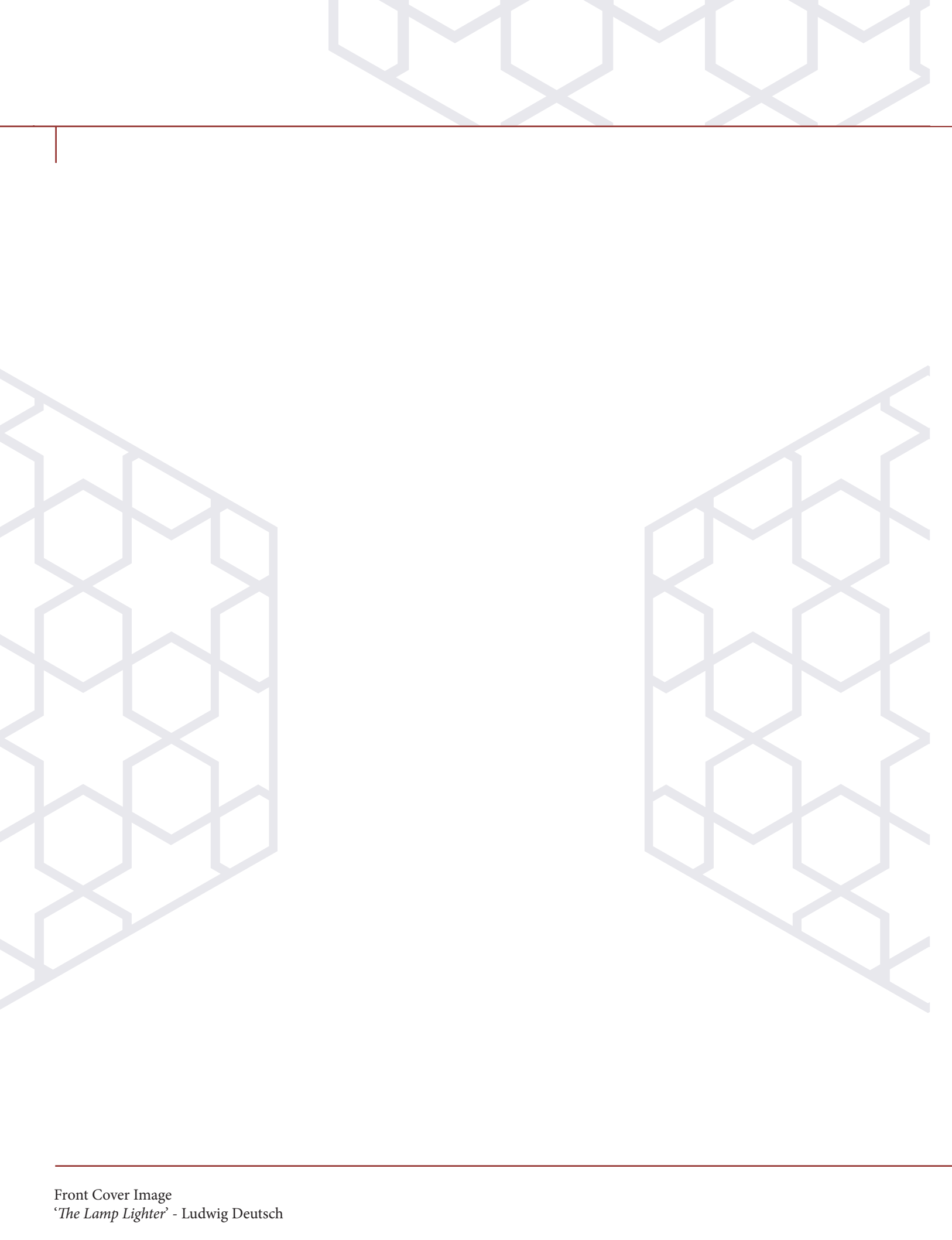
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