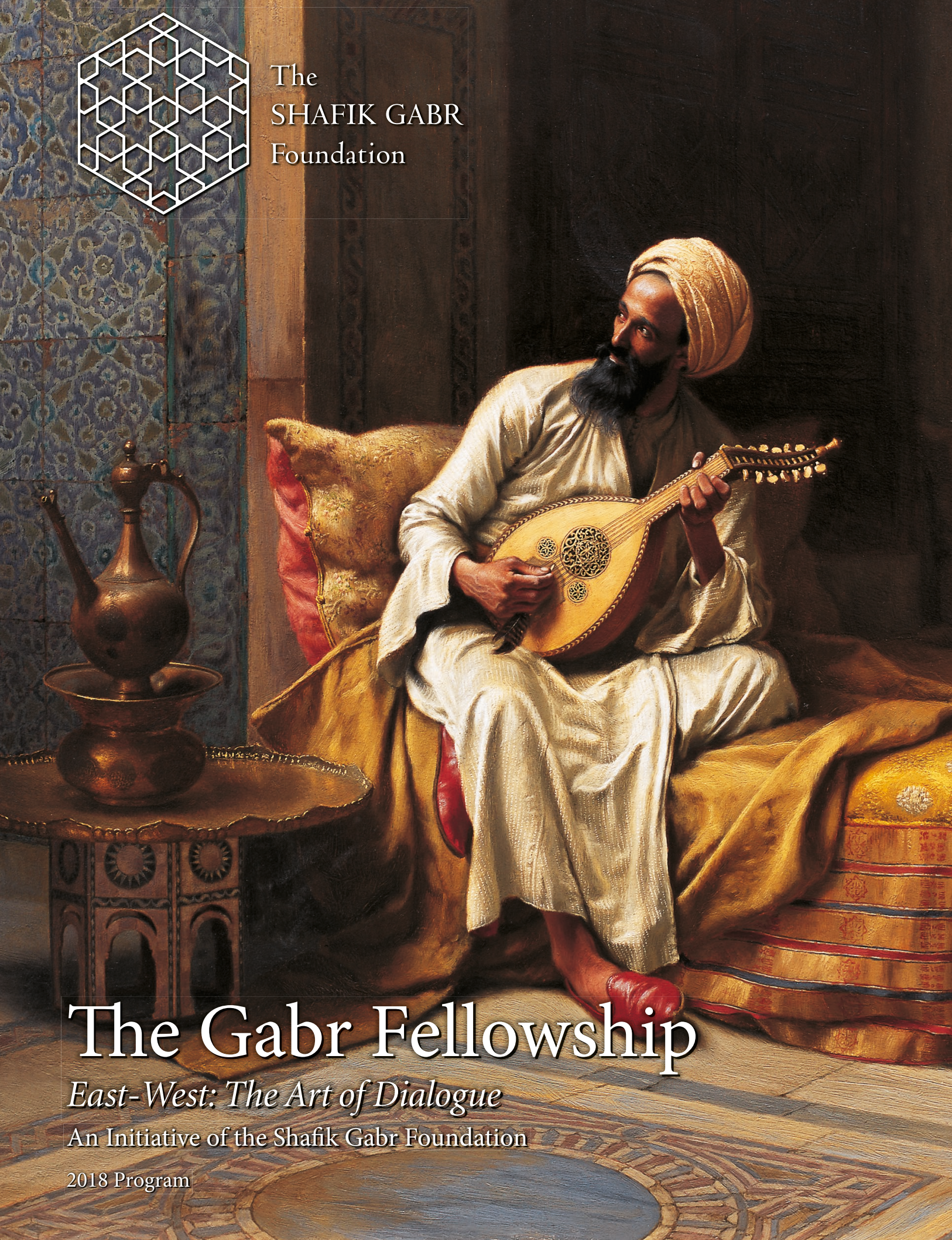


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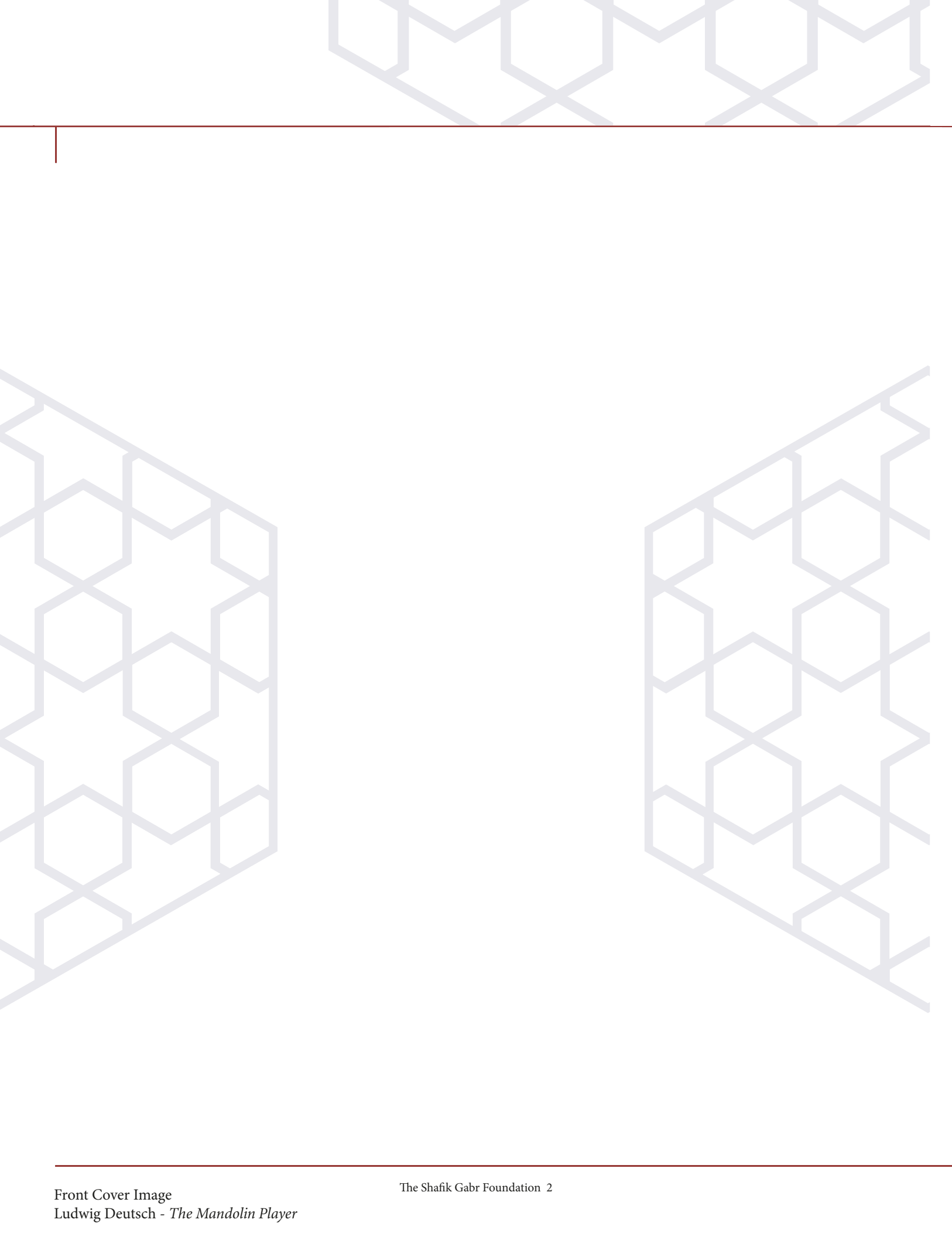


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Introduction by M. Shafik Gabr

As the world confronts a rise in technological advancements and becomes even more reliant on machines to undertake everyday transactions, global citizens are forced to reckon with an ever-changing reality. The future will look nothing like the present, and those who are poised for eventual success are the individuals who can effectively navigate these advancements.

At this time of immense transformation, the power of human interaction will retain much significance. With greater reliance on technology to facilitate communication, face-to-face interactions will be more valuable in the future.

For far too long, misinformation, suspicion, and disengagement have colored the conversation between the East and West. These trends have been magnified by social media and other mass communication technologies — the very same tools that were meant to bring us together. Instead, these platforms have at times become divisive and continue to negatively amplify differences.

Technology has aided significant progress over the past generation. But at the end of the day, it is genuine human connection which has the potential to separate those who are at the forefront of progress and those who sit on the sidelines.

It is this basic premise — of bringing people together for face-to-face conversations — that forms the basis of the *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* initiative and its flagship program, the annual Gabr Fellowship. By connecting young leaders from Egypt and the United States — all with a shared vision of bridging divides — through an intensive exchange experience, they are better prepared to take the reins of leadership in their careers, communities, and beyond.

During ten days in Egypt and ten days in the United States, these young gamechangers have the opportunity to interact, discuss, and debate with one another and thought leaders across a variety of sectors. They not only build upon the foundations trailblazed by others, but also create their own processes to lead the world into the latter part of the 21st century.

In a time of global transition, plagued by divisiveness and a reimagining of the world order, these young leaders will have to tackle significant challenges sooner rather than later. But, I am confident that the initiative's ever-growing community of committed and dedicated Fellows will continue striving to make the world a better place for us all.

