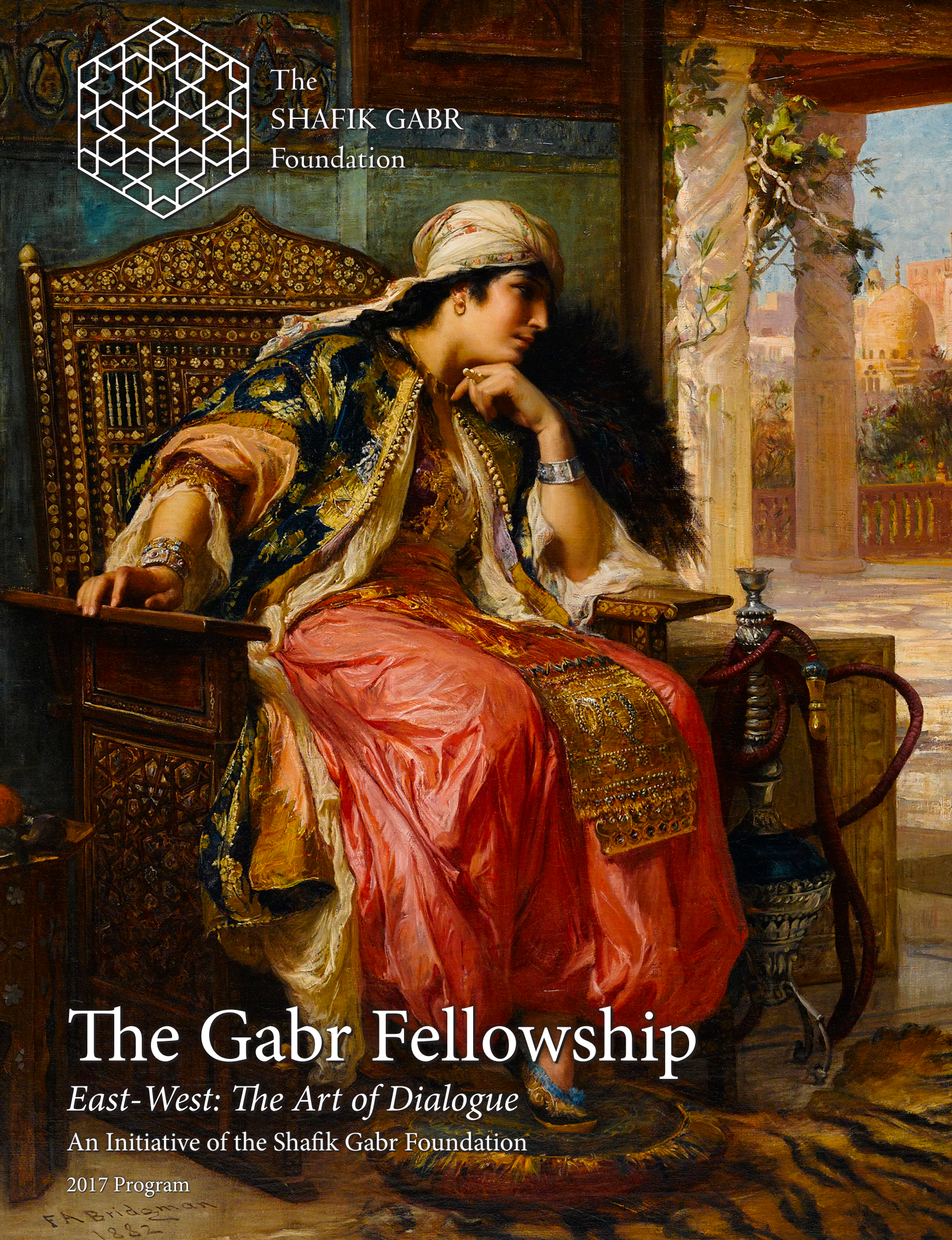


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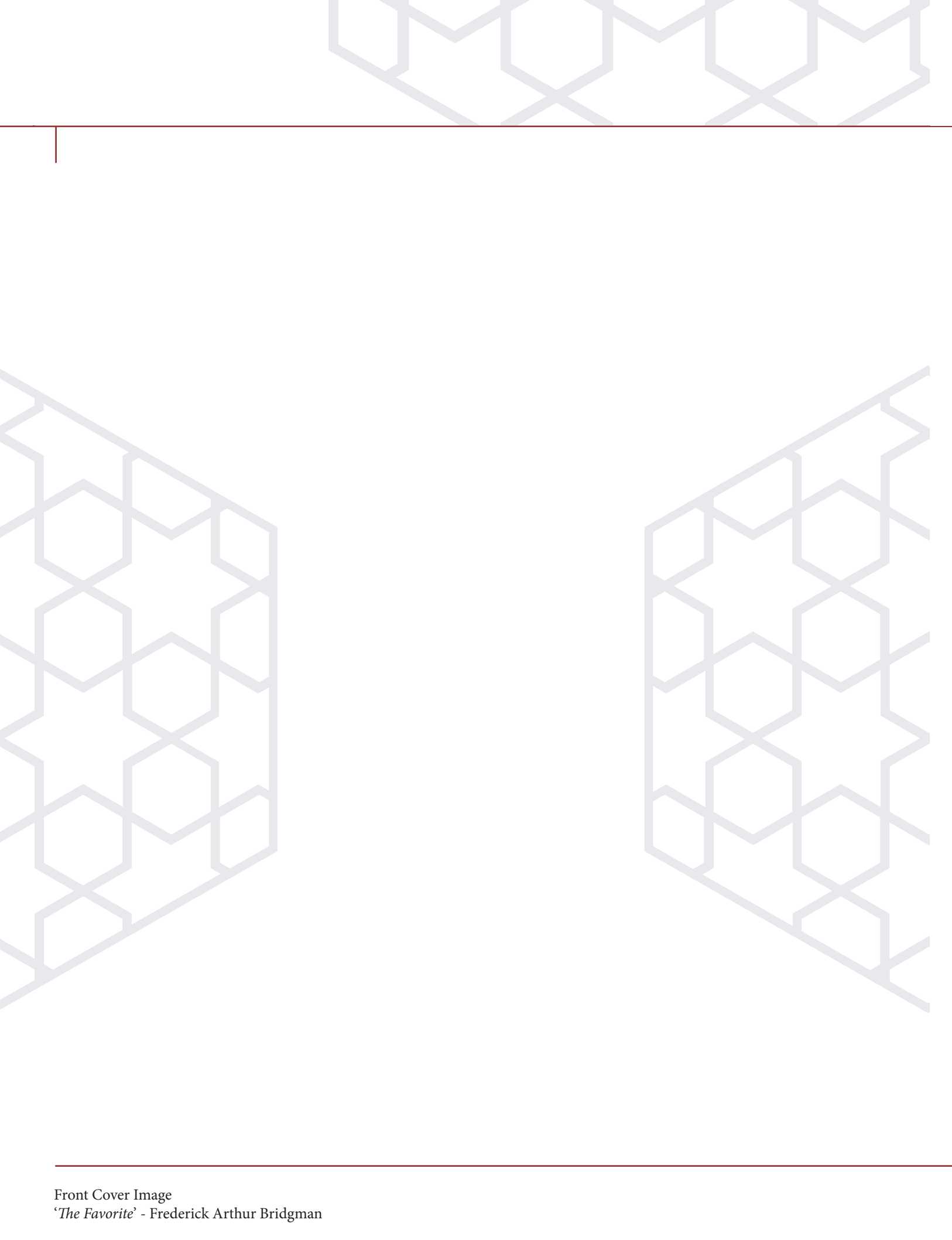


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Introduction by M. Shafik Gabr

Today's world is poised at the start of a new industrial revolution, powered by artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. The days of AI being confined to science fiction are seemingly over. The AI revolution has the potential to shift power globally among nation-states and private actors. But what repercussions will this bring?

Growing access to social media has spurred the notion that today's young adults are "global citizens," familiar with the cultures and issues of their compatriots around the world. But, in reality, direct, unmediated interaction between the Eastern and Western world remains largely confined to the elites of business and government, with many citizens relying on mass media, sometimes from partisan or unverified sources, to understand the world and its diverse populations. Stereotypes, suspicion, miscommunication, and tensions are all too common.



We need to increase the quality of face-to-face contact between individuals, to ensure that the AI revolution does not shift global power dynamics to the detriment of the most fundamental ingredient: humans on an individual level. We need to get beneath the surface of momentary impressions so we can properly consider views other than our own. We need to be aware of difference, not just in terms of identity – race, gender, or class – but also in terms of different behavior and different experiences. For diversity to have power, differences have to engage in mutual dialogue. And I don't mean through Twitter, Facebook or email.

East-West: The Art of Dialogue and its flagship program, the Gabr Fellowship, opens routes of knowledge and understanding between the East and the West. It does so in an immediate and tangible way through young, emerging leaders in Egypt and the U.S. This Fellowship not only provides a center for young, emerging leaders who were strangers to each other to meet, interact, and experience first-hand the best – and sometimes the more challenging - aspects of Eastern and Western culture. It also provides a place for discipline, focus, and perseverance. It offers a unique space where Egyptians and Americans can identify issues, brainstorm ideas, assess needs and potential, and implement innovative, real-world solutions.

The sixth year of the Gabr Fellowship once again engaged some of this generation's most accomplished and creative minds – an author, poet, professor, journalist, lawyer, counter-terrorism specialist, civil servant, legislative aide, geoscientist, filmmaker, singer, engineer, entrepreneur, and several other talented future leaders. I feel sanguine about the world of tomorrow knowing it is in their hands. Through their participation in this Fellowship Program and action projects they'll pursue for years beyond, these Fellows are sowing the seeds of community and cooperation that will help ensure that a positive outcome emerges from the new industrial revolution. This is thanks to the most basic element of success: good, old-fashioned human interaction.

M. 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 between Egypt and the U.S. Established in 2012 in response to the increasing tensions building between the East and West, the Foundation sponsors and fosters exchanges between emerging and future leaders from both cultures in the arts, science, law, media, and entrepreneurship – both business and social.

Each year, the program, which has come to be known as “The Gabr Fellowship,” connects about 18-24 Fellows, with approximately 10 Americans and 10 Egyptians, of which half are men and half are women. Program participants spend 10 days in Egypt, followed by 10 days in the U.S., building enduring connections through hands-on activities, rigorous discussions, cultural explorations, and, most importantly, their own collaborative “action projects.”

The Initiative does more than introduce new societies. It alters 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.

Equipped with these new perceptions, teams of Egyptians and Americans continue pursuing, with the support of the Foundation, their creative action projects well beyond the Fellowship exchange program. Over the past years, American and Egyptian Fellows have leveraged their experiences during the Fellowship, and in the rest of their professional and personal lives to develop meaningful initiatives that also aim to share with their peers, colleagues, and societies, their exchange experiences. Regular updates are provided on the Foundation's website so everyone can follow how the action projects progress.

The Gabr Fellows have acquired a greater understanding of both Egypt and the U.S. and the challenges each faces. Having served as cultural, as well as linguistic, ambassadors for each other, they now return to their homes to play the role of diplomat introducing Egyptians and Americans to a people, a culture, and a future not explored in this way in today's world. 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.

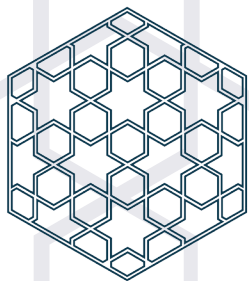
For further information, please visit www.eastwestdialogue.org

The Foundations



The Mohamed Shafik Gabr Foundation for Social Development (Egypt)

The Gabr Family Foundation has several projects underway, including major initiatives to improve elementary education in Egypt and a sponsorship program to support post-graduate studies in the U.S. and Asia. In addition, the Foundation is launching its first free clinic after treating more than 87,000 patients throughout Egypt between 2006-2017. The Foundation also has several initiatives in the area of sports, combatting 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 the people 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's flagship program is "The Gabr Fellowship," which sponsors exchanges between young emerging leaders in the arts and sciences, business, politics, law, entrepreneurship, and media. The Fellows work jointly 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 research for children with epilepsy and cerebral palsy.





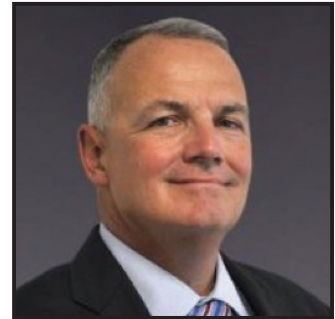
Chairman and Members of the Advisory Board



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Brigadier General (Retired) Tom Cosentino

Following an Army career that included numerous operational and strategic assignments over a 30 year span, retired Army Brigadier General Guy “Tom” Cosentino now serves as BENS (Business Executives for National Security) Chief Operating Officer, overseeing BENS’ day to day operations, while also improving outreach to, and strategic dialogue with, senior civilian and uniformed national security leaders. General Cosentino joined BENS in September 2015 following his last military assignment where he served as the 28th Commandant of the National War College.



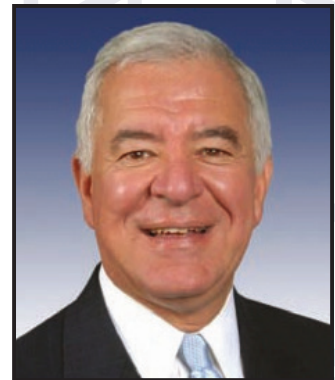
Prior to assuming command of the National War College, General Cosentino served as Deputy Director for Political and Military Affairs, providing military advice to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense. He also served previously as the Deputy Commanding General for Regional Support, NATO Training Mission Afghanistan, and as the Chief of Strategy, Plans, and Assessments for the Multi-National Security Transition Command in Iraq where he developed U.S. plans to man, train, and equip over four hundred thousand Iraqi Army and Police Forces.

General Cosentino earned a B.Sc. in political science at the University of the State of New York and holds Master’s degrees in International Relations from Georgetown University and National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He is also a PhD candidate in the Public Policy Program at the University of Maryland.

The Honorable Nick Rahall

Former Congressman Nick Rahall represented West Virginia’s Third Congressional District. He served as the Ranking Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and also served as Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee from 2007 to 2011.

First elected in 1976, Congressman Rahall served nineteen terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and is recognized as the youngest-elected, longest-serving Member in the history of the House. As the longest serving Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he worked to build and repair the nation’s highways and bridges, improve and modernize airports, and provide critical water, sewer systems and flood control projects throughout West Virginia and across the United States.



As Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee Congressman Rahall worked to honor the Committee’s charge of serving the natural environment, wild lands, scenic vistas, fish and wildlife, Native Americans, and the public interest.

Congressman Rahall received his undergraduate degree from Duke University.

M. Shafik Gabr

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 celebrated 46 years of successful investment activities in November 2017 and is a multi-disciplined investment holding company with subsidiaries operating in the fields of industry, automotive, airport terminals, energy, real estate and technology. Over the past three years, ARTOC expanded its focus to technology startups and VC investments.

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 is a Founding Member of the Wilson Global Advisory Council and Member of the Metropolitan Museum's International Council. Mr. Gabr serves on the Advisory Boards of Omega Capital, Stanhope Capital, LLP 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 he received 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. In September 2017 Mr Gabr received the Policy Direction and Leadership Award from the London Center for Policy Research.

Through the Mohamed Shafik Gabr Foundation for Social Development, Mr. Gabr is helping to improve elementary-school education in 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 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 in addition to launching 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 an MA in Economics from the University of London.





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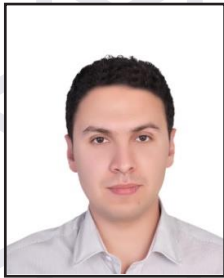
Egyptian Fellows



Abdelrahman Amr

*Project Manager, Tall&Short;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 25*

Abdelrahman is a Project Manager at Tall&Short, an art studio specializing in image making and visual content. Before that, he was a Communications Officer at Flat6Labs, a regional and leading startup accelerator in the Middle East, where he was responsible for developing and implementing the company's marketing strategy. He assisted a number of startups during their different stages, from idea stages, MVP, launch and growth. He also successfully founded a travel portal which helps Egyptian travelers document their experiences to encourage readers to explore the world and see it from different outlooks. After one year of coordinating, writing, editing and promoting the website, it was successfully visited over 500,000 times. Abdelrahman holds a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communication from the Canadian International College (CIC).



Aly Salem

*Caseworker/Project Associate, International Organization For Migration (IOM);
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 27*

Aly is working as a Caseworker at IOM, RSC MENA unit which is funded by the United States' Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration to provide case processing services to the United States Refugee Admission program. He has participated in two offsite surge operations in Amman and in Cairo processing the cases of thousands of refugees with the target of providing resettlement opportunities in the U.S. Before that he worked as a lawyer for four years specializing in Corporate and Commercial Law. Aly holds an LLM with specialization in International Commercial Law from Ain Shams University. He believes that in a world full of clashes, war and hatred, our best chance for coexisting is when people are trading, networking and sharing ideas.



Amr Seda

*Co-Lecturer, Faculty of Business, Economic and Political Science,
The British University in Egypt;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 30*

Amr is a Co-Lecturer of Business and Management at the British University in Egypt, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He earned his Master's Degree in Political Marketing from University of Durham in the UK and is currently in the final year of his PhD in Public Administration. He worked as a political campaign manager for the sitting Member of Parliament for Heliopolis district, Karim Salem. He also is the founder of "Sit Straight," a small business manufacturing and selling medical back support cushions in the Egyptian market. He was a participant in the Presidential Leadership Program - an initiative by the Egyptian Presidency to prepare promising young men and women for future leadership positions. As part of the program, he helped organize and participated in the World Youth Forum in Sharm El Sheikh.

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Dalia Ihab Younis

*Social Media Consultant, UNICEF Egypt;
Hometown: Giza, Egypt; Age: 31*

Dalia is a Social Media Consultant at UNICEF, where she proposes creative themes for UNICEF Egypt social media campaigns, and also adapts global campaigns. After graduating from the Faculty of Medicine at Ain Shams University, Dalia decided to pursue a different career path and obtained an MBA in Global Marketing from ESLSCA Business School and moved into the sphere of copywriting and media management. She has worked as a voiceover performer, creative copywriter, and copyeditor. She is especially interested in entrepreneurship, passionate about innovation, and a Tencho-holic, who likes to use her singing and music skills to bring people together.



Ibrahim Hammouda

*English Instructor, Berlitz Language Center;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 26*

Ibrahim is a full time English Instructor at Berlitz Language Center, in addition to running a family business. He obtained his Master's Degree in Information Science from the Faculty of Communications and Information Technology (CIT), Nile University. Throughout the years, he studied English with teaching methodologies at the British Council. Ibrahim believes in changing people's lives through his way of teaching, by combining English with its culture to make learning a unique experience. He is also a poet and a writer who started writing poetry at an early age. Currently, he is working on his upcoming short stories collection, and applying for the in-campus CELTA certificate at Portsmouth University, England.



Menna Aly Farouk

*Front-page Editor, The Egyptian Gazette;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 26*

Menna has been working as a journalist for four years and is currently The Front-page Editor of *The Egyptian Gazette*. She started her career at *The Egyptian Gazette* newspaper in 2013 as a social, cultural, and political editor. In 2014, she took part in workshops with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. In 2016, she became a team member in a start-up called Direxiona, which teaches girls how to drive cars. She is also contributing to *Deutsche Welle*, *Al Monitor* and *Global Voices*. Apart from that, she works as an associate editor at an Egyptian real estate magazine and news portal *Invest-Gate*. Menna graduated with a degree in English literature and Translation from the Faculty of Al Alsun.

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Neveen Mohamed

*Founder and Program Manager, Career Development Program, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 31*

Neveen is the Founder and Program Manager for the Information Technology Institute's Career Development Program at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. She has worked for the Information Technology Institute for nine years, mostly in career development, but also as Senior Delegate in the Egyptian – Djiboutian Human Capacity Building Cooperation Agreement and Senior Delegate in the Egyptian – Ugandan Human Capacity Building Cooperation Agreement. Neveen holds an MBA in Project Management from Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK and a B.Sc. in Political Science and Public Administration from Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University.



Reham Salem Gamal

*Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Department of Political Mass Media; Future University
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 26*

Reham is an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Political Mass Media at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Future University. Prior to this she was Head of Communication and Executive Assistant at the Egyptian Prime Minister's Office for Monitoring National Projects, working on a joint project between the United Nations Development Programme and the Egyptian Cabinet of Ministers. Her work for the Egyptian Cabinet of Ministers also included working as a Foreign Media Specialist and Researcher at the Secretary General's Office. Reham holds a Master's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the American University in Cairo.



Sarah Badr Hesham

*Reservoir Geoscientist, Schlumberger Petroleum Company;
Hometown: Alexandria, Egypt; Age: 26*

Sarah is a Reservoir Geoscientist at Schlumberger Petroleum Company. She is an active member in ALXUSC-AAPG (American Association for Petroleum Geologists). Sarah is currently a student of the Presidential Leadership Program, which focuses on developing leadership skills by providing training in public administration, business, political science and economics. Sarah holds a BSc in Petroleum Geology from Alexandria University, and she is preparing for her MA in Applied Geophysics. In 2015 the Ministry of Scientific Research and the British Council chose her as one of the best science communicators in Egypt.

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Sherif Fathy Soliman

*Process Engineer, Birla Carbon;
Hometown: Alexandria, Egypt; Age: 29*

Sherif is currently working as a Process Engineer at Birla Carbon, one of the largest manufacturers and suppliers of high quality Carbon Black additives globally, where he implements the latest technology in the Carbon Black industry, achieves a sustainable production technique, increases production yield, and decreases environmental emissions. He holds an M.Sc. degree in Chemical Engineering from the Faculty of Engineering, University of Alexandria. In addition to engineering, he has been working with civil society initiatives in Alexandria since 2010. He worked in several simulation models like the Alexandria Model of European Union, the Model of American Congress, and the Alexandria Model of United Nations.

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American Fellows



Bryan Griffin

*Field Director, Maccabee Task Force;
Hometown: Tampa, Florida; Age: 29*

Bryan Griffin is a lawyer, writer, and specialist in American foreign policy in the Middle East. Born in Florida, he received a Masters of International Affairs with a specialty in the Middle East from Columbia University in New York City. He holds a Juris Doctorate, Masters of Management, and Bachelors in Classical History and Political Science from the University of Florida. Bryan is also a Professionally Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) and licensed private pilot. In 2013 Bryan was sworn in as an attorney by United States Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas at the Supreme Court. From 2010-2013 Bryan held the elected office of Soil and Water Supervisor of Alachua County. At Columbia, he was named the 2014-2015 Editor in Chief of the Journal of International Affairs, and was recognized as a 2015 Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) finalist by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. As a lawyer, he has experience in both civil and criminal work. Bryan is the author of *The Encyclopedia of Militant Islam* (2015) and editor and annotator of the political anthology *Leading from Behind* (2016). Bryan is currently a senior fellow at the London Center for Policy Research and the national field director of the Maccabee Task Force Foundation. Most recently, Bryan completed the 2017 New York City Marathon in a time of five hours and twenty-eight minutes.



Courtney Joline

*Development Coordinator at Search for Common Ground;
Hometown: Freehold, NJ; Age: 26*

Courtney Joline serves as the Development Coordinator at Search for Common Ground, one of the world's largest dedicated peace building organizations with operations in over 43 countries. In her position, she focuses on individual and foundation outreach, and is spearheading the organization's campus chapter and alumni initiatives. Prior to joining Search for Common Ground, Courtney served as a manager at Cogite, Tunisia's first-ever co-working space. While based in Tunisia she also served as Outreach Coordinator for TEDxCarthage, one of the largest TEDx events in the world and was a Project Manager for a communications and events company. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Middle East Studies from The George Washington University. Courtney is a member of the National Organization for Women (DC Chapter) and Phi Beta Kappa.

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Hunter M. King

*Staffer, Office of Congressman Steve King;
Hometown: Mason City, IA; Age: 24*

Hunter is a staffer in the Office of Congressman Steve King (IA-04), where he is responsible for scheduling all events, press, meetings, and travel for the Representative. Recently Hunter has also started doing more communications and press work for the office, exposing him to the many different facets on Capitol Hill, as well as started handling Egyptian relations, including conducting research and organizing relevant meetings. After graduating from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro with a B.A. in Political Science, Hunter moved to Washington D.C. as an intern for Congressman King. Prior to his internship, Hunter was playing professional baseball in Marion, Illinois after enjoying his successes as a Division-I player at UNCG. Hunter moved to D.C. in hopes of pursuing his passion for politics and his desire for knowledge, especially in foreign affairs. He looks to continue his career on Capitol Hill for some time to come.



Jack Gordon

*Co-founder of Digital Development Communications;
Hometown: Westfield, NJ; Age: 35*

Jack Gordon is a DC-based filmmaker and co-founder of Digital Development Communications (DDC), a production company that specializes in creating dynamic visual content for international development organizations. He has produced film and photo projects in over a dozen countries for USAID, the World Bank, and many other clients. Jack is also a dedicated interfaith organizer and works to build bridges of understanding between religious communities through dialogue, the arts, and service projects. As a board member with the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, he led the creation of the annual DC Interfaith Leadership Summit, an annual gathering of young adult leaders from throughout the DC area.

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Jean Kwon

*Professional Staff Member on the Senate Committee on Appropriations;
Hometown: Houston, Texas; Age: 29*

Jean Kwon is a professional staff member on the Senate Committee on Appropriations under Vice Chairman Patrick Leahy of Vermont. She manages various accounts on the Legislative Branch subcommittee, including the Library of Congress and the Government Accountability Office. Furthermore, she supports the staff director and deputy staff director in managing the front office and carrying out the Vice Chairman's priorities. Before joining the Committee, Jean had completed her Masters in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in China, where she taught English to college students in Zigong, Sichuan. Her loving community in China taught her to appreciate the world as a global community and inspired her to design and launch an annual women's summit to empower women through professional development.



Jessica Mulligan

*Government Relations Manager, U.S. Global Leadership Coalition;
Hometown: Cambridge, MA; Age: 25*

Jessica Mulligan serves as a Government Relations Manager at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC), a broad-based network of over 500 businesses and nonprofit organizations; national security and foreign policy experts; and business, faith-based, academic, military, and community leaders who support strong investments in development and diplomacy. Prior to joining USGLC, Jessica worked as an Associate at the Glover Park Group (GPG), where she provided public affairs and government relations counsel to a wide variety of clients in the firm's International Affairs practice. Jessica has also served on several political campaigns, including Senator Cory Booker's 2013 special election race and Gov. Howard Dean's Democracy for America political action committee. Jessica graduated Magna Cum Laude from Princeton University with a B.A. in Politics.

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Kristina Ryan

*Program Officer, Global Engagement Center, U.S. State Department;
Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado; Age: 27*

Kristina is a Program Officer at the Global Engagement Center (GEC), an interagency office housed at the U.S. Department of State that is responsible for the integration, coordination, and synchronization of U.S. Government efforts to counter non-state and state propaganda and disinformation. Prior to joining the GEC, Kristina was an analyst examining foreign terrorist fighters to enhance the U.S. Government's understanding of terrorist threats globally. While in graduate school, Kristina interned with the Department of State's Office of Opinion Research where she quantitatively examined public opinion patterns and trends among foreign populations to aid the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy. She also interned as a counterterrorism analyst with the Department of Defense at U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Kristina holds a Master of Arts in Global Finance, Trade, and Economic Integration from the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies with a concentration in International Security and a regional emphasis on the Middle East. She received a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and Anthropology from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



Michael Matthiesen

*Senior Academic and Career Advisor, Miami Dade College;
Hometown: Miami, Florida; Age: 27*

Michael is a Grant Coordinator for the U.S. Department of Education's First in the World (FITW) Grant and adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Miami Dade College (MDC). Before becoming a Grant Coordinator at FITW, he served as Senior Academic Advisor and as a Grant Coordinator for the Community College Initiative, a U.S. State Department Fulbright Scholarship, located at MDC. Michael has worked at MDC since 2012, starting at AmeriCorps VISTA for MDC's Single Stop program. As an AmeriCorps VISTA, Michael raised \$1.25 million in monetary and in-kind donations for MDC students living in poverty. For his service, Michael received the President's Call to Service Award and the Presidential Volunteer Service Award from the Obama White House. He has also received the Miami Coalition for Christians and Jews' "Humanitarian Silver Medallion." Michael has hosted two talk shows on WVUM 90.5 FM, where he interviewed guests including Secretary Condoleezza Rice, Secretary Donna Shalala, and current Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry. He has also written for the *Orlando Sentinel* and *South Florida Sun Sentinel*. Michael received a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship to complete an M.A. in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of Health from University College London (UCL), University of London.

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Thomas Stein

*Regional Director of Sales for American Trust Administrators;
Hometown: Eudora, Kansas; Age: 33*

Tom is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Man Tables LLC, an innovative company that pairs new applications of old technology with quality Amish labor. This has allowed him to launch and acquire vendor partners for a number of new products that have been featured in numerous magazines and news outlets. Additionally, he serves as the Regional Director of Sales for American Trust Administrators for new distribution outreach. His outreach has resulted in some of the largest growth that American Trust has seen in its storied history. By working in these two spaces Tom is constantly recharged by the diversity of work that the two outlets afford.



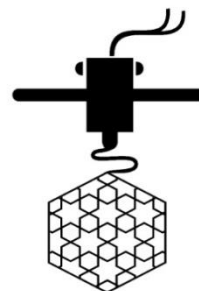
2017 Gabr Fellowship Projects

Everyone's Artifacts - The concept of the open source museum

Team: Amr Seda, Bryan Griffin

The Challenge

Making a catalogue of museum-quality artifact replicas available at home via 3-D printing, at an affordable cost to as many people as possible. Purchasing these artifacts is presently only limited to a small percentage of wealthy people. Our main challenge is to make it accessible and easily obtained by anyone who is interested in this kind of art.



Amr Seda - Bryan Griffin

Project Overview

This project will work with the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City (the Met) and the Egyptian Museum in Cairo to scan and digitize three artifacts from each museum's collection. The six artifacts will be made available online to be downloaded and printed by the public worldwide.

The Goal

The goal is to encourage museums to scan and digitize artifacts from their collections and upload them to the internet. It is our hope that the initial catalogue of six will be positively received by the public and printed often. If enough public attention and support are given to the initial online catalogue, other museums will follow suit and add to the online collection.

Population Served

This project brings exact, one-of-a-kind artifact replicas into the hands of people with low to middle socioeconomic means around the world. The project will also serve the museums that upload artifacts by building public interest in their collection and advertising in-person visits of the museums that participate.

Project Milestones

- Phase 1:** Outsource a professional, high-end 3D scanner and scan the artifacts
- Phase 2:** Make the scanned files available online through the *East-West: the Art of Dialogue* website, for free, to be downloaded and printed by the public
- Phase 3:** Accrue partners in Egypt with 3-D printing capabilities (libraries, schools, AUC, etc.) that can make print-outs available to people who do not otherwise have access to a 3-D printer at low cost
- Phase 4:** Encourage other high-profile museums (not limited to Egypt and America) to add artifact scans to the online catalogue

Expected Outcome

We expect that the Met and Egyptian museums will show interest in sharing a portion of their collections with the world in this highly accessible format.

When the catalogue is successfully online, we expect wide public interest. The first museum-quality artifact to be scanned and digitized in this way was the Bust of Nefertiti of the Berlin Museum in October 2015. Within a day of uploading the bust, 1,000 people had downloaded and re-uploaded the scan. We expect the six pieces uploaded through our project to “go viral” as well.

After public interest in 3D printing artifacts has been amassed, we expect other museums to show interest in uploading some of their collection. We will facilitate and share as many of the scans as possible.

Furthering the Foundation’s Mission

Art is a dialogue in itself: the artist is conveying to the viewer a message of his or her choosing. From behind a glass case in a museum, only part of that message can be delivered. However, with the ability to hold a perfect artifact replica in one’s own hands —printed from one’s own home— complete with each and every blemish of the original, that conversation takes a more personal shape. We hope to encourage this dialogue, at first, between Egyptians and Americans by sharing iconically Egyptian and American artifacts. Eventually, however, we want the Foundation to be a flagship for exploring and promoting the benefits that 3D printing technology can bring the world—including bringing one-of-a-kind artifacts to anyone with a printer and an interest.

Gabr Net

Team: Courtney Joline, Thomas Stein, Aly Salem, and Abdelrahman Amr

The Challenge

As Egypt modernizes its economy and the Government looks to restructure the country's macroeconomic policies, start-ups continue to face an uphill battle as they scale their companies. Some key hurdles that hamper sustainable business development include:

- The lack of available in-country capital and an environment that is not attractive to foreign direct investment (especially from the United States)
- The Government has been unable to put key bureaucratic and institutional reforms into place to stamp out corruption and make business development a more seamless process
- Egypt has not made a strong case for support from U.S. investors and does not have the experience or relationship foundation to pursue strategic financial partnerships

Gabr Net addresses some of these key challenges and looks to create a foundation for ongoing partnerships and streamlined investments to support bilateral economic growth.



Project Overview

Gabr Net will organize and facilitate a virtual exchange platform to bring together 15 MBA students and 5 start-ups to engage in a semester-long mentorship program.

The Goal

- Egyptian start-ups prepared to scale will be more effective and prepared in their outreach to stakeholders in the U.S. after learning about how to market their products more effectively and attract foreign direct investment
- MBA students will build connections with an emerging market that is poised to grow over the next decade

Population Served

Egyptian start-ups and MBA students in the United States.

Project Milestones

- Phase 1:** Identify a top-tier MBA program and connect with the dean of the school or professor to establish the pilot project. Work with the educator to identify 15 students to participate in the program. Partner with the school's administration to either incorporate this into a class as a project or as a short-term elective course
- Phase 2:** Create a marketing campaign to recruit Egyptian start-ups with ideas that have strong scalability potential. Commence an application and interview process and select the initial 5 participants for the pilot program. Pair the entrepreneurs with teams of 3 MBA students
- Phase 3:** Meet with each pair individually to lay out goals and expectations. Each team will be tasked with creating an action plan, a weekly meeting schedule, and submitting a bi-monthly status update to the project managers. At the end of the semester, the MBA students will create a report outlining best practices, lessons learned, and suggestions for how to move the company forward. They will also coordinate, with the support of the Gabr Foundation, a pitch day for investors with the capacity to provide early-stage capital for scalable start-ups. The goal is to facilitate the investment of a minimum of 1 million Egyptian Pounds
- Phase 4:** Project managers will review the pilot initiative and create a plan for continued expansion based on best practices and lessons learned

Expected Outcome

Over the course of this project, Egyptian entrepreneurs will learn how to more effectively engage in the US market and up and coming business leaders in the United States will have a better understanding of how to promote business development and investment in untapped financial markets. Ultimately, a strong foundation will be laid for foreign direct investment, more effective marketing strategies, and business partnerships that can be sustained and magnified in the coming years.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

Gabr Net builds bridges between entrepreneurs in Egypt and business leaders in the United States to facilitate business transactions, relationships, and networks that can be leveraged and multiplied as both groups advance in their careers. The Gabr Foundation name will be leveraged as strong businesses in Egypt advance and scale, and will serve as the center for a strong business community network that connects both countries.

#We_Are_One—نحن واحد

Team: Menna Farouk, Reham Gamal, Ibrahim Hammouda, Michael Matthiesen, Jessica Mulligan, and Kristina Ryan

The Challenge

In an era of fake news and disinformation, the levels of misconceptions about other cultures are only increasing. In addition, the world's post-9/11 emphasis on counterterrorism has resulted in a lack of sympathy and understanding for different cultures. Dialogue and cross-cultural communication are vital in order to fight intercultural bigotry and hate.