As this year's Fellowship concluded, I reflected on how far this initiative has come. This year — just like in years prior — we have engaged some of the brightest and creative minds of the next generation. Through their action projects, their creation of networks, and engagement with the multitude of high-profile speakers, they can lay the foundation for ongoing cooperation that will ensure that human relationships remain central to our future.

Members of past and current administrations, government and military officials, business leaders, and innovators have reflected on the caliber and perseverance of the 2018 Fellows. I am confident that they will continue to hone their skills and create their own unique paths to building a more peaceful and just world for us all. The Foundation looks forward to continuing to engage and support these young leaders.

M. Shafik Gabr

Founder, The Shafik Gabr Foundation



The Initiative

The mission of the Shafik Gabr Foundation's *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* initiative is to promote greater mutual understanding by building bridges between the people of the Arab World and the West, particularly between the United States and Egypt. The initiative was established in 2012 in response to increasing tensions between the two regions, and sponsors and fosters exchanges between emerging leaders from a variety of fields from both cultures.

Through the annual Gabr Fellowship, 10 Americans and 10 Egyptians, of which half are men and half are women, connect through an intensive exchange program. Over the years, candidates from the United Kingdom, France, Lebanon, and Jordan have been invited to apply. The Fellows spend 10 days in Egypt, followed by 10 days in the United States, building enduring connections through rigorous discussions, cultural site visits, networking events, hands-on activities, and at the conclusion, their collaborative action projects.

The Gabr Fellowship lays the foundation for these young leaders to challenge themselves to see if they are up to the task of creating a more peaceful and inclusive world that not only addresses differences head on, but also celebrates them. Fellows are entrusted with unpacking the misperceptions and fears that have plagued the East-West relationship over the past few years. Through this initiative, they have a more informed understanding of realities on the ground and the opportunity to discover avenues of ongoing collaboration and dialogue.

The experience does not end on the last day of the Fellowship, however. Upon their return to their communities, Fellows are tasked with implementing their creative action projects. Equipped with new perceptions and an appreciation for the other, the Fellows leverage their experience to transform their broader networks and beyond to develop meaningful initiatives that educate their colleagues, peers, family, and friends on the importance and power of intercultural dialogue.

The Gabr Fellows, empowered with new understanding and nuanced perspectives, become intercultural ambassadors. Together, they further advance the legacy of the Gabr Fellowship: an international cohort dedicated to pursuing cooperative, collective solutions to the most pressing challenges of today and tomorrow.

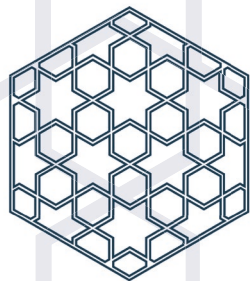
For additional information and regular updates about the initiative, please visit www.eastwestdialogue.org

The Foundations



The Mohamed Shafik Gabr Foundation for Social Development (Egypt)

The Mohamed Shafik Gabr Foundation for Social Development embodies an optimistic mission for the improvement of all the lives it serves — socially, economically, educationally, and medically. The Foundation provides diversified social services to the community, aiming at a better life with improved healthcare and education for all those in need. It has several projects underway, including major initiatives to improve elementary education in Egypt and a sponsorship program to support post-graduate studies for qualified students. A major initiative to support public health through free clinics and medical caravans has been launched, in addition to the provision of food and basic necessities to underprivileged communities around the country.



The SHAFIK GABR Foundation

The Shafik Gabr Foundation (US)

The Shafik Gabr Foundation's mission is to promote greater mutual understanding between the people of the Middle East, Europe, and the United States by fostering dialogue and the exchange of ideas through the *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* initiative. Established in 2012, the Foundation's flagship program, the annual Gabr Fellowship, sponsors short-term exchange programs between emerging young leaders from the East and West, each representing a variety of sectors, including but not limited to, the arts and sciences, business, politics, law, entrepreneurship, and media. The Fellows work jointly together to leverage their experiences 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 long-standing ties between the East and West. In the United States, the Foundation also supports research for children with epilepsy and cerebral palsy and supports educational initiatives.





Chairman and Members of the Advisory Board



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Bruce E. Mosler

As Chairman of Global Brokerage at Cushman & Wakefield Inc., Mr. Bruce Mosler advises major tenants and investors on strategic real estate matters, managing key client relationships on behalf of the firm, globally. Mr. Mosler served as President and CEO of Cushman & Wakefield from 2005-2010, leading the firm from \$800 million in sales to \$2.1 billion, and diversifying the company's revenue stream by 30 percent through expansion of the business in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. Prior to this, Mr. Mosler was President of US Operations, and implemented a number of initiatives for the firm, including creating national leadership roles in industrial, retail and multifamily, and creating the Cushman & Wakefield Alliance, a first of its kind affiliate network of top independent real estate companies operating as a unified team with Cushman & Wakefield.



Mr. Mosler sits on numerous non-profit boards and most notably has directed much of his attention toward veteran and military issues. Mr. Mosler serves as Co-Chairman of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, Chairman of the Shafik Gabr Foundation's Advisory Board, and Chairman of the Cushman & Wakefield's Veteran's Initiative. Mr. Mosler also serves on the Board of Governors of the Real Estate Board of New York and is a member of the Boards of the Team Rubicon, Navy League of the United States, New York State Troopers Foundation, Police Athletic League, Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families and the Advisory Boards of the Navy SEAL Museum and Tufts University's Friends of Fletcher, among others.

Brigadier General (Retired) Tom Cosentino

Following an Army career that included numerous operational and strategic assignments over a 30-year span, the retired Army Brigadier General 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 US plans to man, train, and equip over four 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 Masters' 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.

Chairman and Members of the Advisory Board

The Honorable Nick Rahall

Former Congressman Nick Rahall represented West Virginia's Third Congressional District for over three decades. 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 US 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.



Mohamed Ramzi Roshdi

Mr. Roshdi's professional career spans two decades across the private sector, academia, and international development. For over fifteen years, he has worked in a consulting and advisory capacity with leading multilateral organizations, including the World Bank, IFC, and the African Development Bank. His portfolio includes private and financial sector development, disruptive technologies, energy and human development across Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas – in addition to working closely with senior management on business delivery and organizational efficiencies and restructuring.

Within the private sector, Mr. Roshdi has advised leading family offices and venture capital funds on investment strategies for the past decade. Prior to that, he was a co-founder of ReliaBid, one of the world's first e-commerce services companies. He is a proud member of the advisory boards of several leading and emerging technology companies in the US and the Middle East. Mr. Roshdi received his Master's of Science Degree in Information Technology and his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from The George Washington University's School of Business.

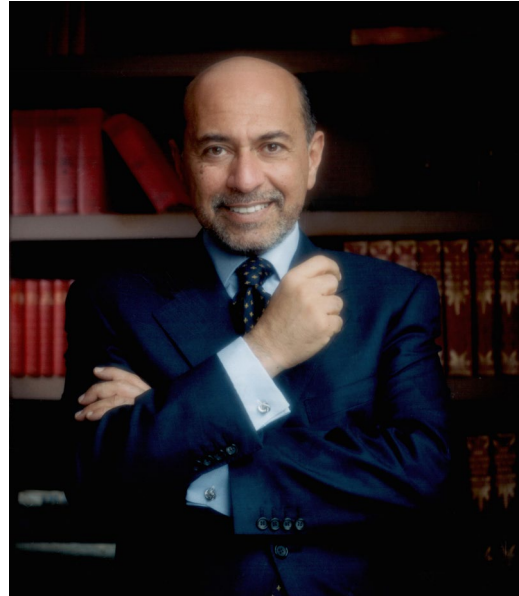


M. Shafik Gabr

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 is a multi-disciplinary investment holding company with subsidiaries operating in the fields of industry, automotive, airport terminals, energy, real estate and technology. Over the past three years, it has increasingly focused on emerging technologies, startups and mature companies, and the biosciences sector. In November 2018, it celebrated 47 years of successful investment activities around the globe.

Mr. Gabr is the Chairman and a founding member of Egypt's International Economic Forum. He is also a member of the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum, the Metropolitan Museum's International Council, and Yale University's President's Council on International Activities.



He previously served as the Chairman of the Common Market for East and South Africa (COMESA) Business Council, a member of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce (Paris), and a member of the Advisory Boards of Zurich Financial Services and The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Outside of his business endeavors, Mr. Gabr is active in philanthropic efforts to empower communities through health, sports, and education. Through the 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 offers access to free medical caravans and is launching its first medical and social development center in Mokattam, Cairo to provide free medical and health services for local residents.

Mr. Gabr is also active in the field of intercultural dialogue and diplomacy. In 2012, he established the Shafik Gabr Foundation in the United States. The Foundation supports educational and medical initiatives and spearheads the *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* initiative to facilitate exchanges between the United States and Egypt to promote intercultural dialogue and bridge building. The initiative's flagship program is the annual Gabr Fellowship, which empowers young emerging leaders as intercultural ambassadors.