Project Overview

This project aims to counter misconceptions that Americans and Egyptians have about one another's culture through short video interviews and social media. We will seek to build bridges and foster cultural awareness among youth ages 18-35 in Egypt and the United States by developing seven short videos (approximately three minutes each) that feature Egyptians and Americans speaking about their experience learning about the other's culture. The interviewees will include former Gabr Fellows, youth (university students, entrepreneurs, rising government leaders, etc.) and influential leaders (celebrities, cultural icons, writers, government representatives, etc.). Each video will feature interviewees discussing their perception of one of the following topics before and after experiencing the other culture:

- Women's rights
- Religion
- Arts and literature
- Personal safety
- News media
- Dating and relationships
- Alcohol and drugs

The videos will also include interviewees discussing how Egyptians and Americans can work together to improve intercultural understanding of the other culture.

To increase the reach and scope of the project, the videos will use hash tags, and funds raised will be used to boost and advertise videos online to the target audience. Each individual video will also be combined to tell a story in the form of a short film (approximately 20 minutes) that will be used at two workshops, one in Washington D.C. and one in Egypt. The workshops will allow the target audience to interact with the Gabr Fellows, peers, and influential leaders to expand on questions and issues raised in the videos.

Project Goal

The project's goals are threefold:

- Increase understanding: We seek to increase the target audience's understanding of the other culture so they foster more informed discussions in the future and rethink their perceptions of people from other cultures as "the other."
- Increase dialogue: Through personalized videos posted on social media, we hope to start a dialogue in a forum where Egyptians and Americans can engage with one another.
- Jumpstart a conversation: Ideally, viewers and participants will share what they learned with coworkers, family, and friends, thus expanding the "reach" of this project.

Population Served

The target audience is youth aged 18-35 in Egypt and the United States—the next generation of global leaders who are vulnerable to hatred of other cultures in our post-9/11 world rife with fear and misinformation. In addition, the project will also target youth in areas of each respective country where the levels of misunderstanding are likely highest (e.g. Upper Egypt; Middle America). The interview subjects will be selected to target these audiences—the voices from peers will foster a sense of trust and mutual understanding, while the influential leaders will provide a sense of credibility to the messages.

Project Milestones

Phase 1 (3 months) : Conduct interviews and gather raw footage

Phase 2 (3 months) : Edit raw footage and produce videos

Phase 3 (3 months) : Develop social media pages and launch campaign—videos will be released approximately one week apart

Phase 4 (3 months) : Plan and execute in-person workshops

Expected Outcome

The immediate outcome of the project will be increased understanding of everyday life in each respective country and increased dialogue between communities. The long-term outcome of this project will be positive attitudinal and behavioral shifts among our next generation of world leaders.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The Shafik Gabr Foundation aims to increase communication and dialogue between Egyptians and Americans, and this initiative will use social media to make cultural exchange more accessible for all.

American-Egyptian Teachers Fellowship (AETF)

Team: Jean Kwon and Neveen Saied

The Challenge

Despite an overabundance of information, there is a lack of understanding of American/Egyptian cultures resulting from a weakness in critical thinking, especially when discussing history and culture in the classroom. Therefore, in order to empower the future foundations of our societies, it is essential that students are intellectually humble to listen and take into consideration outside perspectives, intellectually persistent to filter opinions from facts, and intellectually courageous to confront their own prejudices in the search for truth. These abilities to self-assess and self-improve will help our societies be better prepared to face the ever-evolving future.



Project Overview

The mission of American-Egyptian Teachers Fellowship (AETF) is to increase understanding of Egyptian and American cultures by training teachers, who shape the minds of young Egyptians and Americans, on utilizing strategies of critical thinking when discussing history and culture in the classrooms. AETF is a week-long fellowship program for ten middle school/high school teachers in Egypt and the United States respectively to learn new ways of applying critical thinking methods in their classrooms. Over the course of the training, teachers will learn various critical thinking tools and innovative activities that train and strengthen critical thinking, as well as engage with fellow teachers on best practices to further develop and fortify these abilities in the classroom.

The project also aims to give the fellows their own opportunity to explore, assess, and challenge themselves on the question of culture. For the fellowship held in the United States, the fellowship will be led by an Egyptian facilitator, who will guide teachers through site visits, cultural activities, and open discussions on Egyptian culture. A similar program will be offered to teachers in Egypt, but led by an American facilitator.

The Goal

Designing and implementing a fellowship program for American and Egyptian teachers that equips them with new critical thinking tools and increases cultural awareness and sensitization.

Population Served

The fellowship will directly benefit the twenty Egyptian and American fellows. Further, students of these teachers will also benefit as teachers incorporate the new critical thinking tools in their teachings.

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Content Development and Fundraising (4-6 months)

Create the content and materials for the training program which develops and strengthens critical thinking skills. In addition, begin fundraising efforts, researching crowdsourcing platforms and exploring personal networks, to cover the costs of the training.

Phase 2: Teacher Registration (3-4 months)

Advertise the fellowship through various public outlets, such as social media and personal networks, to solicit applications. Meet with school officials/teachers to raise awareness of the opportunity.

Phase 3: Fellowship Implementation: Egypt - USA (2 months)

Organize the logistics of implementing the training, which includes reserving training space, buying supplies, and preparing content materials. In addition, notify the teachers who have been selected to participate.

Phase 4: Future Considerations

Reflect on the pros/cons of the training to improve for next year's training. In addition, assess ways to expand the program to other school districts and states, as well as improve the project's sustainability. Explore potential partnerships for sustainability with corporate sponsors and/or local school districts.

Expected Outcome

- Training twenty Egyptian and American teachers on utilizing critical thinking tools to discuss history and culture in the classrooms.
- Creating critical thinking and cultural sensitization training materials and resources to share with designated institutions with similar missions and other teachers in Egypt and the United States.
- Launching custom-made, contextualized activities/lesson plans developed by teachers that utilize the new critical thinking tools in their teaching.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

This teacher fellowship furthers the Foundation's mission in two ways: 1) by directly creating an open dialogue with teachers on the issue of Egyptian and American culture and 2) by supporting teachers to develop and strengthen critical thinking skills in students, who will then be equipped to have open dialogues of their own on a sound intellectual basis.

Gabr Fellows 360

Team: Sarah Badr Hesham, Jack Gordon, Sherif Fathy Soliman, Hunter King

The Challenge

Following our trips to Egypt and the USA, the Gabr Fellows are eager to continue connecting with our new friends and learn more about each other's everyday lives in the cities we visited. This project presents a guided neighborhood walking tour with our team, dynamically captured in 360 degree video.



Project Overview

Our team of the American and Egyptian Fellows will create a 360 video (5-10 minutes total) in D.C. and Cairo/Alexandria. In the video we will feature visits to some of the Fellows' favorite places around town (our homes, historic sites, cultural landmarks, etc). Along the way, we will reflect on our experiences during the Fellowship and discuss broader political and cultural issues affecting our city and neighborhoods. The video will (1) be a testament to the lasting power of the connection between Fellowship participants, (2) further the cross-cultural education for both Egyptian and American participants, and (3) present a unique, ground-level perspective on the impact of the Fellowship.

The Goal

- Create an exciting immersive video experience using innovative 360 video technologies
- Present a creative marketing product for the Gabr Fellowship
- Encourage dialogue between people, not only governments
- Highlight similarities between both Eastern and Western cultures
- Utilize entertainment and culture as means of education and building bridges

Population Served

- Young Americans and Egyptians who want to learn more about the Gabr Fellowship
- Gabr Fellowship alumni network

Project Milestones

The project will have 3 phases:

Phase 1 : Pre-production: Logistics planning and scene/discussion outline

Phase 2 : Production: One week in D.C. and another week in Cairo/Alexandria

Phase 3 : Post-production: Editing of all 360 videos and delivery to the Gabr Foundation's website and social networks

Expected Outcome

- Discussion between Gabr Fellow alumni network on the themes presented in the video
- Increased traffic on the Gabr Foundation website and social networks
- Increased interest in applying to future iterations of the Gabr Fellowship
- Deeper understanding by viewers about both Eastern and Western cultures

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

- Through this project, we will contribute to the advancement of the Fellowship program and furthering the relationships between participants.
- We will create a tangible marketing tool that can be used to promote the work and impact of the Foundation online and through social media.
- Broadly, we will be promoting peace and dialogue between East and West and also communication between people exchanging culture and ideas.

FUSIC

Team: Dalia Ihab Youssef and supporters Jean Kwon, Sherif Fathy Soliman, Heidi Green

The Challenge

Music brings people together, and lyrics make them understand each other's culture better. There has been a recent rise in the popularity of Fusion music as a type of art that brings different music genres, and sometimes cultures, together. Many artists have explored the potential of building bridges between their culturally-different music using this type of art, but their trials were mainly limited to finding common notes rather than lyrics or narratives. There has not been a serious approach to explore the common topics and lyrics of songs from the East and the West, limiting all East-West fusion projects to being musically interesting but not a tool of profound dialogue and a way to increase mutual curiosity about the other's culture.



Project Overview

FUSIC is a portmanteau word for 'Fusion' and 'Music'. It is also an acronym for the project's key objective: Finding Unexpected Songs/stories In Common. It is the music project of Dalia Ihab Younis, an Egyptian singer and songwriter who developed her idea further during the Fellowship. FUSIC uses fusion music (music that combines two or more genres) and lyrics swap to create a mix between English and Arabic songs that tell the same story narrative and are musically 'linkable' together.

A song from the Arabic and English repertoire will be chosen and its overall theme will be identified. Research will be conducted in the other language to find a narrative match. Dalia will check if the music can be linked and if any lyrics can be swapped. The new patched music track or 'fusic' will be recorded by a band or orchestra, and Dalia will record the vocals, potentially in collaboration with other vocalists.

The Goal

- Creating 'fusics' or songs that partially relate to Arabic-and English-speaking audiences and make them eager to explore the music, language and culture of the other to understand the narrative behind this mix
- Inspiring other musicians to collaborate with the project owner to expand the exploration of music heritage in the pursuit of common narratives

Population Served

Arabic-and English-speaking music lovers and music makers who are interested in exploring the similarities between different cultures through their music heritage.

Project Milestones

Phase 1 (complete): Creating Demos to Showcase the Project Idea

During the Fellowship, Dalia was able to fuse 2 songs and record them with the help of her American Fellows, Jean Kwon and Heidi Green (a 2016 Gabr Fellow):

- *Eslamy ya Misr ('Egypt, stay safe' in Arabic) and 'America the Beautiful'*
- *The Egyptian and American anthems*

The 2 'fusics' were amateurlly recorded using instrumental tracks on Youtube. Only Youssef Sadek (owner of Eslamy Ya misr arrangement) agreed to use his track for the project. Owners of the rest of tracks were contacted but they have not yet given copyright permission for their use.

Phase 2 : Finding Sponsors and Collaborators (2 months)

Demos were sent to different entities and persons who might be interested to contribute; including:

- Orchestras and bands willing to play the music of the fusics
- Theaters, opera houses, cultural centers and any venues willing to host a live performance of the project fusics
- Organizations, NGOs and governmental entities interested in funding art projects
- Media production houses willing to produce music videos

Phase 3 : Working on 6 songs (6-8 months)

- Researching and creating fusics as per the previously mentioned process
- Writing the music notes and new swapped lyrics
- Vocals and instrumentalists rehearsals (remotely or face-to-face)
- Recording

Phase 4 (Weeks 29+):

- Initiate rideshare advertising campaign in the United States

Expected Outcome

- 6 audio-recorded fusics (number subject to change according to budget availability in the project timeframe).
- Live performance of the 6 fusics in Egypt and the U.S. (US performance is subject to budget availability).

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

FUSIC furthers the Foundation's mission by promoting greater mutual understanding between the Arabic and English-speaking nations by building musical bridges between both. FUSIC is a great conversation starter between people of different cultures that might lead them to find more in common than they would have found in any other context.

The Challenge

Through *East-West: The Art of Dialogue*, the 2017 Fellows have become part of an amazing conversation that strengthens the U.S.-Egyptian relationship. However, not every American and Egyptian will be privy to such an opportunity. Through East-West ChitChat, we hope to pull more Americans and Egyptians into the conversation, by discussing many of the experiences the Fellows had in Cairo, New York, and Washington D.C. using media outlets in the U.S. and Egypt.



Project Overview

This project aims to spark more conversations between Americans and Egyptians by actively continuing dialogue through media outlets in both the U.S. and Egypt. We will seek to publicly discuss the subjects that were introduced to the Fellows on blogs, newspapers, radio, and other forms of communication. The topics in full are as follows:

- Lessons from Tahrir Square
- Recalling the events that occurred seven years later
- What the West can learn from the success and failures of the 2011 Revolution
- Comparing and contrasting news coverage in the U.S. and Egypt
- Museums as a place of dialogue
- Graffiti as a form of public dialogue
- Climate change
- Refugees

Each published piece will be advertised on each team member's respective Facebook pages, Instagram accounts, and other social media platforms.

The Goal

The East West ChitChat goals are:

- To build upon the topics discussed during the Fellowship's speaker sessions and the conversations Egyptian and American Fellows had
- Reveal views that Egyptians and Americans have regarding certain topics in culture, politics, and society to initiate dialogue
- Compare and contrast areas of improvement and opportunity that can strengthen the U.S.-Egyptian relationship
- Educate Americans and Egyptians on the importance of the relationship and why each country depends on the other to better each country's national interests

Population Served

The project is mainly targeting millennials and young adults in both the United States and Egypt who are interested in culture, politics and social change.

Project Milestones

- Phase 1:** Identifying and reaching out to different media outlets including websites, blogs, newspapers, radio shows with op-ed pages or space for contributors.
- Phase 2:** Drafting a minimum of seven articles/media publications to be published on websites and blogs.
- Phase 3:** Assessing content published in regards to readership and traffic and developing an expansion plan based upon outcomes achieved.

Expected Outcome

Through this project, both our Egyptian and American audiences will have the chance to discover the views of the participants from both countries in relation to a number of topics, realize the similarities between two different parts of the world, and come to a new understanding of the cultures presented.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

East West ChitChat develops one of the Foundation's core missions, which is the exchange of ideas between cultures to encourage conversation. The project also magnifies the impact made by the Foundation on its Fellows as it amplifies discussions debated during the Fellowship.





2017 Gabr Fellowship Participants



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Egypt Program Participants

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 served as an Ambassador to Poland and the Czech Republic. Ambassador Moussa served as the Director of Security and Strategic Organizations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Adel El Adawy

Dr. 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 a master's degree in political science from American University in Washington, D.C. Currently, he is finishing up 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 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.

Ms. Al-Zahraa Adel

Ms. Al-Zahraa Adel works as a tourist guide and tour manager for English groups in Alexandria, in addition to working as a cruise manager and a representative for multinational travel agencies. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Alexandria University, Egypt.

His Grace Anba Youannes

His Grace Anba Youannes was a surgeon 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.

Dr. Dalia Youssef

Dr. Dalia Youssef is Member of the Egyptian Parliament, a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and President of the UK Friendship Group. Dr. Dalia Youssef is the Vice-President of Risk Free Egypt, the first and only Political/Security risk management consultancy firm in Egypt. She is also a founding member of the Justice Party, a liberal political party founded in 2011.

2017 Gabr Fellowship

Egypt Program Participants

Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone

Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone is President of the American University in Cairo. His previous Ambassadorial appointments include U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Deputy U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Palau. Prior to that, Ambassador Ricciardone served as Director of the Department's Task Force on the Coalition Against Terrorism and as a Senior Advisor to the Director General of the Foreign Service. He served as the Secretary of State's Special Coordinator for the Transition of Iraq. In Washington, D.C., Ambassador Ricciardone has served in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and in senior management positions under the Director General of the Foreign Service and of Human Resources.

Dr. Hafez Al Mirazi

Dr. Hafez Al Mirazi is the former Director of the Adham Center for Television and Digital Journalism at the American University in Cairo (AUC). Currently, he is Professor of Practice in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at AUC. Dr. 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, Dr. 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, Dr. Al Mirazi 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).

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 advised on landmark M&A and IPO transactions in the region, and where he began his career. Mr. El Khazindar serves on the boards of several leading regional companies including El Sewedy Electric and Magrabi Retail, and 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.

Mr. Hisham Ezz Al-Arab

Mr. Hisham Ezz Al-Arab is Chairman and Managing Director of CIB Bank. Under his leadership, CIB expanded its leading position in the Egyptian market and grew its market capitalization from \$200 million to \$4 billion. His vision transcended financial performance to include the adoption of best practice in corporate governance, risk management and the buildup of a modern banking culture. He was unanimously elected the Chairman of the Federation of Egyptian Banks in March 2013. Mr. Ezz Al-Arab has been a Director on the MasterCard Middle East & Africa Regional Advisory Board since June 2007 and a principal member of the American Chamber of Commerce. For his distinguished work and clear support for education, he was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American University in Cairo (AUC) in November 2012. His passion to give back to society culminated in the establishment of the CIB Foundation in 2010 dedicated to supporting underprivileged children in Egypt.

2017 Gabr Fellowship

Egypt Program Participants

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, 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 Northwestern University. He obtained his PhD in science from Sunderland University in the United Kingdom.

Ambassador Hussam Zaki

Ambassador Hussam Zaki is Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League. He served as senior advisor on the Middle East for successive Egyptian foreign ministers. He was Egyptian Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil and nonresident Ambassador to Guinea and Surinam. He was Deputy Chief of Mission and Counselor at the Embassy of Egypt in Rome, Deputy Director at the Israel Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and official Spokesman for the Secretary General at the Arab League. Before he was Press Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, he worked at the Embassy of Egypt in Washington, D.C.