Mr. Gabr has been recognized globally for his efforts. In 2014, he was awarded the Meridian Global Citizen Award and the Middle East Institute's Visionary Award. In 2015, Mr. Gabr received the American University in Cairo's Global Impact Award. In 2016, Mr. Gabr was awarded the College of Mount Saint Vincent's Saint Vincent de Paul Award and Drew University's Peacebuilder Award. In 2017, he received the Policy Direction and Leadership Award from the London Center for Policy Research.

He 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



Ahmed Mostafa

*Political Researcher, National Center for Middle East Studies;
Hometown: Aslut, Egypt; Age: 27*

In his position at the National Center for Middle East Studies, Ahmed is responsible for organizing workshops and seminars on political and regional issues. Prior to this position, Ahmed worked as a Research Assistant at the Institute of Arab Research and Studies, one of the institutions of the Arab League. Ahmed holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a diploma in International Negotiations. Ahmed is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in in Euro-Mediterranean Studies.



Hanan Khayal

*Gender and Youth Program Assistant, USAID Seed Project;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 25*

At USAID, Hanan works to empower women economically and helps shape policies to promote a more gender neutral and equal SME environment in Egypt. In this capacity, she works with female entrepreneurs and other key stakeholders alike. She is currently pursuing her Master's of Public Administration at the American University in Cairo (AUC), and received her Bachelor's Degree in 2015 from AUC with a double major in Political Science and Integrated Marketing Communication.



Karim El Sharkawy

*Diplomatic Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
Hometown: Giza, Egypt; Age: 27*

As a Diplomatic Attaché at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Karim specializes in regional and international security, environmental affairs, globalization and trade, sustainable development, entrepreneurship, public policy, political economy, international law, and African affairs. Karim is also currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Global Affairs with a focus on International Security at the American University in Cairo. He holds a post-graduate diploma of International Negotiations from Cairo University, and a degree in Electrical and Communication Engineering from the Modern Sciences and Arts University. Before seeking a career in diplomacy, Karim worked with startups and NGOs pertaining to climate change and renewable energy.

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Maram Osama

*Communication for Development Officer, UNICEF;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 28*

At UNICEF, Maram helps the global organization to achieve its goals of community engagement and social change in Egypt. Prior to working with UNICEF, she graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at Ain Shams University in Cairo and worked in academia, teaching pharmacology and pharmacotherapy, for three years. Maram is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Health and Health Communication.



Marwa Abdalla Elsayed

*Mass communication lecturer, cinematic researcher, and cultural manager;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 35*

Marwa studied Mass Communication at Cairo University, where she specialized in film studies. She started her career in the culture and arts management sectors in 2007, when she worked for the Ministry of Culture as a film programmer in the Artistic Creativity Center in Cairo. Marwa holds a PhD in film studies from the Faculty of Mass Communication, Cairo University and has served as a lecturer in the Faculty of Mass Communication, Beni-Suef University since 2015. She is also the artistic director of the short film program at the Aswan International Women Film Festival and the Director of the Cairo Jesuit Cinema School.



Muhammad El Hawary

*Business Analyst, Pocket Solutions;
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Muhammad has worked for Pocket Solutions since January 2016, where he is responsible for linking clients and the development team to ensure that all parties are well coordinated in their joint collaboration. Muhammed holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a focus on marketing from the Arab Open University in Cairo and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Studies with Marketing from the Open University in Milton Keynes, England.

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Shady Saleh

*Education Officer, IDP Education;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 24*

Shady graduated from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University and is starting his Master's Degree in Comparative Middle East Politics and Society, jointly offered by the American University in Cairo and Tübingen University in Germany. He previously worked for the Egyptian Foundation for Strategic Studies, Arab Bank PLC, and currently serves as an Education Counselor at IDP Education, Egypt.



Soaad Hossam

*Prosecutor, Administrative Prosecution Authority;
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Soaad is a Founder and Managing Director of the Euro-Arab Legal Association (EALA), a non-profit organization based in Geneva, focused on enhancing legal knowledge among legal practitioners from both the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States. Soaad has practiced law in the international arbitration groups of several leading international law firms in Egypt, Paris, Geneva, and at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris. She has studied in both the Egyptian and Swiss legal systems and holds a Master's of Law in International Dispute Settlement from the Graduate Institute and University of Geneva, as well as a Master's Degree in Private Law and Arbitration from Cairo University.



Yara El Braidy

*Media and Marketing Representative, Ashoka Arab World International;
Hometown: Cairo, Egypt; Age: 24*

Yara is a media practitioner with experience in campaigning for social change. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication from Cairo University and later completed an intensive Media and Digital Literacy program at the Lebanese American University. In 2016, Yara started leading the media and marketing department at Ashoka Arab World. Ashoka Arab World is the regional office for Ashoka Global, the leading platform for social entrepreneurs. Yara was selected by the Obama Foundation Leadership Program to participate in the Leaders: Africa initiative.

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American Fellows



Allison Feikes

*Legislative Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Barbara Comstock;
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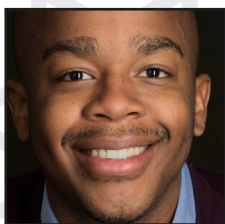
Allison Feikes is a Legislative Assistant in the office of Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, handling an extensive portfolio that includes foreign affairs and defense policy. She completed a Fulbright Scholarship in Canakkale, Turkey and worked at the US Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium. She is a member of CISV International, a UNESCO nonprofit peace organization that aims to educate and inspire action for a more peaceful world. She holds a Master's Degree in International Economics and European and Eurasian Studies from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.



Charles Truxal

*Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Matt Gaetz;
Hometown: Ft. Lewis, Washington; Age: 25*

Charles Truxal is currently serving as a 2nd Lieutenant and platoon leader in the Virginia Army National Guard, assigned to the 237th Combat Engineer Sapper Company out of West Point, Virginia and is the Military Legislative Assistant for Congressman Matt Gaetz. He has worked on Capitol Hill in the offices of Senator Patty Murray and Representative Martha McSally, as well as the House Committee on Armed Services. Charles received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Oregon.



Fabrice Guerrier

*Office Management Specialist at US Department of State;
Hometown: Coral Springs, FL; Age: 26*

Fabrice Guerrier is an Office Management Specialist in the Executive Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the US Department of State, which provides management assistance to all US embassies within the Western Hemisphere. Prior to this, he worked at the United Nations, founded The LEEHG Institute, and was President of the Board of Directors at Coming to the Table. He is the Co-founder and CEO of Syllble Studios, a collaborative storytelling studio startup that publishes original serialized fiction stories and books through collaborative writing. Fabrice received a Master's Degree in Conflict Transformation from the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University and a Bachelor's Degree in International Affairs and Leadership Studies from Florida State University.

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Hayley Rose

*International Development Professional;
Hometown: Bethel, Ohio; Age: 25*

Hayley Rose is a Program Associate working in international development, with a specific focus on women, peace and security, and gender-based violence in the Middle East and North Africa region. Hayley has experience working on issues such as local governance, refugees and migration, and women's legal empowerment, with a growing interest in stabilization and peacebuilding. Prior to her current position, Hayley interned with the Middle East Institute's Languages and Regional Studies Department. Hayley graduated with distinction from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Affairs and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.



Julie Yang

*Consultant, International Public Relations, Ladies Professional Golf Association;
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Julie Yang was most recently Manager for International Public Relations for the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) where she continues to serve as a consultant. Prior to her work at the LPGA, Julie was Senior Manager for Korea and Japan in the International Division of the US Chamber of Commerce. She also worked in the Washington Bureau of the *Asahi Shimbun* and the Seoul Bureau of the *Wall Street Journal*. Julie is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University with a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature and Political Science. She received her Master's of Science Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and was the 2017-2018 recipient of the eBay Policy Scholar Fellowship. Julie is also a 2018 Fellow for the CSIS Taiwan-US Policy Program.



Katie Applebaum

*Policy Associate, Business Executives for National Security;
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Katie is a Policy Associate for Business Executives for National Security (BENS). As a member of the Policy/Projects team, Katie assists in the coordination of work between BENS members and government partners across the national security community, including the Pentagon, Department of Homeland Security, and Intelligence Community. Prior to joining BENS, Katie worked as an assistant at the law firm Covington & Burling LLP. Katie is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Security Studies from Johns Hopkins University. Katie obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Global and International Politics from the University at Albany, SUNY.

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Lauren Ziegler

*Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Brian Babin;
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Lauren Ziegler is a Legislative Assistant in the office of Congressman Brian Babin. In this role, she is responsible for legislative activity across a number of policy issue areas, including foreign affairs, homeland security and immigration, health care, and education. After graduating from Auburn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications, Lauren spent time working at a public relations firm where she built strategic communications plans and crafted content for dozens of clients. Lauren then pursued her interest in policy and politics and moved to Washington, DC, where she worked for a large law and advocacy firm prior to coming to Capitol Hill.



RJ Johnson

*Non-Profit & Healthcare Administration Executive, R.I.S.E Community Services, LLC and Seedlinks Behavior Management, LLC;
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RJ Johnson is a Clinically Certified Forensic Counselor and Clinically Certified Juvenile Treatment Specialist through the National Association of Forensic Counselors. RJ is the National Vice Chair of the United Nations Association of the United States of America and Youth Advisory Council member for North America for the World Federation of United Nations. RJ is an alumnus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Political Science. He also holds an MBA in Finance and Human Resource Management. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.



Sarah Walker

*Associate, Glover Park Group, Government Relations Division;
Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri; Age: 25*

Sarah Walker is an Associate in the Glover Park Group's (GPG) Government Relations Division. As a member of the International Affairs team, she specializes in foreign policy, trade, and national security. Prior to joining GPG, Sarah worked at the Podesta Group in its International and Public Relations sectors. In that capacity, she supported clients including foreign governments, international entrepreneurs, and Fortune 500 companies. Previously, she co-authored the Iraq Security and Humanitarian Monitor, a weekly publication produced by the Education for Peace in Iraq Center. Sarah earned a Bachelor's Degree in International Cultures and Politics from Vanderbilt University.

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Wes Rogerson

*Officer for Global Health Advocacy, United Nations Foundation;
Hometown: Ashburn, Virginia; Age: 28*

Wes Rogerson is an Officer for Global Health Advocacy at the United Nations Foundation (UNF) where he advocates for malaria prevention and immunization access. Working with UNF's Shot@Life and Nothing But Nets campaigns, Wes recruits, trains, and mobilizes grassroots champions across the nation, empowering them to advocate for bipartisan support on these issues. Prior to this, Wes worked as a Senior Associate for the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA). Alongside UNA-USA's network of over 180 Chapters and 20,000 members, Wes encouraged Americans to champion the vital work of the United Nations and support a stronger US-UN relationship. Wes graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations with a concentration on European Union Studies.



2018 Gabr Fellowship Projects

Wontrepreneur - Connecting Women, East to West

Team: Julie Yang, Yara El Braidy, and Hanan Khayal

The Challenge

The economic and social benefits of a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem are well recognized, and the importance of female participation in the labor force is well documented. However, female entrepreneurs continue to face challenges across different industries and economies. In Egypt, 11 percent of entrepreneurs are female. This is a notable increase, given that eight years ago, the figure was only three percent. Yet, challenges remain. According to the IFC, 30 percent of businesses in Egypt are female-owned, but women have access to less than 10 percent of commercial bank financing. In the United States, female founders received only \$1.9 billion, which is roughly two percent of the total \$85 billion invested by venture capitalists in 2017. This project will help identify common challenges for female entrepreneurs in Egypt and the United States and provide a platform to discuss potential solutions.



Project Overview

The project will launch a social media campaign to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities for female entrepreneurs in Egypt and the United States. The campaign will also feature Egyptian and American female entrepreneurs and shed light on the entrepreneurial landscape in both countries. Social media platforms for the campaign will include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. The project will conclude with a final report measuring the impact of the campaign and analyzing how both countries responded to the social media content.

The Goal

The main objective of the project is to stimulate dialogue between female entrepreneurs in Egypt and the United States. In doing so, the project aims to foster stronger relationships between Egyptian and American entrepreneurs that could lead to mentorships, business partnerships, and friendships. In addition, the project aims to feature female entrepreneurs in Egypt and the United States, as well as promote solutions to spur more female entrepreneurship.

Population Served

The target population for this project is female entrepreneurs in the United States and Egypt. While the project is primarily targeted at stimulating dialogue between entrepreneurs and the business community in both countries, the social media content will be shared with the wider online population and potentially reach a global audience.

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Identify Entrepreneurs to Feature and Film Videos

The Egyptian and American Fellows will identify female entrepreneurs to feature in the social media campaign. Videos of interviews with entrepreneurs will highlight the challenges and opportunities women face in their respective country. The Fellows will also reach out to organizations focused on female entrepreneurship to build potential partnerships for content creation and dissemination.

Phase 2: Edit Videos and Create Content

Fellows will edit the videos and develop content prior to the social media launch. Content will be developed for various social media channels, including hashtags, tweets, Facebook posts, and YouTube videos.

Phase 3: Launch of Social Media Campaign

The social media campaign will launch on International Women's Day on March 8, 2019 and capitalize on the momentum surrounding the international conversation on women. Social media content will be published in Egypt and the United States across various online platforms.

Phase 4: Future Considerations

The Fellows will compile a final report analyzing the outcome and impact of the social media campaign. They will use the social media campaign as a foundation to consider future collaborations and initiatives to further advance female entrepreneurship in Egypt, the United States, and beyond.

Expected Outcome

- Stimulate discussion and build relationships between female entrepreneurs in the United States and Egypt to foster more people-to-people dialogue.
- Educate populations in Egypt and the United States that may be unfamiliar with the other country and showcase the local landscape for entrepreneurship.
- Raise awareness of the common challenges female entrepreneurs face in Egypt and the United States, as well as identify common solutions to address these challenges.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The project aligns with the central mission of the Gabr Fellowship to promote greater mutual understanding between Egypt and the United States. The Fellowship aims to grow this bicultural understanding through dialogue and the exchange of ideas. Likewise, the project provides a platform to facilitate dialogue and ideas surrounding female entrepreneurship. In doing so, the project aims to build meaningful and lasting relationships between Egyptians and Americans.

From DC to Cairo, Not Just A Tourist Attraction

Team: Katie Applebaum, Hanan Khayal, and Lauren Ziegler

The Challenge

Before the Fellows departed, many of their family and friends questioned their intention to visit the other country. Safety and concerns about inclusivity were major topics of conversation. This led to the realization that neither the average Egyptian nor American citizen has an accurate image of what the other country is like. Instead of understanding realities on the ground, they get a biased portrayal from the media. This disconnect helps to ensure that misperceptions and assumptions remain the dominant narrative.



The Fellows' videos and photos were a pleasant surprise for the same people who questioned their trip. The project will capture photos around the cities and tell the story behind the photo. All photos will be captioned in both English and Arabic, so a following can be gained from both countries.

Project Overview

To counter the status quo, this project offers a view into the everyday life among average individuals living in Cairo and Washington DC. From DC to Cairo will be an Instagram account offering viewers a glimpse into the food, shopping, festivities, sights, and most importantly, the people of Cairo and Washington. It will capture photos around the two cities and tell the story behind that photo. The photos will be captioned in both English and Arabic, so a following can be gained from both countries and accessibility to a wider audience can be achieved.

The Goal

The goal of this Instagram account is to gain a following from both the United States and Egypt, and ultimately scale up to a global reach. The aim is to break the stereotypes and false perceptions people have when they imagine Cairo and Washington, and more broadly when they imagine individual Egyptians and Americans.

Population Served

The target population is Americans and Egyptians. Since it is an Instagram account, the target audience are millennials. The team will engage its networks on these accounts to generate a strong following base that will hopefully spread to friends' contacts via word of mouth. As a next step, account holders who have expressed interest in travel, international affairs, and other related topics will be targeted. Through specially curated content, a wider audience can be reached and the conversation can be expanded beyond the team's own networks.

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Implementation and Success Research

Research successful Instagram marketing in order to learn how social media influencers gain followers, have an impact, and set themselves apart from other Instagram accounts.

Phase 2: Content Development

Take a range of photos and gather content, stories, and experiences. Prior to launching the Instagram page, the goal is to have at least 15 photos ready to post so there is a steady stream of content.

Phase 3: Launch and Progression

Launch the Instagram account and continuously post photos and videos. As the Instagram following grows, followers will be asked to submit their own photos and stories for posting. All photos and videos will be reviewed for content and operate under the principles of Do No Harm.

Phase 4: Reflection

The project team will reflect on what content was most effective in stirring conversations and received the most engagements (measured by likes and comments). It will be determined if it is worthwhile (and possible) to curate content outside of Cairo and Washington, DC. During this reflection, the team will also develop a content calendar to ensure that the account remains vibrant and active.

Expected Outcome

- People who engage with the Instagram content get a firsthand look at the daily realities of life in Cairo and Washington, DC.
- Viewers will have the chance to comment and ask questions, jumpstarting a dialogue. In addition, other individuals will be empowered to curate their own content and submit to the Instagram account for posting.
- Users will have a better understanding of daily life in each country and counter dominant misperceptions that negatively affect portrayals of the other country.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

Social media has become a dominant medium for sharing daily realities and can serve as a powerful tool for challenging perceptions and bridging divides. This account will create inroads in new communities to explore, learn, and create virtual connections with their counterparts on the other side of the world. By showcasing daily life in a fun, virtual, and accessible way, misperceptions about each country can begin to be eradicated.

Virtual Writers' Workshop

Team: Soaad Hossam, Maram Osama, and Fabrice Guerrier

The Challenge

Storytelling is a universal way for humans to communicate. Since the dawn of humanity, cavemen would gather around the campfire and tell stories about their hunting trips. Storytelling has been embedded in the history and culture of every nation on earth, from Homer's *Odyssey* in the West to the collection in *Arabian Nights* in the East. In a time of rising nationalistic and xenophobic voices, it is increasingly important that humans who are divided by political agendas can find common roots within an activity that is embedded in their evolution as a species.