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 twelve 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 film 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. Ismail Serageldin

Dr. Ismail Serageldin is the Former Executive Director of Bibliotheca Alexandrina. He serves as Chair and Member of a number of advisory committees for academic, research, scientific, and international institutions, including as co-Chair of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center (NGIC). He also served on the Advisory Committee at the World Social Science Report, the UNESCO-supported World Water Scenarios, the executive council of the Encyclopedia of Life, and Chaired the Executive Council of the World Digital Library. He has held many international positions including Vice President at the World Bank.

Mr. Karim A. Darwish

Mr. Karim A. Darwish is the Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and Member of the Egyptian Parliament. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, and earned his Masters Degree in Economics in London. He has served as an International Legal Consultant and has experience in various fields of law as a lawyer and a legal advisor. He is also a member of the Egyptian Lawyers Syndicate and of the Union of Arab Lawyers.

2017 Gabr Fellowship

Egypt Program Participants

Prof. Karim Haggag

Professor Karim Haggag is a career Egyptian diplomat with over 25 years of service in Egypt's diplomatic corps. He is currently serving as Professor of Practice at the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo. Throughout his career he has served in numerous capacities focusing on US-Egypt relations, Middle East regional security, arms control and non-proliferation, and Arab-Israeli diplomacy. In addition to his diplomatic assignments, Professor Haggag was also a visiting professor with the Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of the American University in Cairo, and has received his Master's Degree in War Studies from King's College London.

Dr. May El Batran

Dr. May El Batran is a member of the Egyptian Parliament and the Founder & CEO of TMA Education Management, Investment & Development. Dr. El Batran serves as the Academic Advisor and International Relations Officer of the High Institute for Specific Studies, a family owned educational institution providing grants to over 15,000 students. Dr. El Batran serves on the executive board of the Egyptian Junior Business Association 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 in Jordan under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Hasan Bin Talal and the Arab Sustainability Leadership Group. Dr. El Batran kicked off her education in the French Catholic College De La Mere de Dieu, received her Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from Cairo University, and her PhD 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 more than 35 years of experience in international affairs, social development, humanitarian relief operations, and communication. Ambassador Salem currently serves as the Coordinator of the UN Working Groups at the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs. He acquired much of 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 Egyptian Embassy in London. 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.

Major General Mohamed El Keshky

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

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Egypt Program Participants

Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi

Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi is an Egyptian career diplomat and politician who served as the Foreign Minister of Egypt. He was Deputy Chief of the Egyptian mission to Israel, and also served in Kuwait and in the United Kingdom. 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 a Member of the Egyptian Parliament and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

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), and his MA from Carleton University, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA), 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 authored several publications in Arabic and English on international, regional and domestic politics.

The Honorable Dr. Mona Makram-Ebeid

The Honorable Dr. Mona Makram-Ebeid is a lecturer of Political Science and Sociology at The American University in Cairo. She is a leading figure in the Egyptian political and intellectual community, and was a vocal and dynamic member of the Egyptian Parliament. During her term she served as Senator on the Foreign Affairs, Education and Budget committees.

Dr. Moustafa El Feki

Dr. Moustafa El Feki, a politician, diplomat, academic, and writer, is the Executive Director of Bibliotheca Alexandrina. 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 IAEA and also a permanent representative in Egypt to the Arab League. He was the Secretary to the former President of Egypt, Hosni 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.

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Dr. Noha Bakr

Dr. Noha Bakr is a Political Science Professor at the American University in Cairo, teaching about international organizations and human rights. Prior to that, Dr. Bakr served as Assistant to the Minister for 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 an Alumni of Cairo University, Lafarge University & SWAMOS Program of War Studies, Columbia University. Her publications are focused on the field of security and international organizations. She is also a member of the Egyptian Council on Foreign Relations, the Arab Network for Tolerance, and the Egyptian International Economic Forum.

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.

H.E. Thomas H. Goldberger

H.E. Thomas H. Goldberger is Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. He previously served as Assistant Chief of Mission responsible for political affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and as Deputy Chief of Mission in Tel Aviv from 2010 to 2013. Before that, he was director of the Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, where he was responsible for coordinating U.S. support for peace negotiations between Israel and its neighbors. A specialist in economic affairs, he also served at U.S. Embassies in Ankara, Amman, Paris, and Riyadh, and as Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs.

Mr. Youssef El Shorafy

Mr. Youssef El Shorafy is Chief Executive Officer at Omega Capital. In 2012, Mr. El Shorafy cofounded Catalyst Partners, an investment firm focused on SMEs. One of his successes was to transform Catalyst Investments, a snacks company, from shutdown mode into a profitable operation that is now on a steep growth curve. In 2007, Mr. Youssef El Shorafy cofounded Mega Investments Holding, which has a fully owned brokerage. He played a major role in formulating the firm's strategy, eventually creating one of Egypt's highest quality equity brokerage firms. Before that, he worked at regional investment bank Naeem Holding, where he developed a thorough understanding of MENA markets through his responsibilities in multiple jurisdictions.

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Mr. Ziad Aly

Mr. Ziad Aly is the CEO and Founder of ALZWAD for Economic Development and ALZWAD for Mobile Services. Mr. Aly is also the Founder of MASRENA, an NGO concerned with Building Egypt 2.0. He is an entrepreneur and has more than 20 years experience in business development and senior management in IT, logistics & transportation and telecommunication. Before founding ALZWAD, Mr. Aly was an Executive Board Member at Vodafone. Mr. Aly received a B.A. from the American University in Cairo and has had Management and Leadership training from IMD, Harvard Business School.

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Dr. Aaron Lobel

Dr. Aaron Lobel, a media entrepreneur and international affairs expert, is the Founder and President of America Abroad Media (AAM), an international media organization based in Washington D.C. In 2016, AAM launched a major initiative, Hollywood and the Middle East: Empowering Indigenous Voices and Storytellers, bringing top Hollywood talent to the Middle East to build the capacity of local storytellers to create compelling, original Arabic drama and entertainment content. Dr. Lobel also established AAM's Awards Dinner, The Power of Film, an annual event which brings together the policymaking and diplomatic community in Washington with media leaders and the creative community from around the world. He has been a fellow at The Brookings Institution, the John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard University, the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and Harvard University's Institute of Politics. Dr. Lobel serves on the Advisory Board for the Edward R. Murrow Center for a Digital World at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He also serves on the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) International Advisory Council.

Mr. Andrew Clark

Mr. Andrew Clark is currently the Acting Senior Director for Egypt and the Gulf States at the National Security Council. He has spent several years as a Middle East political and economic analyst for the U.S. Government. He was previously the Middle East Regional Economic Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs. Before that, he managed the economic and political portfolios on the Egypt Desk in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. In his time at the State Department and in the U.S. Government, Mr. Clark has developed strategies for and coordinated engagements with Arab governments on economic and political reforms. Mr. Clark has provided in-depth reports to senior State Department officials on key opportunities and challenges facing reform efforts, and he has helped shape engagement with and advocacy for U.S. companies actively invested in the Middle East.

Mr. Andy Braner

Mr. Andy Braner is the President and CEO of KIVU, an international student organization helping students discover their role in the global community. The primary goal of KIVU is to teach and train high school and university students to engage in their chosen profession through internships in a global context. Mr. Braner is an internationally recognized speaker and trainer for youth. He's written five books on youth culture, and has over 20 years of youth experience. His latest book *No Fear in Love* is a look into the heart of fear in culture and what drives us to love well. He uses this process cross culturally as he is currently involved in creating experiences where American youth interact with Middle Eastern youth, leading student trips to Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan to connect with people with similar life goals. Mr. Andy Braner graduated from Baylor University in 1997 with a degree in Theater and Performance. His post graduate work is in Philosophy of Religion at Denver Seminary.

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Ms. Arthel Neville

Ms. Arthel Neville currently serves as a co-anchor for *Americas News HQ* and is based in New York. She first joined FNC in 1998, where she served as a contributor until 2001. She rejoined the network in 2010 as a New York-based anchor. Prior to her most recent role on FNC, Neville was the host of CNN's *Talkback Live* with *Arthel Neville*, making her the first African-American woman to host her own daily show on the network. After CNN, Ms. Neville served as the West Coast Bureau Chief for 20th Century Television's *Geraldo-at-Large*, and as the lead anchor for Fox 5 Morning News in San Diego and KSWB-TV's four-hour weekday newscast. Ms. Neville also hosted and produced her one-on-one celebrity interview show, *Extreme Closeup*, on E! Entertainment Television. Following her groundbreaking show, Ms. Neville launched *Extra* for Warner Bros. Studios, where she delivered entertainment headlines to millions of homes every evening. Ms. Neville also co-hosted Fox's national morning show *Good Day Live*. In addition, she has been a guest host on *The View*, *Live (with Regis Philbin)*, and co-hosted the Miss Teen USA Pageant with Dick Clark and the Miss Universe Pageant, to a worldwide audience of over 60 million people.

Minister Plenipotentiary Ayman Aldesouky Youssef

Minister Plenipotentiary Ayman Youssef is the Chief of Economic, Political, Military and UN sections at the Egyptian Embassy in Washington D.C. He is a career diplomat, having joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1995. He served in the Egyptian foreign missions in Algiers, San Francisco and Abu Dhabi. Before joining the foreign service, he worked in Egypt, the GCC, Europe and the US as a financial and legal consultant for international firms such as Ernst & Young, PWC and the UN Compensation Commission in Kuwait. He also was the lead instructor for business administration at the American University in Cairo and Morgan International in the U.A.E. between 2007 and 2014.

Colonel Ayman Habib

Colonel Ayman Habib currently serves as the Assistant Defense Attaché at the Egyptian Defense Office in Washington, DC. He has served in the Egyptian military for 25 years, most notably with the Reconnaissance Branch. Colonel Habib has a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature and studied at the Military Academy before beginning his military service.

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock represents Virginia's 10th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Congresswoman Comstock currently serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, the Science, Space and Technology Committee, where she serves as Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Research and Technology, the House Administration Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the bicameral Joint Economic Committee. As Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Congresswoman Comstock has focused on cyber security and the cyber threats facing the U.S. While serving in the Virginia House of Delegates, Congresswoman Comstock served as Chairwoman of the Science and Technology Committee. She also served on the Commerce and Labor Committee and the Transportation Committee. Congresswoman Comstock consistently received an "A" rating from the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and received their 2012 "Free Enterprise" award and 2014 "Competitiveness" award.

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Congressman Bradley Byrne

Congressman Bradley Byrne represents the 1st District of Alabama in the United States House of Representatives. Prior to that, he practiced law in Mobile for more than 30 years, always active in the local community through various service and economic development organizations. Congressman Byrne served previously as a member of the Alabama State Senate representing District 32. As a member of the House Committee on Armed Services, Congressman Byrne has been an outspoken supporter for a strong national defense and improved quality of care at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Congressman Byrne has traveled with the Armed Services Committee to the Middle East to meet foreign leaders and visit with United States military personnel. He has also used his position on the Committee to build support for the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), which is built in part at Mobile's Austal USA shipyard. A lifelong native of Alabama's Gulf Coast, Congressman Byrne has been a strong supporter of the coastal economy. Congressman Byrne led the charge for reforms to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act which would give more power over the Red Snapper fishery to the Gulf States. He has also advocated for increased off-shore energy production and American energy independence. As a former member of the Alabama State Board of Education and former Chancellor of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, he saw the House Committee on Education and the Workforce as a natural fit. On the Committee, Congressman Byrne has focused on returning more control over education policy to the state and local level. In addition to pushing right-to-work policies and taking on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Congressman Byrne has made workforce training and technical education among his top priorities.

Mr. Brian Pfeifler

Mr. Brian Pfeifler is responsible for the senior relationship coverage of high net worth individuals, families, public and private foundations, pension plans and other institutions at Morgan Stanley. Mr. Pfeifler joined Morgan Stanley in 1990 as an Analyst in the Investment Banking division. Mr. Pfeifler joined Private Wealth Management in 1996 as a NY-based Advisor focused on providing asset and risk management solutions for families and institutions that control significant pools of wealth and liquidity. Currently, Mr. Pfeifler oversees approximately \$9 billion of client assets. In 2008 and 2010, he achieved the ranking of #1 in Barron's national listing of Americas Top 100 Financial Advisors. Further, Barron's has ranked Mr. Pfeifler among the top five financial advisors nationally every year since 2005. In 2009, 2014, 2015, and 2016 Barron's named him the Top Advisor in New York. In 2016, Forbes ranked Mr. Pfeifler #2 in their inaugural listing of Americas Top Wealth Advisors and #3 in the 2017 listing, the highest ranking for a Morgan Stanley Advisor. Additionally, he was profiled in Institutional Investor's inaugural edition of the "20 Rising Stars of Wealth Management", and named the #1 advisor in On Wall Street's 2006 listing of "Advisors Under 40." Mr. Pfeifler holds a B.A. in Political Science/ American Studies from Amherst College.

Mr. Brian Sullivan

Mr. Brian Sullivan is co-anchor of CNBC's *Power Lunch*, one of the network's longest running programs, as well as the host of the daily investing program *Trading Nation*. He is also a frequent guest on MSNBC's *Morning Joe* and other NBC properties. In his 20 years of financial journalism and television experience, Mr. Sullivan has reported from five continents. He has been twice nominated for the prestigious Loeb Award; one for being recognized as among the first financial journalists to highlight the risks of the housing bubble, and the other for the CNBC documentary *America's Gun: The Rise of the AR-15*. Prior to joining CNBC, Mr. Sullivan served as an anchor at Fox Business News as well as a producer, reporter and anchor for Bloomberg Television. He has a B.A. in political science from Virginia Tech, where he serves on the Alumni Board, as well as a law degree from Brooklyn Law School. In his free time, he is an avid race car driver with two SCCA divisional championships.

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Mr. Bruce Mosler

Mr. Bruce E. Mosler is Chairman of Global Brokerage of Cushman & Wakefield Inc, the world's largest independent real estate services firm. He was CEO from 2005-2010 and more recently, leads the C&W Global Advisory Board as well as serves as Chair of the Veterans Initiative at Cushman & Wakefield. As Chairman, Mr. Mosler advises major tenants and investors on strategic real estate matters, taking a senior role in managing and developing key client relationships on behalf of Cushman & Wakefield, globally. He continues to advise Brookfield Properties, RXR Realty, Vornado, JP Morgan Chase, NYU University Hospital (The Langone Center), Citigroup, the Brooklyn NETS, MetLife, among others.

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann represents the 3rd District of Tennessee in the United States House of Representatives. For 24 years, Congressman Fleischmann and his wife ran a small business together in Chattanooga after they both graduated from law school at the University of Tennessee. He has also served on the Board of the National Craniofacial Association and on the Board of the Cherokee Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. He served as the President of the Chattanooga Bar Association and Chairman of the Chattanooga Lawyers Pro Bono Committee. During his years in Congress, he has voted to repeal Obamacare, cut trillions from the federal budget and has a 100% pro-life and Second Amendment voting record. Congressman Fleischmann serves on the Appropriations Committee and within the Committee he serves on the following subcommittees: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; Homeland Security; Labor, Health, and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies.

Ms. Christina Fallon

Ms. Christina Fallon is a defense policy analyst focused on countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Prior to that, she served as a US naval officer working on security-related education and training. Ms. Fallon graduated with a BS in English Literature from the United States Naval Academy, and earned her MA from Georgetown University's Center for Peace and Security Studies where she concentrated on the intersection of technology with world security issues.

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney represents the 22nd District of New York in the United States House of Representatives. As a freshman member of the 115th Congress, she was selected to serve on the House Financial Services Committee. Previously, she served as a member of the New York State Assembly. She is an accomplished attorney and long-time small business owner. She was the co-owner and legal counsel to, Mid-York Press Inc., a commercial printing and manufacturing firm started by her grandfather. She is admitted to the bar in New York, Connecticut and Florida. She also is admitted to all federal courts including the United States Supreme Court. Congresswoman Tenney established Tenney Media Group and served as its publisher and corporate counsel. Tenney Media Group, based in Clinton, published and printed free community newspapers founded by her parents and grandparents — the Mid-York Weekly and the Pennysaver. This division was sold to Gannett in 2004. She was the only American employed by the Consulate General of Yugoslavia, which led to her strong relationship with the large Bosnian refugee population in the Utica area. She also published and produced the first Bosnian newspaper in Utica.

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Congressman Dana Rohrabacher

Congressman Dana Rohrabacher represents California's 48th District in the United States House of Representatives. As Chairman of the Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Rohrabacher is a spokesman for human rights and democracy around the world. During his tenure as Chairman, one of his first priorities was to investigate the U.N. Oil for Food program and potential foreign influence in the Oklahoma City Bombing. Rep. Rohrabacher continues to look into technology transfer issues, visa policies practiced by the State Department, Chinese proliferation of nuclear weapons technology as well as other volatile areas of concern such as the massive cultivation of opium poppies in Afghanistan. Congressman Rohrabacher is a strong voice for lower government spending and taxes. His record of fiscal restraint and pro-growth policies has won him acclaim from the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens Against Government Waste, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business. He is co-Chairman of the Congressional Egypt Caucus.

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 Hamilton

Dr. Daniel Hamilton is the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Professor and Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. He also serves as Executive Director of the American Consortium for EU Studies, designated by the European Commission as the EU Center of Excellence Washington, D.C. Dr. Hamilton is the Coordinator of the "Enabling Technologies Coalition," an international grouping of scholars, businesses, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, initiated by Microsoft, that promotes research on the potential for enabling technologies to facilitate economic growth in the areas of health, low-carbon economy, education, and governance. Dr. Hamilton has held a variety of senior positions in the U.S. Department of State. Dr. Hamilton chairs the selection committee for the Robert Bosch Stiftung Fellows program bringing young American professionals to Germany. Recent publications include *Europe 2020: Competitive or Complacent?* (2011); *Shoulder to Shoulder: Forging a Strategic U.S.-EU Partnership* (2010); *Alliance Reborn: An Atlantic Compact for the 21st Century* (2009) by the Washington NATO Project; and *The Transatlantic Economy* (annual editions, 2004-2014).

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Congressman Darrell Issa

Congressman Darrell Issa represents California's 49th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. As a senior in high school, Congressman Issa enlisted in the United States Army. Through his Army service, he received an ROTC scholarship and graduated with a degree in business from Sienna Heights University in Adrian, Michigan. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an Army officer, and ultimately obtained the rank of captain. At the height of his career in business, he served as CEO of California-based Directed Electronics, a company that he founded and built in the mid-1990s to become the nation's largest manufacturer of vehicle anti-theft devices, including the highly-successful Viper system. In 1994, he was named Entrepreneur of the Year by *Inc. Magazine*, Ernst & Young and *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. Congressman Issa currently is a member of the House Judiciary Committee - where he serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet - as well as the House Foreign Affairs and House Oversight and Government Reform Committees. In 2008, when Congress was asked to pass the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) in the wake of an historic financial crisis, he stood by his instincts as a businessman and opposed giving a blank-check bailout to Wall Street - he voted against all bailouts during the financial crisis. Refusing to give up and concede to those who favored a bailout-centered response to this and future financial failures, he put forward a proposal to create a bipartisan commission to uncover the root causes of the financial crisis. This idea was passed into law in early 2009 and the investigation commenced in January 2010.

Mr. David Clark

Mr. David Clark is the Vice President and Executive Producer of Weekend News and Programming at FOX News Channel. He has been in the news business for more than 40 years. He has also formerly worked at CBS and ABC News, among others.

Congressman David Price

Congressman David Price represents North Carolina's Fourth District in the United State House of Representatives. He received his undergraduate degree at UNC-Chapel Hill and went on to Yale University to earn a Bachelor of Divinity as well as a Ph.D. in Political Science. Before he began serving in Congress, Congressman Price was a professor of Political Science and Public Policy at Duke University. He is the author of four books on Congress and the American political system. Congressman Price currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee and serves as the Ranking Democrat on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees funding for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development. He is a member of the Appropriations Subcommittees responsible for homeland security, State Department, and foreign operations appropriations. As the Ranking Member of the House Democracy Partnership and an outspoken advocate for Middle East peace, Congressman Price is also a recognized leader on foreign policy issues. In North Carolina, his constituents know him as a strong supporter of education, accessible health care, affordable housing, clean air and water, and improved transportation alternatives.

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Dr. Diana Craig Patch

Dr. Diana Craig Patch is the Lila Acheson Wallace Curator in Charge at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. She is also an Egyptologist specializing in archaeology and received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. During her tenure at The Met, Dr. Patch has curated *The Dawn of Egyptian Art*, an exhibition that demonstrated how Predynastic art contributed to the foundation of Pharaonic culture, and the exhibition *Cleopatra's Needle*, which celebrated the Central Park icon. Additionally, she co-curated the reinstallation of the Predynastic and Early Dynastic gallery. 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, she has carried out fieldwork in Egypt and currently is 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 represents Maryland's 2nd District in the United States House of Representatives. Congressman Ruppertsberger currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee, including the Defense, the State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs and the Homeland Security subcommittees. He has a committee-record 12 years serving on the House Intelligence Committee, including four as Ranking Member. Congressman Ruppertsberger was the first Democratic freshman ever appointed to the committee, which oversees the collection and analysis of intelligence from around the world to ensure U.S. national security and prevent potential crisis situations - especially terrorist activity. He travelled to more than 50 countries including Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen, China and Venezuela during his time on the committee. On the committee, he developed a reputation for bipartisan leadership with then-Chairman and Republican Mike Rogers. The pair worked together to pass five intelligence authorization bills over four years as well as bipartisan cyber security legislation. Congressman Ruppertsberger previously served on the House Government Reform and House Armed Services Committees.

Senator Ed Markey

Senator Edward J. Markey is the United States Senator for Massachusetts. A consumer champion and national leader on energy, environmental protection and telecommunications policy, he has a prolific legislative record on major issues across the policy spectrum. When he was Dean of the Massachusetts delegation in the House, he worked to harness the energy and influence of his colleagues on behalf of the entire Commonwealth. He has consistently fought to create new jobs in American clean energy and served as a leading consumer champion against rising gas prices and foreign oil. He is the principal House author of the 2007 fuel economy law, which aims to increase fuel economy standards to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025, the first increase in a generation. Senator Markey authored the law that established the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve. In 2009, then-Congressman Markey was the co-author of the landmark Waxman-Markey bill, the only comprehensive climate legislation ever to pass a chamber of Congress. Senator Markey was a leading voice in the investigation into the BP oil spill.

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Mr. Eric Shawn

Mr. Eric Shawn is a New-York based anchor and senior correspondent at FOX News Channel. He is currently the anchor of *America's News Headquarters*. He also regularly reports from the United Nations and has specialized in politics and terrorism, including anchoring hour-long news specials on topics ranging from election coverage to investigative documentaries to breaking news. He has provided live coverage from both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions during the 1992, 1996, and 2004 elections. Mr. Shawn also covered September 11 from Ground Zero for months after the towers collapsed and subsequently covered additional U.S. terror cases. Mr. Shawn reported on the O.J. Simpson murder trial, the Iraq War, diplomatic developments at the United Nations, the Michael Skakel trial, the death of Princess Diana, and other breaking stories around the globe. He has interviewed world leaders ranging from President Bill Clinton, to U.N. Secretary Generals Kofi Annan and Ban Ki Moon, as well as Israeli Prime Ministers Shimon Peres, Benjamin Netanyahu, Ehud Barak, Ehud Olmert and Ariel Sharon.

Dr. Eric Trager

Dr. Eric Trager is an expert on Egyptian politics and the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, and was the Esther K. Wagner Fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. He was in Egypt during the 2011 revolution and returns frequently to conduct firsthand interviews with leaders in Egypt's Government, military, political parties, media, and civil society. His writings have appeared in numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, the *Atlantic*, and the *New Republic*. Dr. Trager is the author of *Arab Fall: How the Muslim Brotherhood Won and Lost Egypt in 891 Days*, which chronicles the precipitous rise to power of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, culminating in the election of President Mohamed Morsi in 2012, and its sudden demise just a year later. The book also assesses the current state of Egyptian politics and the prospects for a reemergence of the Brotherhood. Dr. Trager has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania, where his doctoral research focused on Egyptian opposition parties. From 2006-2007, he lived in Egypt as an Islamic Civilizations Fulbright fellow, where he studied at the American University in Cairo and received his M.A. in Arabic studies with a concentration in Islamic studies. He served as a research assistant at The Washington Institute from 2005 to 2006 upon graduation from Harvard University with a degree in government and language citations in Arabic and Hebrew.

Ms. Frances Townsend

Ms. Frances Townsend is an Executive Vice President for Worldwide Government, Legal and Business Affairs at MacAndrews and Forbes Incorporated. She works across MacAndrew's portfolio companies focusing on international, legal, compliance, and business development issues. Prior to that she was a corporate partner with the law firm of Baker Botts, LLP. From 2004 to 2008, Ms. Townsend served as Assistant to President George W. Bush for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism and chaired the Homeland Security Council. She also served as Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism. Ms. Townsend spent 13 years at the U.S. Department of Justice under the administrations of President George H. W. Bush, President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush. She has received numerous awards for her public service accomplishments. Currently, Ms. Townsend is an on air national security analyst for CBS News where she contributes to coverage of homeland security, foreign policy, counter terrorism, and intelligence, and she also appears on the network's digital streaming service, CBSN, and was previously an analyst for CNN. Ms. Townsend also serves on several government advisory and non-profit boards. She is a trustee on the board of the New York City Police Foundation, Business Executives for National Security, and the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission.

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Mr. Frederick Kempe

Mr. Frederick Kempe is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Atlantic Council, a foreign policy think tank and public policy group based in Washington, D.C. He is an award-winning journalist, best-selling author, columnist and a regular commentator on television and radio both in Europe and the United States. His latest book, *BERLIN 1961: Kennedy, Khrushchev and the Most Dangerous Place on Earth* (Putnam) was a New York Times bestseller. He spent nearly thirty years with the *Wall Street Journal*, where he covered the rise of Solidarity in Poland, the ascent and fall of Mikhail Gorbachev in Russia, the wars in Afghanistan and Lebanon, the American invasion of Panama, the reunification of Germany and the collapse of Soviet Communism. Mr. Kempe has written three books that have been published in several languages: *Divorcing the Dictator: America's Bungled Affair with Noriega*; *Siberian Odyssey: A Voyage into the Russian Soul*; and *Father/Land: A Personal Search for the New Germany*.

Mr. George Selim

Mr. George Selim is the Senior Vice President of Programs at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). In this role, he leads ADL's education, law enforcement and community security programs and oversees the work of ADL's Center on Extremism. Prior to his appointment at ADL, Mr. Selim served in the administrations of Presidents Bush, Obama, and Trump. He most recently served as the Department of Homeland Security's Director of the Office for Community Partnerships, where he was the first to assume this role. Concurrently, he was also selected to lead a newly created Countering Violent Extremism Task Force to coordinate government efforts and partnerships to prevent violent extremism in the United States. Before assuming these roles, Mr. Selim served for four years at the White House on the National Security Council staff where he focused on policy development and program implementation matters for both domestic and international security threats. Prior to his work at the White House, Mr. Selim served as a Senior Policy Adviser at the DHS Office for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, advising Department leadership on policy issues at the intersection of civil liberties and homeland security. He has also worked at the U.S. Department of Justice, the Arab American Institute, and served one year of AmeriCorps service.

Mr. Gregory Copley

Mr. Gregory Copley is the Co-Founder and President of the International Strategic Studies Association (ISSA), the global non-governmental organization for senior professional officials involved worldwide in the formulation of national and international strategic policy. As a historian, author, and strategic analyst, he has for almost 40 years worked at the highest levels with various governments around the world to help create a global strategic environment which would reduce conflict and promote economic well-being and international stability. He is the author of the study, *The Art of Victory*. He is the Editor-in-Chief and Founder of the Defense & Foreign Affairs group of publications. He has also been extensively involved as an industrialist in heavy engineering enterprises, ship and yacht design, and airline development.

Counselor Hani Nagi

Counselor Hani Nagi has served as a career diplomat for over 22 years. He is the Deputy Consul General at the Egyptian Consulate in New York. Previously, he served as Counselor at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to that, he served as Minister Consul at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Washington, D.C. In addition, he was a TV Anchor at ESC. Counselor Nagi holds a Bachelor's Degree in English language and Literature from Cairo University.

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Mr. Hartwig Schafer

Mr. Hartwig Schafer is the Vice President of Global Themes at the World Bank Group. In this position, he oversees the World Bank's engagement in the corporate priority areas of Fragility, Conflict and Violence, Gender, Infrastructure/PPPs/Guarantees, Climate Change, and Knowledge Management. In his most recent role as Vice President, Operations Policy and Country Services, Mr. Schafer was responsible for the World Bank's business policies, practices, and procedures for lending products and knowledge services for client countries. Mr. Schafer, a German national, has worked for over 27 years in technical and managerial positions in the World Bank, as well as the European Commission. His academic background is in Economics (PhD) and Agricultural Economics. Previously, Mr. Schafer served as the World Bank's Country Director for Djibouti, Egypt, and Yemen in the Middle East and North Africa Region. He was Director for Strategy and Operations in the Sustainable Development Network. Mr. Schafer has also served as Director for Operations and Strategy in the Africa Region, Country Director for Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe and Chief Administrative Officer in the Africa Region.

Dr. Herbert London

Dr. Herbert London is President of the London Center for Policy Research and a Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute. He is the former President of the Hudson Institute and a noted social critic whose work has appeared in every major newspaper and journal in the country. Dr. London is professor Emeritus and the former John M. Olin Professor of Humanities at New York University. Furthermore, Dr. London is Chairman of the National Association of Scholars, and a contributing editor for *St. Croix Review*, *American Arts Quarterly* and *the American Spectator*.

Ambassador Dr. Hesham Elnakib

Ambassador Dr. Hesham Elnakib is the Consul General of Egypt in New York City. Ambassador Dr. Elnakib embarked on his diplomatic career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs right after graduation. He has assumed various positions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Director and Counselor, North American Department; Director of the Cabinet of the First Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs; Spokesperson and Head of Press and Public Diplomacy, and Consul General at the Egyptian Consulate in San Francisco. Intermittently, he was assigned his third international post as director, press counselor and spokesperson of the press and information office of the Embassy of Egypt in Washington D.C., and Minister Plenipotentiary with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Information. He has written a number of commentaries and letters to the editor of various international journals and magazines, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*. He has also written a number of articles in *El Sayasa*, *El Dawleya*, and in *Al Ahram* newspapers. He graduated from The American University in Cairo with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a minor in Economics, a Master of Arts in International Relations from the International Institute of Public Administration in Paris, France, and a Doctor of Philosophy in History, specializing in the history of International Relations and Foreign Policy, from the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Russian Academy of Science in Moscow.

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Mr. Ihab Awad Moustafa

Mr. Ihab Awad Moustafa is the Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations. He previously served as the Political Coordinator for the Mission's Security Council Delegation and as a Senior Officer at the Peacebuilding Commission's Support Branch. Mr. Ihab Moustafa also held a position in the Africa Division of the Office of Operation in the Department of Peacekeeping operations. He also took part in the multilateral negotiations that led to the adoption of the 2005 World Summit Outcome. Mr. Ihab Moustafa graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from the American University in Cairo and his M.A. from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta.

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 the U.S. national and economic security: Energy and Water, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and State and Foreign Operations. In Congress, he also 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. Congressman Fortenberry also has significant personal experience in small business, Public Policy analysis, and economic development. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and two master's degrees, one of which is in public policy. Congressman Fortenberry is co-Chairman of the Congressional Egypt Caucus.

Dr. Jonathan Golden

Dr. Jonathan Golden is Director of the Center on Religion, Culture, and Conflict (CRCC) 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. He is also Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology and Comparative Religion at Drew University. He holds a PhD in Anthropology (University of Pennsylvania), specializing in the study of ancient and modern cultures of the Middle East. Dr. Golden's research interests include religious and ethnic conflict, terrorism, and interfaith studies.

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Ms. Josette Sheeran

Ms. Josette Sheeran is the President and CEO of Asia Society. She is responsible for advancing the organization's global work in the fields of arts and culture, policy and business, and education. Ms. Sheeran also serves as the UN Special Envoy to Haiti, representing the UN Secretary-General in advancing Haiti's 2030 vision and in helping secure an end to the transmission of cholera in Haiti. Ms. Sheeran is former vice chair of the World Economic Forum. She helped advance global initiatives encompassing global, regional, and industry agendas such as Grow Africa, which has attracted \$10 billion to end hunger and malnutrition in Africa. Prior to the World Economic Forum, Ms. Sheeran was executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), appointed by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Ms. Sheeran's TED Talk on ending world hunger has been viewed more than one million times and has been used in schools to teach children about hunger. She led the world's largest humanitarian organization, serving up to 100 million of the world's most hungry each year. Prior to this, Ms. Sheeran served as a diplomat and negotiator for the United States, including as U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, and Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, handling Asia, Africa, labor, environment, intellectual property, and trade capacity building portfolios. In 2011, Forbes named her the world's 30th most powerful woman; Foreign Policy listed her among its top 100 global 'Twitterati'. Ms. Sheeran is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations. She was awarded Japan's Nigata International Food Award, Commandeur de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole by the Government of France, and Brazil's highest civilian award, the Grand Official Order of the 'Rio Branco,' and the "Game Changer" award by the Huffington Post.

Ms. Katharine Gorka

Ms. Katharine Gorka is a Senior Advisor in the Office of Policy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She was the President of the Council on Global Security, and the President of Threat Knowledge Group, a consulting firm. Previously, she served as the Director of the Westminster Institute and as a Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute. She lived in Hungary for 12 years where she co-founded with her husband, Dr. Sebastian Gorka, the Institute for Transitional Democracy and International Security (ITDIS), which focused on issues of economic reform and the problems associated with former communists and secret police in post-communist democracies. Ms. Gorka has been a guest on many TV news shows. She was a member of a panel at the Heritage Foundation talking about the Obama administration's counterterrorism policy and strategy, and she co-edited *Fighting the Ideological War: Winning Strategies from Communism to Islamism*. Ms. Gorka is a graduate of the London School of Economics, where she received a Master of Science in Economics and International Political Economy.

Mr. Keith Lieberthal

Mr. Keith Lieberthal is the Senior Director of Lincoln Center International at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. He came to Lincoln Center from Guidepoint Global, where he was Director of Global Strategy. Mr. Lieberthal led Guidepoint's international expansion, opening new offices in Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Germany, and growing Guidepoint's teams in London and Singapore. Prior to Guidepoint, Mr. Lieberthal was General Counsel of the fashion company Tommy Hilfiger USA, Inc. and the Karl Lagerfeld brand. He was responsible for the worldwide legal affairs of businesses representing \$1.5 billion in revenues and operating on five continents. He began his legal career at Covington & Burling, where he served as an Associate in the firm's New York, London and Washington offices. His practice focused on international dispute resolution, media and communications law. Mr. Lieberthal serves on the board of New York Stage and Film and is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He holds an BA in Philosophy Summa Cum Laude from Dartmouth College and a J.D. Cum Laude from Harvard Law School.

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Major General Khaled Shawky

Major General Khaled Shawky is Egypt's Defense Attaché to the United States. Major General Shawky earned his Master's degree in Military Sciences from the Nasser Higher Military Academy War College in Cairo. Prior to his appointment as Defense, Army, Naval & Air Force Attaché in the United States and Canada, he was the Operational Director of the Egyptian Armed Forces. Major General Shawky was also involved in the Liberation of Kuwait Mission. He participated in various training courses in the United States, Italy, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Portugal, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Macedonia, Morocco and Libya.