Project Overview

This virtual workshop brings together writers from the East and West to collaboratively produce a work of fiction with a theme of their choosing. The workshop teaches a group of writers creative writing and storytelling skills via Google Hangout and group chat in Slack. Participants receive handouts and educational resources before the virtual meetings. In a step-by-step guide, they learn what it takes to create and design a great story; from universe to characters to plot. In three sessions, the story takes shape. Firstly, writers brainstorm and ideate on themes of the story. They fill out the outline, write the story, then discuss the story and make final iterative changes. At the end of the process, the entire group will have produced a single short story that will be shared online on the Gabr Foundation website, as well as *Medium* and other outlets. The stories will be available in Arabic and English.

The Goals

Uniting writers from Eastern and Western cultures shall produce a unique and fun work of fiction that everyone around the globe can enjoy. The vehicle for collaboration will be a neutral medium of storytelling, which will help break down barriers and misperceptions through the vein of a completed joint project.

Population Served

The project will invite Gabr Fellows from all years to participate in the project. Through a targeted social media campaign, the project will reach out to other prospective writers who have expressed interest in similar initiatives and have a passion for writing.

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Identifying Creative Writers

Identify all the writers both from Egypt and the United States who will participate in the Virtual Writers' Workshop.

Phase 2: Onboarding and Storytelling Ideation

On day one, all participants meet and discuss their expectations. Upon completion, they initiate the live collaborative ideations through the worksheet to design the story, including the fictional universe, the story plot, and characters. Each of the writers will develop a character questionnaire to more fully develop their backgrounds.

Phase 3: Writing and Analysis of Draft

Each of the participants will be writing within their specific character's worldview, created from the character questionnaire. Each author's work will be weaved within the broader narrative of a three-act plot jointly designed by all participants.

Phase 4: Editing and Content Production

The three short pieces will be designed over the course of two weeks. Once all writing is submitted, there will be time allotted for feedback, editing, and the design of the book cover. Once all elements are approved, the story will be sent for publication.

Expected Outcome

- Bring together writers from Egypt and the United States to hone their skills in collaborative fiction writing, storytelling, and critical thinking to design a compelling short story.
- Publish a novella jointly created by a cohort of authors that can serve as a conversation starter within both American and Egyptian societies.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The workshop furthers the Foundation's mission by engaging writers in a collaborative project to produce literature that will allow them to explore themselves and their partners in a truthful and revealing way. By being open and honest with their partners in a creative space, they can bridge divides through the power of storytelling and lay the foundation for ongoing conversation and dialogue.

East to West Podcast

Team: Muhammad El Hawary, Karim El Sharkawy, Wes Rogerson,
Charles Truxal, and Sarah Walker

The Challenge

While podcasts have become an American phenomenon in recent years, there is a lack of high-quality content podcasts in Egypt. Those that do exist have faced communication challenges, resulting in low listener rates rather than reaching a wide audience. Especially notable in today's political environment, there is often a misunderstanding of cultures between Egypt and the United States, which the East to West Podcast aims to address.



Project Overview

This project is designed to confront the widening gap of cultural communication between Egypt and the United States through an initiative aimed to attract different sectors of the community. Since the beginning of time, storytelling has served a critical role as the sole means of abstracting experiences and emotions in narrative form. Ancient oral storytellers were revered keepers of local knowledge, history and traditions in their communities. Podcasts are a modern and active medium which provide an unconventional communications vehicle for different societies. The main mission for this project is to offer exposure to different cultures, acknowledging points of both intersection and diversion, accepting differences, and cultivating awareness.

The Goal

- Promote experiences, expertise and cross-cultural awareness among Egyptian and American communities.
- Recognize the cultural exclusivity of the other, while engaging in a learning experience regarding different topics, including politics, economics and culture.
- Advocate for podcasts as a modern tool for self-learning.

Population Served

The podcast will be accessible to listeners of all ages worldwide but will specifically be targeted at Egyptians and Americans to foster East-to-West dialogue.

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Establish Working Group

Establish the working group for the podcast in Egypt and the United States, as well as secure the required equipment and space.

Phase 2: Content Drafting

Draft the content of the first season, promote the show among different hosts, and create the marketing campaign.

Phase 3: Podcast Launched

Record and publish the show on a weekly basis, preparing a sustainable cadence for the podcast.

Expected Outcome

- Enhance Egyptian-American cultural understanding on a social level by discussing various topics, as well as public opinion on both sides.
- Introduce grassroots organizations to podcasts and showcase them as a valuable, modern tool for self-learning, gaining knowledge, and acquiring different perspectives.
- Provide the working group with invaluable experience. The project will become a permanent podcast that works towards explaining various Egyptian and American affairs and may expand towards other universities that would copy the model.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

With new technologies readily available, anyone with an internet connection is empowered to create their own content and undertake individual initiatives to facilitate dialogue with people on the other side of the world. This project carries on the Foundation's tradition of facilitating dialogue between young emerging leaders from Egypt and the United States. To maximize its reach, the team will engage its wider networks and facilitate ongoing exploration and discussion about key topics of especial interest to listeners in both countries. By sharing conversations and discussions with a broader audience, the podcast will empower the audience as intercultural ambassadors and normalize enduring connections between the two cultures.

American-Egyptian Independent Film Festival (AEI Film Fest)

Team: Marwa Abdalla Elsayed and Allison Feikes

The Challenge

There is a lack of understanding of American and Egyptian cultures resulting from false media rhetoric, a new wave of Islamophobia, and a lack of interest in the other. To spur interest in realities on the ground in both countries and counter stereotypes perpetuated by the media in both countries, the team will screen independent films at various locations across the two countries to show a wide array of audiences the true Egyptian and American experience.



Project Overview

The American independent films will be shown in Cairo, Alexandria, and Beni-Suef, while the Egyptian independent films will be shown in New Jersey, New York, and Washington, DC. The films will be secured through a call out message and through various film contacts of the team in the United States and Egypt. By working with partners like NeueHouse in New York City and American University in Cairo, the team will create an aggressive outreach campaign to attract participants.

The Goal

The films will educate Egyptians and Americans on life, culture, art, and society in the other country, generating genuine interest and further exploration. In order to measure attitudinal and perception changes, surveys will be disseminated after each film screening.

Population Served

Through six film screenings (three in each country), a diverse population will be served. In New York, an Egyptian film will be screened at NeueHouse, a private workspace for creatives and entrepreneurs, attracting working professionals in the film and art industries. In New Jersey, the film will be screened at Drew University, attracting students, mostly from the Center on Religion, Culture, and Conflict. The final screening will be at the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, DC for international security, policy, and diplomacy professionals. The same target audiences will be mirrored in Egypt. The screening at the American University Cairo or Beni-Suef University will primarily target students. Egyptian professionals in foreign policy will be invited to a screening at the US Embassy. Finally, the screening at the Library of Alexandria will attract researchers and professors of humanities and culture.

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Film Selection and Location Scouting

The project team will choose the films to be screened and the location of each viewing will be secured.

Phase 2: Media Creation

The team will create an aggressive outreach campaign using technologies including Eventbrite, Canva, and social media. Flyers will be distributed at similar events prior to the Spring screenings.

Phase 3: Film Screenings

The film screenings will take place over a 6-week period, alternating between each country every other week.

Expected Outcome

- Show 6 independent films to small audiences (approximately 100 attendees at each showing), with 3 showings in the United States and 3 in Egypt.
- Educate the audience on daily realities in each country, spurring conversation and ongoing dialogue.
- Inspire an interest in further learning and exploration in each country and the broader regions in which they reside.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The Gabr Fellowship has its origins in the study and appreciation of Orientalist art, which brought Western artists to the Middle East to depict daily life through their works. The film screenings will carry on this tradition by introducing film as a medium for improved intercultural understanding. Media is a powerful tool — especially in today's hyperconnected environment. Through the selected films and the subsequent discussions and questionnaire following the viewing, ordinary Americans and Egyptians will be exposed to new ideas that can challenge preconceived notions and misperceptions. This project, much like the Gabr Fellowship itself, is open to anyone with a passion for knowledge and exploration.

The Link: Powering US-Egypt Relations

Team: Hayley Rose, Shady Saleh, Ahmed Mostafa, and RJ Johnson

The Challenge

Today's global issues are pressing, complicated, and interconnected to a greater degree than the world has ever seen. And yet, future global leaders often learn in insulated educational environments, lacking real engagement with scholars, policy leaders, and students from the countries with which they seek to engage.



By connecting tomorrow's leaders via an online foreign policy community, The Link seeks to facilitate cross-cultural dialogue, foster mutual respect, and equip future foreign policy leaders with the nuanced knowledge and tools they will need to solve critical international issues. The Link believes in creating a more effective, knowledgeable, and innovative foreign policy community through practical and collaborative learning.

Project Overview

The project will focus on the development and use of three main components in order to achieve its goals:

1. Webinar Trainings

Participating students will enroll in monthly training webinars, led by international practitioners on identified topics of interest to the student audience. Students will learn from these experts in seminar-style webinars that allow for a visual presentation, along with quizzes, Q&A, and written and verbal class discussion. Seminars will be accompanied by recommended reading materials and culminate in a certificate of completion for all students who attend and pass each session.