Ms. Mara Rudman

Ms. Mara Rudman is a Senior Vice President for Policy/Projects at Business Executives for National Security (BENS), where she manages and coordinates the work BENS produces. She was the founder and principal of Quorum Strategies, a geopolitical strategic advisory firm providing strategic planning, operations and management, private public partnerships, and policy advising. Her government positions have included serving as Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for Presidents Obama and Clinton, Deputy Envoy and Chief of Staff for the Office of the Special Envoy for Middle East Peace at the State Department, and Assistant Administrator for the Middle East at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In addition, she has been a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, focusing on national security issues, with a particular focus on the Middle East. Ms. Rudman also has worked as a Vice President and General Counsel for The Cohen Group, a Washington-based consultancy founded by former Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Earlier in her career, Ms. Rudman was Chief Counsel to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, working for Chairman and then Ranking Member Lee Hamilton.

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. Prior to assuming this position, he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy, responsible for military policy development, planning, guidance and oversight for the region. He served for over 30 years as an officer in a wide variety of command, operational, and policy positions with extensive operational experience abroad before retiring with the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Army. His assignments included Deputy Director of Strategy and Plans at United States Central Command and Deputy Director of Operations and Chief Military Spokesman for Coalition Forces in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. General Kimmitt is a graduate of the United States Military Academy. He holds a Masters Degree (with Distinction) from Harvard Business School. He holds additional Masters Degrees from the School of Advanced Military Studies and the National Defense University.

Dr. Mary Morton

Dr. Mary Morton is the Curator of French Paintings at the National Gallery of Art. Dr. Morton received her PhD in the History of Art and Architecture in 1998 from Brown University. The former Associate curator of paintings at the J. Paul Getty Museum (2004–2010) and Associate Curator of European Art at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Houston (1998–2004), she joined the curatorial staff of the National Gallery of Art in 2010. Dr. Morton organized the following exhibitions while at the Getty: The Spectacular Art of Jean-Léon Gérôme (2010); Sur le Motif: Painting in Nature around 1800 (2008); Oudry's Painted Menagerie (2007); and Courbet and the Modern Landscape (2006). While at the MFA, Houston, she organized Focus on the Beck Collection: André Derain's "The Turning Road, L'Estaque" (2002) and collaborated on Paris in the Age of Impressionism: Masterworks from the Musée d'Orsay (2002) and Old Masters, Impressionists, and Moderns: French Masterworks from the State Pushkin Museum, Moscow (2002).

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Dr. Michael Bell (Col. Ret. US Army)

Dr. Michael Bell (Col. Ret. US Army) is the top Middle East Adviser on the National Security Council National Security Council for the Trump Administration. He was most recently the NSC Director of Persian Gulf Affairs, and is now Senior Director for the Near East. He has also served as Chancellor of the College of International Security Affairs (CISA), one of the five colleges at the National Defense University (NDU). Following graduation from the United States Military Academy and commissioning as an Armor Officer, Dr. Bell served with armor, cavalry, and mechanized infantry units in a variety of command and staff positions in Europe, the continental United States, and Southwest Asia. He was also previously the Dean of the National War College, and also served as the Director of the Commanding General's Initiatives Group at Multi-National Force-Iraq headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, and subsequently, at headquarters, U.S. Central Command. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Combat Action Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.

Dr. Michael Morgan

Dr. Michael Morgan is an Egyptian Coptic doctor, born and raised in Egypt, and now based in New York. He is the founder and host of *American Pulse TV*, a weekly program that airs on Sunday nights on Egypt's Al Kahera Wal Nas Network ("Cairo Centric"). The mission of American Pulse is to provide a window for Egyptians to see Americans' views on current issues, as well as educate viewers on positive global achievements, in order to create a platform for communication and engagement between the United States and Egypt. Dr. Morgan is also the founder and CEO of St. Marks World, one of the largest healthcare staffing firms in New York state, and a Senior Fellow at the London Center for Policy Research.

Ms. Mirette Mabrouk

Ms. Mirette F. Mabrouk is Deputy Director and Director for Research and Programs at the Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East at the Atlantic Council. An Egypt analyst who was previously a nonresident fellow at the Project for U.S. Relations with the Middle East at the Brookings Institution, Ms. Mabrouk moved to Washington D.C. from Cairo, where she was Director of Communications for the Economic Research Forum (ERF). Formerly Associate Director for Publishing Operations at The American University in Cairo Press, Ms. Mabrouk has over 20 years of experience in journalism. She is the founding publisher of *The Daily Star Egypt*, (now *The Daily News Egypt*), at the time, the country's only independent English-language daily newspaper and the former Publishing Director for IBA Media, which publishes the region's top English-language magazines. She recently authored 'And Now for Something Completely Different: Arab Media's Own Little Revolution' a chapter in the new book on the Arab Transitions, *Reconstructing the Middle East*.

Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader

Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader is Executive Director of the Stevens Initiative at the Aspen Institute. He previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the International and Foreign Language Division at the Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education. In that role, he was responsible for encouraging and promoting the study of foreign languages and the study of the cultures of other countries at the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels in the United States. Before joining the Department of Education, Mr. Abdel-Kader served as the Director of Development for the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and managed the university's advancement strategy in the Middle East, where he focused on major gifts and strategic engagement. Previously, he developed international partnerships and led donor development efforts for the Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study at George Mason University. He has advised a variety of clients on organizational strategy, doing business in emerging markets, intercultural communication, and cultural competency in international philanthropy.

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Congressman Robert Aderholt

Congressman Robert B. Aderholt represents Alabama's Fourth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Congressman Aderholt is a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, which has jurisdiction over funding the operation of the Federal Government. As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, he supports greater transparency, accountability and oversight to the appropriations process. Congressman Aderholt is also a member of the Commerce, Justice & Science Subcommittee and the Defense Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (also known as the Helsinki Commission). He continues to support pro-growth initiatives that create jobs, strong immigration standards, and robust national security. Prior to his election to Congress, Congressman Aderholt served as an aide to Governor Fob James and as a Municipal Judge in Haleyville, Alabama. Educated through Alabama's public school system, he went on to graduate from Birmingham Southern College and from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Dr. Sasha Toperich

Dr. Sasha Toperich is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Mediterranean Basin initiative at the Center for Transatlantic Relations, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Toperich also serves as the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the "Bosnia-Herzegovina: Vision 2020" project and the "Future of Iraq and Iraqi Kurdistan" project at the CTR SAIS. He is the Chairman of the Supervisory Board at the Mediterranean Development Initiative (MDI) in Tunis, Tunisia. Dr. Toperich is also a Fellow at the Soran University Research Center in Iraqi Kurdistan. Dr. Toperich was appointed the Presidential Envoy of Bosnia to the United States. From 2009-2010, Dr. Toperich served as a Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations. He served as an advisor to the member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bakir Izetbegovic. He founded the America-Bosnia Foundation (ABF) to foster stronger political, cultural, and educational ties between the Americans and the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 1997, he became President of the Children Foundation of UNESCO. In 1998, he was awarded the title of UNESCO Artist for Peace.

Dr. Sebastian Gorka

Dr. Sebastian Gorka is an American military and intelligence analyst who was Deputy Assistant Advisor to U.S. President Donald Trump on Strategy. He joined Fox News Channel in 2017 as a contributor and national security strategist for the network. Before he joined the White House, he served as Major General Horner Distinguished Chair of Military Theory at the Marine Corps University. He is a recipient of the Joint Civilian Service Commendation awarded by US Special Operations Command, and author of the New York Times bestseller: *Defeating Jihad - the Winnable War*.

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Congressman Steve King

Congressman Steve King represents Iowa's Fourth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Congressman King's very first bill in Congress was an expansion of a tax credit to small ethanol and biodiesel producers. His contributions were included in the Energy Users Act of 2005, which President George W. Bush signed into law. He sits on the Livestock and Foreign Agriculture and Conservation and Forestry Subcommittees. He served in the Iowa State Senate for six years. He was a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Judiciary Committee, Business and Labor Committee, the Commerce Committees, and chair of the State Government Committee. He worked in the State Senate to successfully eliminate the inheritance tax, enforce workplace drug testing, enforce parenting rights, including parental notification of abortions, pass tax cuts for working Iowans, and pass the law that made English the official language in Iowa. He also sits on the following Subcommittees within Small Business: Agriculture, Energy and Trade; Healthcare and Technology; Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access; Contracting and Workforce. Congressman King is also a member of the House Judiciary Committee, where he sits on the Constitution and Civil Justice Subcommittee and the Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee. Congressman King, for more than a decade, has chaired the Conservative Opportunity Society, a powerful and legendary House caucus that has become the conscience of Constitutional conservatives in the U.S. Congress.

Ambassador Thomas Pickering

Ambassador Thomas Reeve "Tom" Pickering is the Chair of the U.S./Middle East Project. He is a retired United States ambassador. His four-decade-long career in Foreign Service included ambassadorships in Russia; India; to the United Nations; Israel; El Salvador; Nigeria; and Jordan. Additionally, he served as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. He holds the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the U.S. Foreign Service. Following his retirement from the Foreign Service, Ambassador Pickering served as Senior Vice President for International Relations at Boeing. Currently he is serving as an independent board member at the world's biggest pipe company, OAO TMK, in Moscow. At present, he is affiliated with the International Crisis Group and currently serves as its Co-Chair, and oversees their international actions. In addition, he is Chairman of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, Chairman of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Chairman of the American Academy of Diplomacy, Chairman of the Rostropovich-Vishnevskaya Foundation, and a member of the Board of Advisors of the National Bureau of Asian Research and the Global Panel Foundation based in Berlin, Prague and Sydney.

Mr. Tim Rieser

Mr. Tim Rieser is a Senior Foreign Policy Aide to Senator Patrick Leahy. Mr. Rieser graduated from the University of the District of Columbia. He is a former public defender from Vermont. He has worked for Senator Leahy since 1985. Since 1989 he has served as the Democratic Clerk for the Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations. Mr. Rieser was one of the architects of the 1992 law that banned land mines. He also helped draft the 1998 Leahy Law, which bans the United States from providing military assistance to foreign armies that violate human rights without being held to account.

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Professor Dr. Walid Phares

Professor Dr. Walid Phares is a Fox News National Security and Foreign Policy expert. As an international expert on conflicts and terrorism, Professor Phares lectures on US campuses nationwide, and internationally. He has been an advisor to the U.S. House of Representatives Caucus on Counter Terrorism and is the co-Secretary General of the Trans-Atlantic Legislative Group on Counter Terrorism. He served as President Donald Trump's Foreign Policy Advisor during the 2016 campaign, and served as Presidential candidate Mitt Romney's National Security Senior Advisor in 2011-2012. He has worked as MSNBC/NBC's Terrorism Analyst. Dr. Phares has also lectured to and advised the US Departments of Justice, Defense, and Homeland Security, as well as regional commands such as CENTCOM, SOUTHCOM, AFRICOM, on academic research on terrorism. He has worked with the U.S. and European Governments and briefed law enforcement agencies, including INTERPOL since 2003. Dr Phares serves as an academic advisor to several Human Rights and Middle East and Africa community groups. Since 1979, he has published thirteen books on Middle East conflicts and international terrorism.

Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin

Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin is President of the Middle East Institute. Previously, as Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees from 2004 to 2007, she supervised the administration of the U.N. humanitarian organization. A 29-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service, she was Ambassador to Pakistan where she played a key role in securing Pakistan's cooperation in the U.S.-led campaign against al-Qaeda in Afghanistan in the wake of the terrorist attacks against the U.S. on September 11. Ambassador Chamberlin served as Director of Global Affairs and Counter-Terrorism at the National Security Council and as Deputy in the Bureau of International Counter-narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. As Assistant Administrator in the Asia-Near East Bureau of the U.S. Agency for International Development, she oversaw civilian reconstruction programs in Iraq and Afghanistan and development assistance programs throughout the Middle East and East Asia. Other assignments included U.S. Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Director of Press and Public Affairs for the Near East Bureau, Deputy Chief of Mission in Kuala Lumpur, Arab-Israeli Affairs and postings in Morocco, Pakistan, Malaysia, Laos, and Zaire. Ambassador Chamberlin serves on the boards of the Hollings Center and the Global Hope Coalition. Her opinion pieces have been published in the *Washington Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, and *Philadelphia Inquirer*, among others. She has commented on Pakistan and the Middle East in interviews with *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, ABC, CBS, NBC, BBC, FOX, NPR and al-Jazeera.

Congressman William R. (Bill) Keating

Congressman Bill Keating represents Massachusetts' 9th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Congressman Keating is a senior member on both the House Foreign Affairs and Homeland Security Committees - the only representative from the Commonwealth to serve on those committees. Congressman Keating serves as Ranking Member on the Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, as well as an active member of the Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats Subcommittee. On the Homeland Security Committee, he examines threats to U.S. national security as a member of the Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee, and has oversight of the U.S. aviation security, mass transit systems, and railroads as a member of the Subcommittee on Transportation Security. Congressman Keating introduced legislation that would curb the illegal sale of stolen antiquities, as one way of combating terrorism.

Ms. Yael Lempert

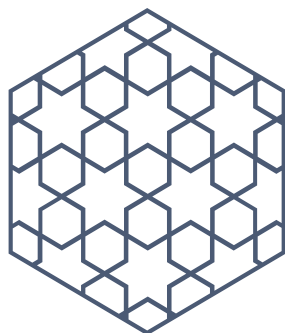
Ms. Yael Lempert is acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Egypt and the Maghreb. She was the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for the Levant, Israel and Egypt at the National Security Council. Prior to her assignment at the NSC, Ms. Lempert served as the Deputy Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. Ms. Lempert worked at the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya, where she spent more than half of her tour as Acting Deputy Chief of Mission. She was the Chief of the Internal Political Affairs Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt. Her other previous assignments include Director for Iraq at the National Security Council; Governance Officer at the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, Iraq; Special Assistant for South Asian and Near Eastern Affairs to the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs; Iraq Desk officer; and tours in the Department of State's Bureau of Non-proliferation and at the U.S. Consulate General in Shanghai, China.

H.E. Ambassador Yasser Reda

H. E. Ambassador Yasser Reda became Ambassador of Egypt to the United States in 2015. He has served twice as the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chief of the Minister's Cabinet. Ambassador Reda was also Egypt's Ambassador to Israel and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Egyptian Embassy in Germany. In addition, during his 33-year career in the Egyptian diplomatic service, he has served in Egypt's embassies in Italy, Iraq, Cyprus, and China. Ambassador Reda received a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce from Cairo University. He speaks Arabic, English, and French.

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The 2017 Gabr Fellowship Program, as envisioned by its founder, Shafik Gabr, has created a unique space for young Western and Eastern leaders to bridge the East-West divide. Its mission highlights that “in an increasingly interconnected world, cross-cultural understanding and professional networks are essential for peace and progress.”

Each year, the Egyptian program advances this “peace and progress” objective by introducing Egyptian and American Fellows to a variety of fields, disciplines and ideas across Egypt and promoting collaborative dialogue and implementable action projects. The program provided the 19 Egyptian and American Fellows with the opportunity to meet with leading figures in civil society, government, media, and business. The ten days that they spent in Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said and Ismailia were packed with inspiring meetings, and an impressive array of topics across the spectrum of business, military, security, politics, diplomacy, economics, media, entrepreneurship, culture, history, religion, and technology.

The young men and women participating in the program are shaping their countries’ futures, forging their alliances, creating their businesses, and establishing their voices on the global stage. The program in Egypt this year has allowed them to envisage exchanges and programs that enhance cooperation and understanding, while moving forward common business, diplomatic, and cultural goals between Egypt and the U.S.

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Friday, September 22

Cairo

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Briefing for all Fellows on the Egypt Program of the 2017 Gabr Fellowship
Eman Saleh, Executive Director (Egypt) and **Samantha Kleinfeld**, Executive Director (U.S.)

Introductory Session for all Fellows by Former Gabr Fellows:

Ahmed El Naggar 2014 Gabr Fellow
Nourhan Moussa 2014 Gabr Fellow
Ahmed Radwan 2015 Gabr Fellow
Basma El Baz 2015 Gabr Fellow
Ahmed Aboul Naga 2016 Gabr Fellow
Kemp Gouldin 2016 Gabr Fellow
Anis Issa 2016 Gabr Fellow

9:00pm – 10:30pm

“Overview of the Middle East” Panel Discussion – Moderated by **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**
Dr. Mohamed Kamal, Professor of Political Science at the American University in Cairo, Director of the Center of International Area Studies at Cairo University.
Dr. May El Batran, Member of Parliament and CEO, TMA Education Management, Investment & Development
Mr. Karim Darwish, Member of Parliament and Deputy Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee.