2. Scholarly Video Series

Each month, students will have the opportunity to vote on which topic they would like to see featured in that month's video series. Based upon the identified student interest, one Egyptian and one US scholar will be tapped to deliver a compelling, short-form video brief on the issue for publication on the website. Beyond hearing varied perspectives from highly-respected foreign policy scholars, students will also have the opportunity to respond to these scholars' arguments via written publication on the website.

3. Collaborative Policy Briefs

The Link's Policy Brief section will pair one Egyptian student and one American student together to collaboratively research, write, and publish policy briefs on issues of mutual interest throughout the academic year. Contributors will be selected via a competitive application process that seeks to pair students based on their expressed topical interests and goals. Each pair will be required to publish at least two papers per year.

The Goal

The Link aims to create a more effective and innovative international community by equipping the next generation of policy leaders with knowledge and tools to better serve their careers. In doing so, The Link will focus on three core components of audience engagement: capacity building, professional development, and community building.

Population Served

The Link will be targeted toward university students in relevant degree programs, student groups, and other networks in both US and Egyptian higher education institutions. Expert contributors to the website will be recruited from diverse foreign policy backgrounds for the benefit of the student audience, including think tank scholars, academic professors, practitioners, and policy makers.

Project Milestones

Phase 1: Recruitment

Recruitment of content contributors (scholars, practitioners, etc.) for video and webinar series begins.

Phase 2: Marketing

Website design period and marketing push to relevant student groups and degree programs.

Phase 3: Policy Brief Applications Open

Applications accepted for policy brief contributors.

Phase 4: Pilot Program Launched

Webinar series, video series, and policy brief contributions begin. Student feedback solicited throughout.

Expected Outcome

- Capacity building through experiential learning that includes both consumption and contribution of knowledge.
- Demonstrable professional development to support students' career trajectories through knowledge sharing, publication opportunities, and substantive training.
- Authentic, meaningful community building that stems from critical discourse, mutual respect, and shared learning experiences.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

By bringing together young foreign policy scholars around critical international issues, The Link contributes directly to the mission of the Shafik Gabr Foundation. The Link combines individual contributions with community learning to emphasize the role that each citizen must play in building an international community and affecting real and lasting change. By facilitating substantive dialogue between the US and Egyptian communities – both students and experts alike – The Link will foster a community of mutual respect that also equips students with nuanced understanding of the philosophy, history, and priorities of their counterparts. Armed with the vital skills and relationships, these students are better placed to contribute to constructive and creative international solutions – in line with the mission of the Shafik Gabr Foundation.





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Mr. Abdel Latif El Menawy

Mr. Abdel Latif El Menawy is the CEO of *Al Masry Al Youm*, one of the most widely-read newspapers in Egypt. He founded the Middle East Media Center for Studies and is a member of the National Union of Journalists and the Egyptian Journalists Syndicate. Mr. El Menawy established Radio Misr and was the head of the Egypt News Center. He is the author of *Tahrir: The Last 18 Days of Mubarak* which chronicles the events leading up to the resignation of former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

H.E. 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 Operations 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 currently serves as the Director of Egypt's International Economic Forum. Dr. El Adawy has held several positions in prominent US think-tanks, including the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, American Security Project, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and the Middle East Institute. He received his Bachelor's Degree from The College of Wooster, a Master's Degree in Political Science from American University, and a PhD from the War Studies Department, King's College London.

Mr. Ahmed El Alfi

Mr. Ahmed El Alfi is a veteran investor and venture capitalist with over 25 years of entrepreneurial and TMT-related experience. After living in California, he relocated to Cairo in 2006 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. Mr. El Alfi has been a member of the Board of Directors and Advisors of the Waqf Endowment, Polytechnic School Pasadena, Claremont Graduate School of Religion, and several for-profit corporate boards.

H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish

Dr. Ahmed Darwish is the former Minister for Administration Development and the former Chairman of the Suez Canal Economic Zone. He currently serves as an international consultant, focusing on policies and strategies, governance and organizational development, and business processes and information technology. Dr. Darwish received his B.Sc. in Electronics and Communication Engineering and M.Sc. in Computer Engineering from Cairo University. He received his PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of California, Davis.

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Mr. Ahmed Helmy

Mr. Ahmed Helmy is the Managing Director at Ogilvy & Mather. He previously served as the Managing Director of Ogilvy RED, where he focused on strategy, innovation, and growth advisory services for brands and businesses, and was a Managing Partner at Duston Adma. He has held a variety of marketing and strategic roles in Kuwait, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Egypt and has self-started several successful e-commerce destinations and design studios. Mr. Helmy holds a Bachelor's Degree from the American University in Cairo in Integrated Marketing Communications.

Ms. Amie Sultan

Ms. Amie Sultan is a performance artist, with a specialization in Oriental dance. She previously served as a ballerina at the Cairo Opera House and has performed around the world. As an Oriental dancer, she aspires to restore the glamour and technique to belly dance that reached its height in the mid-1900s. Ms. Sultan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design from the Rhodoc Institute of the Arts and is an alumnus of Cairo American College in Maadi Cairo.

His Grace Bishop Anba Pavly

Bishop Anba Pavly is the Bishop of Eastern Alexandria. Bishop Pavly is a specialist in youth engagement and his Bible study meetings have reached more than 3,000 young people. After getting ordained as a priest in 1999 and as a high priest in 2009, he entered the monastery of St. Moses the Prophet and was ordained as a monk. He later served in the Coptic Church of Sharm El Sheikh. Bishop Pavly graduated from the Faculty of Computer Engineering.

Dr. Ayman Ismail

Dr. Ayman Ismail is the Abdul Latif Jameel Endowed Chair of Entrepreneurship, Assistant Professor at the American University in Cairo's (AUC) School of Business, and the Founder and Director of the AUC Venture Lab. He is a former research fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Dr. Ismail is a co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of Nahdet El-Mahrousa, working with social entrepreneurs and community leaders to address social challenges. He received his PhD in International Economic Development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Dr. Ismail also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, an MBA from the American University in Cairo, and a Master's Degree in City Planning and Geographic Information Systems from MIT.

Mr. Basel El Baz

Mr. Basel El Baz is the Chairman and CEO of Carbon Holdings Limited, a mid-to-downstream O&G development company with over 20 years of experience in the petrochemical industry. He graduated from Harvard University where he studied economics and government with a focus on industrial economics. He has developed and financed two major industrial greenfield projects in his home country: Egypt Basic Industries Corporation (EBIC) and Egypt Hydrocarbon Corporation (EHC). Mr. El Baz was ranked at the top of Institute Choiseul's annual top 100 African Business Leaders in 2017.

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H.E. Ambassador Francis Ricciardone

Ambassador Francis Ricciardone is the President of the American University in Cairo. He previously served as the US Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Deputy US 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 State Department's Task Force on the Coalition Against Terrorism and as a Senior Advisor to the Director General of the Foreign Service. He also served as the Secretary of State's Special Coordinator for the Transition of Iraq.

Dr. Gamal Abdel Gawad

Dr. Gamal Abdel Gawad is a Visiting Associate Professor at the American University in Cairo and is a Senior Research Fellow at the Cairo-based Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, where he has been in charge of the Center's programs on regional politics and survey research. He is a frequent contributor to newspapers and media outlets and has been published in *The Daily Star* and *Al Ahram*. Dr. Abdel Gawad earned his PhD in Political Science from Northern Illinois University.

Mr. Hafez Al Mirazi

Mr. Hafez Al Mirazi is the Professor of Practice at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at the American University in Cairo (AUC). He is the former Director of the Adham Center for Television and Digital Journalism at AUC. Mr. Al Mirazi has more than 30 years of experience working in both American and Arab broadcast television and radio. Mr. Al Mirazi spent 24 years living and working in Washington, DC. He served as Al Jazeera's US bureau chief and hosted the channel's weekly news program *From Washington* and 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.

Mr. Hisham El Khazindar

Mr. Hisham El Khazindar is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Al Qalaa Holdings, a leading investment company in Africa and the Middle East. Established in 2004, Al Qalaa Holdings is an African leader in infrastructure and investment focused on energy, cement, agrifoods, transportation and logistics, and mining. Prior to co-founding Al Qalaa Holdings, Mr. El Khazindar was the Executive Director of Investment Banking at EFG Hermes where he advised on landmark transactions including IPOs, private placements and M&A transactions in the region. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the American University in Cairo and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

H.E. Ambassador Hussam Zaki

Ambassador Hussam Zaki is Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League. He served as a senior advisor on the Middle East for successive Egyptian foreign ministers from 2007 to 2012. He previously held positions in the Foreign Ministry, including as 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. Prior to that, he was Press Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and worked at the Embassy of Egypt in Washington, DC.

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Mr. Hussein Fahmy

Mr. Hussein Fahmy is an internationally recognized actor and director. He has worked in the film and television industry for over 40 years and has appeared in more than 100 movies, television shows, and theater performances. He previously served as the President of the Cairo International Film Festival and was the first UNDP Regional Goodwill Ambassador for the Arab States. In addition to his work in media, he was named the first Special Olympics Ambassador for the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Fahmy graduated from UCLA with a Master of Fine Arts Degree.