11:00pm

Welcome Dinner with **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**



Gabr Fellows with Mr. M. Shafik Gabr during the welcome dinner after their arrival to Cairo

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Saturday, September 23

Cairo

- 9:00am – 10:30am “The Role of Egyptian Armed Forces and US-Egyptian Military Cooperation”
Major General Mohamed El Keshky, Assistant Minister of Defense for Foreign Relations
- 11:15am – 12:15pm “Palestinian Occupation in the Middle East Quagmire”
Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid, Senator 2013, Distinguished Lecturer, President, Committee for Social Rights
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm “Role of Egypt in Middle East Security”
Prof. Karim Haggag, Professor of Practice at the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo
- 4:15pm – 5:15pm “Intercultural Diplomacy”
Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi, Member of Parliament & Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm “The Art of Dialogue”
Mr. Hussein Fahmy, Actor and Global Ambassador to the Special Olympics
- 7:30pm – 9:30pm Annual *East-West: the Art of Dialogue* Dinner Reception hosted by **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**



2017 Gabr Fellows and previous years' Fellows with Mr. M. Shafik Gabr at the Dinner Reception

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Sunday, September 24

Cairo

- 10:00am – 11:15am “The Economic-Political Matrix of the Egypt-US Relationship”
Dr. Noha Bakr, Political Science Professor at the AUC, former Deputy Minister for International Cooperation
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm “Political Transition”
Dr. Hossam Badrawi, former Secretary General of NDP, Activist
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm “Driving Sustainable Economic Growth: Challenges and Opportunities”
Mr. Hisham El Khazindar, Al Qalaa Co-Founder and Managing Director
- 4:15pm – 5:30pm “Egypt & Middle East Regional Order”
H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem, Head of Development Works
- 5:45pm – 6:45pm “The Pluralistic Societies of Tomorrow: Value of Cultural Diversity”
Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Former Executive Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm “The Status of Middle East Financial Markets and the Future of Banking”
Mr. Hisham Ezz El Arab, Chairman and Managing Director, CIB Bank



Gabr Fellows with Mr. Hisham El Khazindar, Al Qalaa Co-Founder and Managing Director

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Monday, September 25

Cairo

- 9:15am – 10:30am “Entrepreneurship for Egypt 2.0”
Mr. Ziad Aly, Founder & CEO of “ALZWAD.Com”
- 11:30am – 12:30pm “Religious Extremism: the Cause and the Cure”
The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and Ambassador Abdel Rahman Moussa, Advisor for International Affairs to the Grand Imam
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm “Egypt-US Bilateral Relations”
H.E. Thomas H. Goldberger,
Chargé d’ Affaires at the United States Embassy in Cairo
- 4:45pm – 5:45pm “Education: Bridge Building and the Future”
H.E. Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone,
President, the American University in Cairo - AUC
“Why Media Matters but Is Hated in Egypt”
Dr. Hafez El Mirazi, Professor of Practice at the Department of Journalism & Mass Communications at AUC
- 6:00pm – 6:30pm Tour of the AUC
- 7:30pm – 9:30 pm Felucca Dinner on the Nile



Gabr Fellows with H.E Thomas H. Goldberger, Chargé d' Affaires at the United States Embassy in Cairo



Gabr Fellows with H.E. Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone President, the American University in Cairo - AUC



Gabr Fellows with Dr. Hafez El Mirazi, Professor of Practice at the Department of Journalism & Mass Communications at AUC



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

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Tuesday, September 26

Cairo

9:00am – 11:15am “Encouraging Entrepreneurship as a Career Path”
Mr. Ahmed El Alfi, Founder and Chairman of Flat6Labs
Tour of Flat6Labs

1:00pm – 1:30pm “An Overview of the Current Situation in the Arab Region”
H.E. Ambassador Hussam Zaki,
Assistant Secretary General of the Arab League
Tour of The Arab League

2:30pm – 5:45pm “Egypt – U.S. Bilateral Relations”
Brigadier Sayed Mostafa
Brigadier Nassar El Hermil
General Ahmed Helmy
General Intelligence Department

8:00pm – 9:00pm “Egypt-US Strategic Relations: Challenges & Opportunities”
Dr. Dalia Youssef,
Member of Parliament and Foreign Relations Committee



*Gabr Fellows with H.E. Ambassador Hussam Zaki,
Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League*



*Gabr Fellows with Mr. Ahmed El Alfi, Founder and Chairman
of Flat6Labs at the Greek Campus*

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Wednesday, September 27
Alexandria

- 10:00am – 11:00am “The Importance of Knowledge in the World of Politics”
Dr. Moustafa El Feki, Executive Director, Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- 11:15am – 12:00pm Guided Tour of Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm “Alexandria: a Cosmopolitan City”
Ms. Al Zahraa Adel, Egyptologist
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm Visit to the Roman Amphitheatre
Alexandria Governorate
- 9:45pm – 11:00pm “After 30/6: Overview of Egyptian Foreign Policy”
Dr. Adel El Adawy, Ph.D. Candidate in War Studies, King’s College London



Gabr Fellows at Bibliotheca Alexandrina Terrace



Gabr Fellows with Dr. Moustafa El Feki at Bibliotheca Alexandrina



Gabr Fellows with Ms. Al-Zahraa Adel at the Roman Amphitheatre

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Thursday, September 28

Ismailia

10:00am – 5:30pm

Visit to the Suez Canal Authority

Mr. Khaled Taha – Foreign PR Officer

Arrival to the “Simulation Center“ for SCA projects presentation

Tour of the Suez Canal

Presenting Projects in the SCA area

El Salam Bridge Tour

Visit to Suez Canal Ports Company

Visit to Sharq El Tafreeaa and Port Saied Tunnels

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Action Project Presentation with Mr. M.Shafik Gabr



Gabr Fellows on a Tour of the Suez Canal

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Friday, September 29

Cairo

9:45am – 10:45 am “Investment Landscape in Egypt”
Mr. Youssef El Shorafy, CEO, Omega Capital

12:00pm – 1:30pm Guided tour of the Cairo Religious Complex

3:30pm – 5:30pm Guided Tour of the Pyramids

7:00pm – 8:00pm Guided Tour of Al Azhar Park

8:00pm – 9:30pm Dinner at Al Azhar Park



Gabr Fellows at the Pyramids of Giza (above) and Gabr Fellows at the Religious Complex (below)



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Egyptian Program Schedule

Saturday, September 30

Cairo

10:00am – 11:00am “Status Quo of the Middle East”
H.E. Minister Sameh Shoukry
Egypt’s Minister of Foreign Affairs

12:00pm – 1:00pm **His Grace Anba Youannes,**
Bishop of Assiut, Selim Coast, Elbadary and all its belongings

3:30pm – 5:00pm Guided tour of the Egyptian Museum



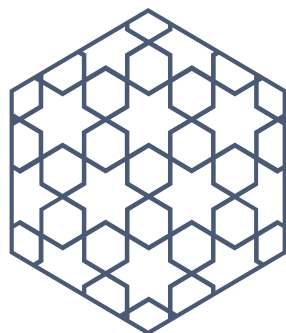
*Gabr Fellows with Egypt’s Minister of Foreign Affairs,
H.E. Minister Sameh Shoukry*



*Gabr Fellows with His Grace Anba Youannes, Bishop of Assiut,
Selim Coast, Elbadary and all its belongings*

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THE GABR FELLOWSHIP UNITED STATES PROGRAM

OCTOBER 21st – 28th, 2017

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

The U.S. program engaged the 2017 cohort of 19 diverse Fellows in a multi-disciplinary, ten-day intellectual boot camp. The Fellows had the opportunity during their stay in the U.S. to meet with leading figures in the U.S. Government, Congress, financial institutions, real estate companies, healthcare services, news media, non-profits, think-tanks, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, embassies, startups, art museums, and education and research complexes. An equally breathtaking array of topics were covered, from interfaith dialogue, coexistence, and investing in people-to-people exchange and education, to sovereign wealth funds in the Middle East, public-private partnerships, climate change, and regional infrastructure, as well as foreign affairs and national security strategies and policies, such as the future of the US-Egypt relationship, military/economic aid, counter-terrorism, the Iranian nuclear deal, Qatar, Libya, and domestic strategies or policies such as border, immigration, trade, cyber-security, violent extremism, in addition to story-telling, arts and culture, and recurring motifs in Orientalist Art.

The program in the U.S. this year perfectly complemented the Egyptian Program and provided the Gabr Fellows with a hands-on, in-depth exploration of American history, culture, politics, diversity, business, and entrepreneurship. America's past, present, and future were explored, and compared with Egypt's past, present, and future, including where commonalities exist between the two.

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US Program Schedule

Saturday, October 21

New York City, NY, USA

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm “The American Pulse of the US-Egypt Relationship and Building a Diverse Career In NYC”
Dr. Michael Morgan, CEO of St. Mark’s World INC
Show Host of American Pulse TV, and
Senior Fellow at the London Center for Policy Research
American Pulse Studios

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum



Dr. Michael Morgan, CEO of St Mark’s World Inc and Show Host of American Pulse TV, hosting a show at the studios with the 2017 Fellows and U.S. Foundation Director Samantha Kleinfield

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Boat Cruise Tour of Governor’s Island, Brooklyn Bridge, and the Statue of Liberty, New York, and New Jersey Harbor

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9:00 pm – 11:00 pm U.S. Program Overview presented by
Ms. Samantha Kleinfeld, Executive Director of the Shafik Gabr Foundation (U.S.)
Ms. Eman Saleh, Executive Director of the Mohamed Shafik Gabr Foundation Program (Egypt),
Welcome Dinner Meal with several Gabr Fellow Alumni and Foundation
Ambassadors:
Mr. Murray Abeles..... 2015 Gabr Fellow
Mr. Nick Thomas 2015 Gabr Fellow
Mr. Eze Redwood 2015 Gabr Fellow
Ms. Hadeel Hassan 2016 Gabr Fellow
Pier A Harbor House



2017 Gabr Fellows visit the 9/11 Memorial and cruise the NY and NJ Harbor



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Sunday, October 22

New York City, NY, USA

9:00 am - 10:30 am “Coexistence and Tolerance in Turbulent Times”
Dr. Jonathan Golden, CRCC Director at Drew University
Drew University Campus

11:45 am – 1:45 pm “The U.S. Middle East Strategy”
Dr. Herb London, President of The London Center for Policy Research



2017 Gabr Fellows at Drew University with Dr. Jonathan Golden, the University's CRCC Director



2:15 pm – 3:30 pm “The Role of Story Telling and News Media in America”
Meeting and tour of FOX Studios with **Mr. David Clark**, Vice President and Executive Producer, Weekend News and Programming, FOX News Channel,
Mr. Eric Shawn, Anchor/Senior Correspondent, FOX News Channel, and
Ms. Arthel Neville, Co-anchor for Americas News HQ, FOX News Channel FOX Studios

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm “The Dawn of Egyptian Art and Ancient Artifacts”
Guided Tour at the Met with **Dr. Diana Patch**, Curator of Egypt
Metropolitan Museum of Art

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2017 Gabr Fellows visiting FOX News Channel Studios with Mr. David Clark, Mr. Eric Shawn, and Ms. Arthel Neville

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Cocktail Reception hosted by The Honorable Georgette Mosbacher

8:45 pm – 10:30 pm Visit to Times Square



2017 Gabr Fellows at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

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US Program Schedule

Monday, October 23

New York, NY, USA



2017 Gabr Fellows tour the CNBC Studios and meet with Mr. Brian Sullivan, Co-host at CNBC

7:00 am - 8:30am

“Financial Journalism in the United States”
Tour of CNBC Studios with Mr. Brian Sullivan,
Co-host at CNBC
CNBC Studios

10:00 am – 11:00 am

“Promoting Mutual Understanding and Strengthening Partnerships
Across Arts, Business, Culture, Education, and Policy in the 21st Century”
Ms. Josette Sheeran, President and Executive Director of the
Asia Society



2017 Gabr Fellows at the United Nations Security Council and in front of the portrait of the Egyptian Secretary-General of the UN (1992-1996), Boutros-Boutros Ghali

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*2017 Gabr Fellows with Ms. Josette Sheeran,
President of the Asia Society*



*2017 Gabr Fellows with Ambassador Dr. Hesham Elnakib,
Consul General of Egypt in NY*

- 11:00 am – 11:30 am Guided Tour of the Asia Society’s Museum Exhibits
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm “Egypt-US relationship: Challenges and Future Prospects”
Ambassador Dr. Hesham Elnakib, Consul General of Egypt in New York
and Counselor Hani M. Nagi, Deputy Consul General
Consulate General of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Guided Tour of the United Nations Headquarters
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm “Egypt’s Role in the UN Security Council and Key Issues of Interest”
Mr. Ihab Awad Moustafa, Deputy Permanent Representative,
Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations



2017 Gabr Fellows at Morgan Stanley with Financial Advisor Mr. Brian Pfeiffer

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Monday, October 23

New York, NY, USA *continued*



2017 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Ihab Awad Moustafa at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

“Today’s Financial World: What Comes Next?”
Mr. Brian Pfeiffer, Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

“Art as an Engine for Innovation and Progress”
Mr. Keith Lieberthal, Senior Director, Lincoln Center International at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, **Ms. Leah Day**, Producer, Lincoln Center Global Exchange, and **Ms. Laurel Toyofuku**, Coordinator, Lincoln Center International

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Guided Tour of Lincoln Center Complex by **Ms. Laurel Toyofuku**

8:30 pm

Travel to Washington, D.C.

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2017 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Keith Lieberthal, Senior Director of Lincoln Center International, Ms. Leah Day, Producer of Lincoln Center Global Exchange, and Ms. Laurel Toyofuku, Coordinator at Lincoln Center International



2017 Gabr Fellow, Dalia, who is the singer in the group and was ready to perform at Lincoln Center!

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Tuesday, October 24

Washington, DC, USA



2017 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Hartwig Schafer, Vice President of Global Themes at the World Bank



2017 Gabr Fellows with Ms. Mara Rudman, Senior Vice President for Policy/ Projects at Business Executives for National Security (BENS)

7:00 am – 8:00 am

“What Can the World Bank Do for Middle East Regional Infrastructure, Climate Change, and PPPs?”
Breakfast Meeting with **Mr. Hartwig Schafer**, Vice President, Global Themes, The World Bank Group



2017 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Sebastian Gorka, Former Deputy Assistant to U.S. President Donald Trump

8:15am - 9:30 am

“Brokering Peace in the Middle East: Challenges & Opportunities”
Meeting with **Dr. Sebastian Gorka**, Former Deputy Assistant to U.S. President Donald Trump

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9:30 am – 10:15 am “Overview of the National Security Council”
Ms. Mara Rudman, Senior Vice President for Policy Projects at Business Executives for National Security (BENS)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm “National Security Council Operations, Overall Middle East Security Strategy, and Development of the US National Security Strategy”
Dr. Michael Bell (Col. Ret. US Army), Senior Director for Middle East Affairs at the National Security Council, and **Mr. Andrew Clark**, Director for Egypt at the National Security Council



2017 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Michael Bell (Col. Ret. US Army), Senior Director for Middle East Affairs, and Mr. Andrew Clark, Director for Egypt, at the National Security Council

1:00 pm – 2:00pm “Building a Stronger Strategic US-Egypt Relationship”
Ms. Yael Lempert, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Egypt & the Maghreb, U.S. Department of State and **Mr. Oliver John**, Director for Egypt Policy, U.S. Department of State



2017 Gabr Fellows with Ms. Yael Lempert, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Egypt & the Maghreb, at the U.S. Department of State

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Tuesday, October 24

Washington, DC, USA *continued*

2:15pm – 4:00 pm Moderated Panel on “Egypt-US: The Path Forward”

Opening Remarks

Mr. Daniel Hamilton, Executive Director of The Center for Transatlantic Relations, SAIS

Panel

Mr. M. Shafik Gabr, Chairman & Managing Director, ARTOC Group for Investment & Development and Founder & Chairman of the Shafik Gabr Foundation

Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, U.S. Member of Congress (R-NE)

The Honorable Mark Kimmitt, Former Assistant Secretary of State (POLMIL) BG (ret)

US Army

Moderator

Dr. Sasha Toperich, Senior Fellow, CTR-SAIS, Director of the Mediterranean Basin Initiative

Closing Remarks

Mr. Andy Braner, CEO KIVU, WYLN Fellow

SAIS Johns Hopkins



2017 Gabr Fellows and others at the SAIS Johns Hopkins panel discussion with (from left to right) Dr. Sasha Toperich, Director of the Mediterranean Basin Initiative, Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, U.S. Member of Congress (R-NE), The Honorable Mark Kimmitt, Former Assistant Secretary of State (POLMIL) BG (ret) US Army, and Mr. M. Shafik Gabr

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm “The New War Between Globalism and Sovereignty, and What It Means for the Emerging Strategic Architecture”
Meeting with **Mr. Gregory Copley**, President of International Strategic Studies Association

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2017 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Gregory Copley, President of International Strategic Studies Association at the Gabr Foundation

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

2017 Annual East-West: the Art of Dialogue Dinner Reception
McDermott Will & Emery

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Gabr Fellows 2018 Retreat Brainstorming Session
Mr. M. Shafik Gabr and several Gabr Fellow Alumni



Gabr Fellows at the Annual East-West: the Art of Dialogue Dinner Reception with Mr. and Mrs. Shafik Gabr

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Wednesday, October 25

Washington, DC, USA

8:00 am – 9:00 am The View from the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee on the Aid Cuts and U.S.- Egypt Relationship and Where To Go From There
Breakfast Meeting with **Ms. Dana Stroul**, Professional Staff Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Rayburn House Office Building

9:00 am – 9:30 am Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.- Egypt Relationship
Meeting with **Congressman Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)**
Rayburn House Office Building



2017 Gabr Fellows with Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA)



2017 Gabr Fellows with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)

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- 9:30 am – 10:00 am Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congressman Bill Keating (D-MA)**
Rayburn House Office Building



2017 Gabr Fellows at the Middle East Institute with Dr. Walid Phares, Professor and Political Commentator, Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin, President of the Middle East Institute and Former Congressman Nick Rahall.

- 10:00 am – 10:30 am Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (R-NY)**
Rayburn House Office Building
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congressman Steve King (R-IA)**
Rayburn House Office Building
- 11:30 am – 11:45 am Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA)**
Rayburn House Office Building
- 11:45 am – 12:00 pm Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congressman Robert Aderholt (R-AL)**
Rayburn House Office Building
- 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congressman Bradley Byrne (R-AL)**
Rayburn House Office Building

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Wednesday, October 25

Washington, DC, USA *continued*

- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm** Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congressman C.A. (Dutch) Ruppertsberger (D-MA)**
Rayburn House Office Building
- 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm** Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congresswoman Barbara Comstock (R-VA)**
Rayburn House Office Building
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm** Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congressman David Price (D-NC)**
Rayburn House Office Building
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm** Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)**
Rayburn House Office Building
- 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm** Experience in Congress and Congressional Perspectives on U.S.-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)**
Russell Senate Office Building



2017 Gabr Fellows with Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)

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2017 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Tim Rieser, Clerk on the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, Senate Committee on Appropriations

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

View from Senate Appropriations on Aid Cuts and US-Egypt Relationship Meeting with **Mr. Tim Rieser**, Clerk on the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, Senate Committee on Appropriations
Russell Senate Office Building

7:15pm – 8:15 pm

The Term Radical Islamic Terrorism and its Implications on International Cooperation Dinner Meeting with **Dr. Walid Phares**, Professor and Political Commentator
The Middle East Institute

8:15pm – 9:15 pm

Terrorism and the Looting of Antiquities That Relates to Terrorism Dinner meeting with **Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin**, President of the Middle East Institute
The Middle East Institute

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Thursday, October 26

Washington, DC, USA

7:00am - 8:40am

“Enhancing US and Egypt Investment Opportunities”
Brigadier General (Ret) Tom Cosentino, Chief Operating Officer of Business Executives for National Security and Congressman **Nick Rahall**, U.S. House of Representatives (1977-2015)



2017 Gabr Fellows with the Egyptian Defense Attaché to North America, Major General Khaled Shawky



2017 Gabr Fellows with Ms. Frances Townsend, Executive Vice President, MacAndrews and Forbes Incorporated

9:00am - 10:00am

“Egyptian Politics and the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt”
Meeting with **Dr. Eric Trager**, Esther K. Wagner Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy

11:30am – 1:30pm

“Advanced US-Egypt Military Relations Under the Current Administration and Egypt as a Cornerstone for Middle East Stability”
Hosted by **Brigadier General Joe Rank**, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Affairs and briefed by members of his staff
The Pentagon

2:15pm – 3:00 pm

“US - Egypt Military and Political Relations: Keeping Both Regions Safe”
Major General Khaled Shawky, Defense Attaché, Egyptian Defense Office
Minister Ayman Youssef, Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Egypt
Colonel Ayman S. Habib, Assistant Defense Attaché, Embassy of Egypt
Egyptian Defense Office

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2017 Gabr Fellows with the two dinner speakers at Café Milano, Dr. Aaron Lobel, Founder and President of America Abroad Media, and Mr. George Selim, Senior Vice-President for Programs and Policy at the Anti-Defamation League

3:30pm – 4:40pm

“Overview of the Atlantic Council & Working with Arab Regional Allies in the Fight Against Terrorism and Opportunities in a Stabilized Middle East”

Mr. Frederick Kempe, President of the Atlantic Council and

Ms. Mirette Mabrouk, Deputy Director of the Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East & Director of Research and Programs at The Atlantic Council

5:00pm – 6:15pm

“How Can We Have More Cooperation in Counter-terrorism?”

Ms. Frances Townsend, Former Homeland Security Advisor under

President George W. Bush and Executive Vice-President, MacAndrews and Forbes Incorporated

7:00pm – 8:30pm

“Communicating Across National and Cultural Divides”

Dr. Aaron Lobel, Founder and President of America Abroad Media
Café Milano

8:30pm – 10:00 pm

“Building a Career as an Egyptian-American in the US Government”

Mr. George Selim, Senior Vice-President for Programs and
Policy at the Anti-Defamation League
Café Milano

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Friday, October 27

Washington, DC, USA

7:00am – 8:00 am

“Peace in the Middle East: Stability and Security in the Middle East and the Aftermath”
Breakfast meeting with **Ambassador Thomas Pickering**, Chair of the U.S./Middle East Project



2017 Gabr Fellows at the Foundation Offices with Ambassador Thomas Pickering, Chair of the U.S./Middle East Project

9:00am – 10:30am

“Preventing Terrorism in the United States and the Role of Arab Allies in the Fight Against It & Overview of DHS Border, Immigration, and Trade Policy”
Meeting with **Ms. Katharine Gorka**, Senior Advisor in the Office of Policy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and **Mr. Michael Dougherty**, Assistant Secretary, Border, Immigration, and Trade Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security U.S. Department of Homeland Security HQ

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2017 Gabr Fellows at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with Ms. Katharine Gorka, Senior Advisor in the Office of Policy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

11:00am – 12:00pm “Why New York Remains on the Top List for Middle East Sovereign Wealth Funds”
Mr. Bruce Mosler, Chairman of Global Brokerage, Cushman & Wakefield
The Aspen Institute

12:00pm – 1:00pm “Investing in People-to-People Exchange and Education between the Middle East and the U.S.”
Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader, Executive Director of the Stevens Initiative
at the Aspen Institute
The Aspen Institute

1:45pm – 4:00pm Guided Tour of the U.S. Capitol with **Congressman Nick Rahall** (1977-2015) and **Mr. John Ciccone** of the U.S. Capitol Hill Historical Society

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Friday, October 27

Washington, DC, USA *continued*

4:30pm – 5:45pm

“The Evolution and Future of Cyber security, Privacy, and Securing the Internet of Things”

Cyber security briefing by representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice



2017 Gabr Fellows in session with Mr. Bruce Mosler, Chairman of Global Brokerage, Cushman & Wakefield



2017 Gabr Fellows in session with Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader, Executive Director of the Stevens Initiative at the Aspen Institute

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6:00pm – 8:00pm

Reception hosted by **Ambassador Yasser Reda**, Egypt's Ambassador to the United States

9:00pm – 11:00pm

Action Project Presentations
Meeting with **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**



2017 Gabr Fellows at the U.S. Capitol with Congressman Nick Rahall (1977-2015) and Mr. John Ciccone of the U.S. Capitol Hill Historical Society

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Saturday, October 28

Washington, DC, USA



2017 Gabr Fellows at the Lincoln Memorial

7:45am – 8:45am

“The Power of People to People Exchange and Impact on Personal and Career Decisions”

Ms. Christina Fallon, 2013 Gabr Fellow and Foundation Ambassador

9:00am – 10:15am

Visit to Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument

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10:15am – 11:15am “Recurring Motifs in Orientalist Art and Intercultural Understanding Through Art”
Guided Tour with **Dr. Mary Morton**, Curator of French Paintings,
National Gallery of Art



Gabr Fellows at the National Gallery of Art

11:45am – 1:00pm Visits to various Smithsonian Museums, including the Air and Space, American History, Natural History Museums

1:30pm – 3:00pm Closing lunch

2017 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



Sarah Badr Hesham at FOX News Headquarters in New York City



Amr Seda in front of Capitol Hill



2017 Gabr Fellows take in New York City's sights

2017 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



Gabr Fellows at the Annual East-West: the Art of Dialogue Dinner Reception with Mr. and Mrs. Shafik Gabr



Ibrahim Hammouda in front of the United Nations in New York City



Sheikh Ahmed El-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al Azhar Mosque, and Neveen Mohamed (2017 Gabr Fellow)

2017 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



2017 Gabr Fellows at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



2017 Gabr Fellows at the Arab League

2017 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery

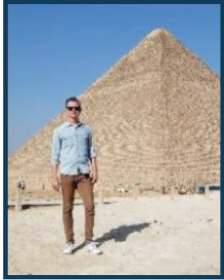


2017 Gabr Fellows take a felucca down the Nile



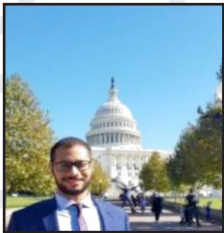
2017 Gabr Fellows at the Pyramids

Impressions from the 2017 Gabr Fellows



Bryan Griffin

“The Gabr Fellowship was an incredible opportunity to challenge the worldviews I hold, and to immerse myself in Middle Eastern, specifically Egyptian, culture and politics. The speakers were of the highest caliber and represented the top tier of political, cultural, and religious aspects of both Egyptian and American society. I gained an immeasurable amount of wisdom from my experience. However, the most significant takeaways from the experience were the relationships I formed with the Egyptian Fellows and my American counterparts. I consider each and every 2017 participant a close friend and an admirable peer. The quality of the Fellows that I shared this experience with speaks the most praise to the experience and value of the program.”



Abdelrahman Amr

“The program, in general, was very rich in terms of content in most of the sessions we attended. In addition to this, having the experience to live with American Fellows was more than eye-opening as it provided me with a fresh perspective regarding America’s history, culture, public opinions and politics through exploring different views coming from the opinions of the Fellows.”



Courtney Joline

“The Gabr Fellowship was a transformative and life-changing experience that I will carry with me throughout the rest of my life. It is a testament to the enduring power of people-to-people exchanges and reinforces the idea that by building connections with people on the other side of the globe, we can make the world a more peaceful and inclusive place. The world is more interconnected than ever before and it is imperative that we work together to tackle some of the most pressing challenges of today. I am confident that we will carry the lessons and values gained through the Fellowship and build a better and brighter future for us all. I cannot wait to see where the future takes us!”

Impressions from the 2017 Gabr Fellows



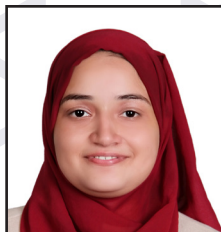
Aly Salem

“The Gabr Fellowship was the best and most enlightening experience in my life. I knew from the impressions of the previous Fellows that it would be an interesting experience, yet I didn’t imagine the great effect it will have on me in such short time. I enjoyed and benefited from each and every moment of the programme starting with the interesting topics, high profile visits and speakers, the interaction and the fast developing relations with the great and brilliant Fellows and through getting to know such an impressive and extraordinary man like Mr. Gabr, whom I will always be grateful to. I will take what I learned in this Fellowship with me and strive to make a true and sustained impact.”



Jack Gordon

“This unique opportunity tossed us, without hesitation, into the deep end of the swimming pool. And I can honestly say that the experience taught me a great deal not only about the politics and culture of Egypt, but my own country as well. I’m grateful to have learned from and to be connected with so many terrific people through the Gabr Fellowship.”



Menna Aly Farouk

“The Gabr Fellowship was a life-changing, inspirational experience. As a journalist, it was very beneficial for me as it got me in contact with top officials, policy-makers, politicians, intellectuals and economists from both Egypt and the U.S. The Fellowship also helped me get acquainted with the U.S. culture, traditions and the American people. Most importantly, I have made some great, lifetime friends from both countries who made me feel grateful for joining such a Fellowship.”

Impressions from the 2017 Gabr Fellows



Jean Kwon

“When I completed the Fellowship, I felt an overwhelming sense of inspiration and empowerment. Between our speaker discussions and the brief moments chatting on the bus between meetings, I was deeply moved by the Fellows and our honest, open conversations. Despite our differences, we all listened; we all learned; we all grew. And after our “boot camp” of a Fellowship, we all know that much can be accomplished even on only four hours of sleep.”



Ibrahim Hammouda

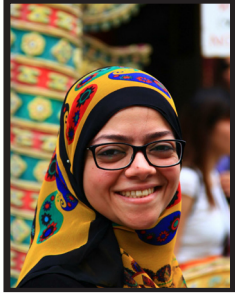
“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page. For me, during the program, I have read many pages and saw the world from different angles. Most of the time, I work with people from western cultures, however, when I witnessed how Egypt is appreciated when newcomers learn about it, and experience it changed my perspective significantly. This happened because I was given the opportunity to ask and discuss whatever I thought of with the most senior of leaders in both countries. When I started to read the other page of the world in the United States, which was a real dream and burning curiosity, I changed even more than before. The effect made the horizon of my views far and wide, as Douglas Reed described America. I believe that the whole world needs more of these programs that are a main pillar of world peace, and a remarkable positive change for youth.”



Jessica Mulligan

“This Fellowship transformed my personal and professional development. The program is designed to encourage a free exchange of perspectives, which cultivated an atmosphere of openness between all of the Fellows. As a result, we got to know each other in a deeper way than one might expect, building lifelong friendships, and we all were forced to think critically about our preconceptions about each other’s cultures. The Gabr Fellowship is a model for cultural exchange programs, and I believe each and every alumnus will leverage their experience to forge a better, safer, and more cohesive world.”

Impressions from the 2017 Gabr Fellows



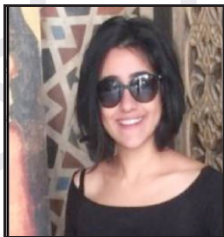
Neeven Mohamed

“Eye-opening, inspiring and life-changing, that is how I describe my experience with the Gabr Fellowship. After spending 18 days in Egypt and the USA and meeting with decision makers of both countries, I learnt a lot about the decision-making process complexities and their underlying perspectives, I also realized the cultural differences and the numerous similarities. Going to cultural tours in both countries made me realize that both countries have such inspiring histories and share many values. I thought I knew a lot about American culture, but my interactions with my friends proved that there are many cultural aspects that are hard to capture in a movie or read about in a book. Though some daily habits and routines might differ, we share so much more! The Gabr Fellowship, most importantly, helped me create priceless and lifetime friendships with some of the brightest American and Egyptian young leaders that I will cherish forever! 2017 Gabr Fellows I LOVE YOU!”



Kristina Ryan

“The Gabr Fellowship was truly a once in a lifetime experience that fundamentally changed how I view the world, and confirmed that open dialogue and communication are how you solve global problems. Egypt’s history has always fascinated me and for years I have dreamed of visiting the pyramids. Through this Fellowship I now view Egypt as much more than just a country with a unique history. Egypt is a country with rich cultural traditions, and a country with amazing people who are not so different from myself. In addition, this Fellowship helped to further confirm my personal commitment and desire to break down walls and build bridges between different cultures.”



Reham Salem Gamal

“The Gabr Fellowship is a lifetime experience that greatly added to my knowledge and life experience. This initiative gave me the opportunity to meet with experts, intellectuals, and remarkable future leaders from Egypt and U.S. Such exposure boosted my understanding of the challenges as well as opportunities that face U.S.-Egyptian relations. Moreover, it enriched my communication skills through friendships with both the American and Egyptian Fellows. I am very grateful for being part of this amazing Fellowship which changed the way I see things.”

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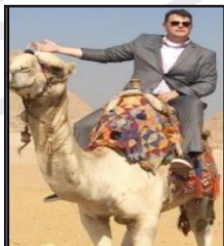
Michael Matthiesen

“The Fellowship in a short, accelerated, and boot camp-esque time frame compresses a very memorable experience into 20 days. Never in my life did I think I would see the Pyramids, Sphinx, Grand Imam, Coptic Pope, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, 20+ members of Congress, the Pentagon, State Department, or even step on the Senate and House Chamber Floors. These are experiences I will keep with me the rest of my life. However, the MOST impactful portion of this Fellowship wasn’t the speakers, but the other Fellows. The personal connections we developed are something I will keep with me years from now, and because of these Fellows I personally feel a stake in the success or failures of Egypt.”



Amr Seda

“This is the kind of Fellowship that stretches your potential as a person to limits you never thought possible. No matter what you’re currently doing with your life, you will finish this Fellowship feeling motivated to do 10 times what you were doing before. It will change your perception about what success is, and you will have no option but to know more, do more, and become more. I came out of this Fellowship with inspiration, motivation, knowledge, lifetime memories, and most notably, lifetime friendships. This is a Fellowship that I plan to remain actively involved with for the rest of my life.”



Thomas Stein

“The price of modern civilization has been a loss of humanity and nowhere has this been more evident than in the world of international relations. We too often see an issue half way around the world and then prescribe and deliver a solution that we see as correct. This has led to an environment that necessitates the view that all exchange is transactional. Nothing is further from the truth or more dangerous to our future. The Gabr Fellowship counters that position by humanizing foreign views and peoples. It is my sincere belief that we have succeeded in the exchange between our two groups during our time together. Now it is upon the Fellows to carry this mutual trust and open communication to our own fields. We must work to humanize our friends on the other side of the Atlantic. This is a worthy goal as the price of failure is the perpetuation of conflict, while the boon of success is much more noble, a world that is better for us having been here.”

Impressions from the 2017 Gabr Fellows



Sarah Hesham Badr

“The Gabr Fellowship is an excellent tool for understanding the world around you. Through dialogue and open direct communication, I learnt to see things from a different perspective. The Fellowship simulates a crash course on global politics and world culture. Brilliant Fellows from the West and brilliant Fellows from the East of different backgrounds and different cultures creating a blend of ideas and thoughts for integration. I sincerely encourage everyone to join the Gabr Fellowship family, it is an unforgettable eye-opening experience. As my journey continues, I aspire to further strengthen the U.S.-Egypt relationship thanks to the catalyst that is the Gabr Fellowship. The intellectual connection with the new friends that I made is going to form a lifelong bond.”



Hunter M. King

“26 months ago, as a 22 year old kid trying to make it in professional baseball, never did I imagine that one day I would be flying to the Middle East in order to better understand the dynamics of one of the most important relationships in the world. Fast forward two years, and that is exactly what the Gabr Fellowship has given me. The opportunity to travel to the Middle East and regions of the United States, with 18 other unbelievably intelligent and talented young, emerging leaders, is an opportunity only this Fellowship could’ve given me, and only Mr. Gabr could’ve given me. It was the most humbling and eye-opening experience I’ve had in my short life. The ideas, concepts, cultures, and human beings we had the opportunity of being exposed to will stay with us forever. I am a firm believer in what Mr. Gabr is trying to accomplish, and look forward to being a contributing factor to the initiative for years to come.”



Sherif Fathy Soliman

“I will always remember the year 2017 because it was the year I was lucky to experience being a Gabr Fellow and to be a part of a wonderful family established by the great Mohamed Shafik Gabr. Those days spent in Egypt and the USA with the American and Egyptian Fellows were an eye opener that together we can work to bridge any gaps between the two countries. I am thankful that this experience has pushed me past my limits and boundaries; it has helped me to establish new ones, and for that, I am forever grateful. I am thankful for each and every person I met during those 2 weeks, those people who I love the most and who gave me the chance to laugh with, smile with, and share ideas with.”

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Dalia Ihab Younis

“This program has been a life-changing event for me. I met with people and visited places that I would have never had access to if it wasn’t for being a Gabr Fellow. The most rewarding aspect was the fact that we got the chance to live 2 weeks with our American counterparts and experience life together as Fellows and friends both in their country and ours; the experience opened my eyes to the many similarities between us. I do wish that many influential people like Mr. Gabr would have the same vision of helping the next generation grow their network, explore new horizons and take their dreams a further step forward. To give back to this great opportunity, I consider it as a personal commitment to take my project seriously and always give credit to the Fellowship as the kick-starter for FUSIC.”

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