Mr. Hussein Shobokshi

Mr. Hussein Shobokshi is a Saudi businessman, economic consultant, and media commentator. He was recognized by the World Economic Forum as one of the 'Global Leaders of Tomorrow,' and was the first businessman from the Gulf region to be selected to participate in the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum. Mr. Shobokshi is a frequent lecturer in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States, and has been featured in a variety of international media outlets, including CNN, CBS, and PBS.

H.E. Ambassador Karim Haggag

Ambassador Karim Haggag is a former Egyptian diplomat with over 25 years of service in Egypt's diplomatic corps and a Professor of Practice in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at the American University in Cairo. Throughout his career, Ambassador Haggag has served in numerous capacities focusing on US-Egyptian relations, Middle East regional security, arms control and non-proliferation, and Arab-Israeli diplomacy. Ambassador Haggag was a visiting professor at the Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies and the National Defense University in Washington DC, where he focused on the politics of the Arab revolutions and the security implications of the post-revolutionary transitions. He is a graduate of the American University in Cairo and has earned a Master's Degree in War Studies from King's College London.

Dr. Khaled Azab

Dr. Khaled Azab is the Head of the Library of Alexandria's Central Projects and Services Sector. He previously served as the Chief Archeological Inspector, the Director of the Manuscripts Sector, and the Head of the Department of Media and Special Projects. Dr. Azab won the State Award for Excellence in Social Sciences for his body of work. In 2014, the Arab Thought Foundation granted Dr. Azab the Most Valuable Arabic Book Award for his book *Fiqh of Urbanism: Architecture, Society, and State in the Islamic Civilization*. He earned his PhD in Islamic Archaeology from Cairo University.

Dr. May El Batran

Dr. May El Batran is a Member of the Egyptian Parliament, Founder and CEO of TMA Education Management, Investment & Development, and Founder and Chairperson of the People Development Foundation. She serves as the Academic Advisor and International Relations Officer of the High Institute for Specific Studies, a family-owned degree granting institution with over 15,000 students. Dr. El Batran also served on the Executive Board of the Egyptian Junior Business Association and as Vice President of the Middle East Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Dr. El Batran received her Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy from Cairo University and her PhD in Health Policy from Swansea University.

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Admiral Mohab Mamish

Admiral Mohab Mamish is the Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority. He was the Commander of the Egyptian Navy and also a member of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces. Admiral Mamish graduated from the Egyptian Naval Academy and has received additional training abroad. He has been recognized for his service and is the recipient of the Medal of Long and Meritorious Service and the Silver Jubilee of Sinai Liberation, among others.

Dr. Mohamed Kamal

Dr. Mohamed Kamal is a 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 was a member of the Shura Council (the upper House of Egypt's Parliament), serving on the Education and Youth Committee. He obtained a PhD in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University, a Master's Degree from Carleton University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Cairo University.

Major General Mohamed El Keshky

Major General Mohamed El Keshky is Egypt's Deputy Minister of Defense for Foreign Affairs. He has also held the positions of Egyptian Defense Attaché to the United States and Canada and Assistant Defense Attaché in London. Major General El Keshky has undertaken military studies both in Egypt and the United States, including at Egypt's War College, the United States National War College, and the US Advanced Artillery Course. Major General El Keshky acquired his Bachelor's Degree in Military Science in 1978 from the Egyptian Military Academy and his Master's Degree in Field of Security Strategy Studies from the National War College.

H.E. Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi

Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi is an Egyptian career diplomat and politician who previously served as the Foreign Minister of Egypt. He has served as Deputy Chief of the Egyptian Mission to Israel and the United States, a diplomat in Kuwait and the United Kingdom, Chief of the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister, Ambassador to Germany, and the Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs. Ambassador El Orabi currently serves as a Member of the Egyptian Parliament.

H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem

Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem currently heads Development Works, a Cairo-based non-profit consultancy office. He has over 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 Group at the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs. He held previous positions at 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, later moving to the Department of International Organizations, the Press Department, and the London Embassy. He was later 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.

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The Honorable Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid

The Honorable Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid is a distinguished 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.

Mr. Muhammad Rashid

Mr. Muhammad Rashid is a Palestinian-Iraqi politician. He was the top advisor to President Yasser Arafat for more than 25 years. Mr. Rashid began his career as a reporter and served as the former head of the Palestinian Investment Fund. He later played a significant role during the 2000 Camp David Summit, a summit between United States President Bill Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. Mr. Rashid is a frequent commentator on the peace process for major international media outlets.

Dr. Noha Bakr

Dr. Noha Bakr is a Professor of Political Science at the American University in Cairo. Previously, Dr. Bakr was Assistant Minister of International Cooperation in charge of economic cooperation with the Americas and Canada. Her published works focus on the field of security and international relations. She is a member of the Egyptian Council on Foreign Relations and the Arab Network for Tolerance. She graduated from the American University in Cairo with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government and a Master's Degree in Middle East Studies. Dr. Bakr received her PhD in International Organizations and International Relations from Cairo University.

Admiral Osama Rabie

Admiral Osama Rabie is the Vice Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority. He previously served as the Director of the Egyptian Naval Academy, the Commander of the Egyptian Navy, and as a member of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces. He received training from the Nasser Military Academy and other international institutions. Admiral Rabie has been awarded the Medal of Long Service and Good Example, the Medal of the Twenty-Fifth of January, and the Medal of the Thirtieth of June.

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H.E. Minister Rania Al Mashat

Minister Rania Al Mashat currently serves as Egypt's Minister of Tourism. She is a former Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund, Deputy Project Director for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector Center at the University of Maryland, and an Adjunct Professor of Economics at the American University in Cairo. She has been recognized by the Economic Leaders for Tomorrow in Africa, Institut Choiseul (2014 and 2015); the International Visitor Leadership Program, Government of France (2013); and the School of Business, American University in Cairo, as a Distinguished Alumni (2013). Minister Al Mashat was named among the most powerful women in the Egyptian Banking Sector. She holds a Master's Degree and a PhD in Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Mr. Reza Baqir

Mr. Reza Baqir is the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Senior Resident Representative to Egypt. Prior to this assignment, he was Mission Chief for Bulgaria and Romania in the IMF's European Department. He was Chief of the IMF's Debt Policy Division where he led the IMF's policy work on public debt sustainability, debt conditionality in Fund-supported programs, and sovereign debt restructuring. He was Deputy Chief of the IMF's Emerging Markets Division where he led work on managing capital flows and vulnerability analysis for emerging markets. His country experience includes Cyprus, Ghana, Greece, Jamaica, Portugal, Thailand, and Ukraine. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley.

H.E. Ambassador Sherif Kamel

Ambassador Sherif Kamel is the Arab Republic of Egypt's Ambassador to Jordan. He previously served as the Deputy Director to the Foreign Minister for Cabinet Affairs in Egypt's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Sherif Sonbol

Mr. Sherif Sonbol is a travel writer and the first Egyptian photographer to produce a picture book, *Mulid* about a slowly dying heritage. He has been the subject of thirty international exhibitions, including at Lincoln Center's Library for the Performing Arts, the Library of Alexandria, Cairo Opera House, Warsaw Smolna Gallery, and various embassies around the world. He has also been profiled in the *New York Times* in 2003 and in *PDN* magazine in 2004.

H.E. Thomas Goldberger

H.E. Thomas Goldberger is the US Embassy's Chargé d'Affaires in Egypt. He previously served as Assistant Chief of Mission responsible for political affairs at the US Embassy in Baghdad and as Deputy Chief of Mission in Tel Aviv. During his time as Director of the Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs at the US Department of State he was responsible for coordinating US support for peace negotiations between Israel and its neighbors. A specialist in economic affairs, he also served at US Embassies in Ankara, Amman, Paris, and Riyadh and as Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs. He is a graduate of Rutgers and Georgetown Universities.

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Mr. Youssef El Shorafy

Mr. Youssef El Shorafy is the Chief Executive Officer at Omega Capital. He co-founded Catalyst Partners, an investment firm focused on SMEs, and Mega Investment Holding which has a fully-owned brokerage. Previously, he worked at the regional investment bank Naeem Holding where he developed a thorough understanding of MENA markets through his responsibilities in multiple jurisdictions. Mr. El Shorafy graduated from Cairo University with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He has attended a series of professional investment programs at the London Business School and is a member of the Egyptian Junior Business Association.

Mr. Ziad Aly

Mr. Ziad Aly is the CEO and Founder of ALZAWAD for Economic Development and the Founder of MASRENA, a non-governmental organization concerned with building Egypt 2.0. He has more than 20 years of experience in business development and senior management in information technology, logistics, and transportation. Before founding ALZAWAD Mr. Aly was an Executive Board Member at Vodafone. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the American University in Cairo and has completed Management and Leadership courses at Harvard Business School.

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General Ahmed Helmy

General Ahmed Helmy currently serves as a Counselor at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the United States. He specializes in strategic security affairs and the Egypt-United States strategic relationship. He was previously based in New York City, Tel Aviv, and Beirut. General Helmy is a graduate of Ain Shams University, Faculty of Commerce.

Mr. Alex Pinson

Mr. Alex Pinson is the Senior Legislative Assistant and Counsel to Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5). He manages appropriations issues related to state and foreign operations, healthcare, drug policy, and agriculture. In the same office he served as a Legislative Assistant and Legislative Correspondent. Mr. Pinson received his JD from Charleston School of Law and his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Furman University.

Mr. Alfred Berkeley

Mr. Alfred Berkeley is the Chairman of Princeton Capital Management. He previously served as the President of the NASDAQ Stock Market Inc. and later as Vice-Chairman. Prior to joining NASDAQ he was a General Partner of Alex Brown & Sons. He has served as an officer in the US Air Force and the US Air Force Reserve. Mr. Berkeley has an undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Anna Burress

Ms. Anna Burress is the Associate Manager for GCC and Egypt at the US Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC. She previously served as the Administration and Operations Coordinator for the International Affairs Division at the US Chamber of Commerce and as an Executive Assistant at Servcorp USA. Ms. Burress received her Bachelor's Degree in International and Global Studies with a Concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies from Washington College.

Mr. Barry Pavel

Mr. Barry Pavel is Senior Vice President, Arnold Kanter Chair, and Director of the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security at the Atlantic Council, focusing on emerging security challenges, defense strategies and capabilities, and key European and global defense issues. Previously, he was a career member of the Senior Executive Service in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and served as the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy on the National Security Council staff. Mr. Pavel holds a Master's Degree in Security Studies and an MPA in International Relations from Princeton University, in addition to a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Mathematics and Economics from Brown University.

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Mr. Brian Sullivan

Mr. Brian Sullivan is the anchor of CNBC's *Worldwide Exchange* and the Senior National Correspondent for the network, covering some of the nation's biggest stories. He most recently served as co-anchor of CNBC's *Power Lunch*. In his 20 years of financial journalism and television experience Mr. Sullivan has reported from five continents. He has been nominated for the Loeb Award twice, for his work in highlighting the risks of the housing bubble and for the CNBC documentary *America's Gun: The Rise of the AR-15*. Prior to joining CNBC, he served as an anchor at Fox Business News as well as a producer, reporter, and anchor for Bloomberg Television. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Virginia Tech in Political Science and a JD from Brooklyn Law School.

Lieutenant General Charles Hooper

Lieutenant General Charles Hooper is the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency. His past political and military assignments include: Assistant Army Attaché to the People's Republic of China; Deputy Division Chief, War Plans Division, G35, Army Staff; and Chief, Army International Affairs Division, G35, Army Staff. He later served as the Deputy Director for Strategy Planning and Policy at US Africa Command and was the Senior Defense Official/US Defense Attaché at the US Embassy in Cairo. LTG Hooper is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and earned an MPA from Harvard University.

Ms. Chrissi Lee

Ms. Chrissi Lee is the Military Legislative Assistant to Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-4). She graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and she is working towards her Master's Degree in Military Operational Art and Science from the USAF Air Command and Staff College. Prior to joining the House of Representatives she was a Field Representative for the College Republican National Committee.

Mr. Clark Fonda

Mr. Clark Fonda is the Chief of Staff for Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-9). He previously served as the Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director. Prior to his current role he was a US Army Legislative Analyst at SAIC, a Legislative Assistant for Representative Sue Myrick, and an aide for US Senator Jon Kyl. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Southern California, a Master's Degree in Irregular Warfare from the US Naval War College, and is working towards his law degree from The George Washington University.

Dr. Daniel Shapiro

Dr. Daniel Shapiro is the Founder and Director of the Harvard International Negotiation Program, an Associate Professor of Psychology, and an Affiliate Faculty Member for the Program on Negotiation. He has also served on the faculty of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has launched successful conflict resolution initiatives in the Middle East, Europe, and East Asia and chaired the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Conflict Resolution for three years. Dr. Shapiro has a Bachelor's Degree from Johns Hopkins University and a PhD from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

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Congressman Darrell Issa

Congressman Darrell Issa represents California's 49th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Prior to joining government he served as CEO of 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. Congressman Issa is currently on the House Committee on the Judiciary where he serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. He also sits on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. David Greene

Mr. David Greene is the Director for the Office of Egyptian Affairs at the US State Department. He joined the Foreign Service in 1996 and has had overseas assignments in Egypt, Vietnam, Jordan, Morocco, and Pakistan. He has also served as the Director for ASEAN Affairs in the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs and the Deputy Director of the Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs. Mr. Greene received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University in Government and Arabic, a Master's in Law and Diplomacy from Tufts University, and a Master's of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College.

Mr. Dylan Frost

Mr. Dylan Frost is the Legislative Director in the office of Congressman French Hill (AR-2), where he focuses on foreign affairs, defense and national security, agriculture, and transportation. He previously served as the Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Tom Griffin. Mr. Frost has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Arkansas and a Master's Degree in Statecraft and National Security Affairs from the Institute of World Politics.

Senator Ed Markey

Senator Edward Markey is the United States Senator for Massachusetts. He is a consumer champion and national leader on energy, environmental protection, and telecommunications policy. Prior to joining the Senate he served for 37 years in the US House of Representatives. He is the principal House author of the 2007 fuel economy law, which increased fuel economy standards nationally, and was the co-author of the Waxman-Markey bill, the only comprehensive climate legislation to pass Congress. Senator Markey attended Boston College and Boston College Law School.

Mr. George Selim

Mr. George Selim is the Senior Vice President of Programs at the Anti-Defamation League. In this role, he oversees the organization's education, law enforcement, and community security programs as well as its Center on Extremism. He previously served as the Department of Homeland Security's Director of the Office for Community Partnerships and was on the White House National Security Council staff. Mr. Selim has a Bachelor's Degree from Walsh University and a Master's Degree from Georgetown University.

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Ambassador Gordon Gray

Ambassador Gordon Gray is the Chief Operating Officer at the Center for American Progress. He was previously the Executive Vice President at the National US-Arab Chamber of Commerce and the Deputy Commandant at the National War College. He served as the US Ambassador to Tunisia between 2009-2012 and was the senior adviser to the US Ambassador to Iraq, focusing on governance and infrastructure. Ambassador Gray began his career in government as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Yale and his Master's Degree from Columbia University, in addition to an honorary Master's of Science Degree from the National Defense University.

Dr. Harlan Ullman

Dr. Harlan Ullman is Chairman of The Killowen Group which provides advisory services to high-level government and business leaders, senior advisor at the Atlantic Council, and Distinguished Senior Fellow and Visiting Professor at the US Naval War College in Newport. He also chairs the high-technology firms CNIGuard Inc. and CNIGuard LLC which operate in the infrastructure industry. A former naval officer, Dr. Ullman served in Vietnam and led more than 150 combat patrols and operations. He has authored a number of books and articles, most recently *Anatomy of Failure: Why America Loses Every War It Starts*. He graduated from the US Naval Academy with Distinction and holds a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Mr. Hartwig Schafer

Mr. Hartwig Schafer is the World Bank's Vice President for the South Asia Region where he focuses on ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity. Previously he served as the Vice President for Global Themes where he oversaw the World Bank's engagement in corporate priority areas of fragility, conflict and violence, gender, and public-private partnerships. He previously served as the World Bank's Country Director for Djibouti, Egypt, and Yemen in the Middle East and North Africa region.

Ms. Jennifer Zakriski

Ms. Jennifer Zakriski is the Principal Director for Middle East Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She previously served as Deputy Director for the Defense Security Cooperation Agency and has worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) for Policy since 2006. Prior to joining OSD Policy she held positions in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions, Technology, and Logistics and in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Chicago and a Master's Degree in Security Policy Studies from The George Washington University.

Mr. Jeremy Sharp

Mr. Jeremy Sharp is a Specialist in Middle East Affairs at the Congressional Research Service, where he provides analysis on Arab political, military, and diplomatic affairs and on US policy in the Middle East to members of Congress and their staff. He is the author of many Congressional reports on US relations with Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Yemen as well as studies on US foreign aid to the Middle East, the promotion of democracy in the region, and the Arab Spring.

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Ms. Jessica Roxburgh

Ms. Jessica Roxburgh is a Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (CA-48), where she focuses on trade, armed services, homeland security, immigration, and the environment. She previously served as a Staff Associate on the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats. Prior to joining Capitol Hill she was a contributor to Red Alert Politics, Tactic Company, and the Catholic News Service. She received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in American Government and Politics from the Catholic University of America.

Dr. Jonathan Golden

Dr. Jonathan Golden is the Director of Drew University's Center on Religion, Culture, and Conflict, an interdisciplinary center focused on global peacebuilding and interfaith leadership, and an Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Anthropology. He is the Convener of the Certificate in Conflict Resolution and Leadership. Dr. Golden received his PhD in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Josette Sheeran

Ms. Josette Sheeran is the President and CEO of Asia Society, a global nonprofit that forges closer ties between Asia and the West through arts, education, policy, and business outreach. She also serves as the UN Special Envoy to Haiti, representing the UN Secretary General in advancing Haiti's 2030 vision and helping to end the transmission of cholera. She is the former Vice-Chair of the World Economic Forum and was the Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme.

Ms. Katharine Gorka

Ms. Katharine Gorka currently serves as a Senior Advisor at the US Department of Homeland Security. She previously served as President of the Threat Knowledge Group and the Council on Global Security. She was the Director of the Westminster Institute and a Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute. Ms. Gorka lived in Hungary for twelve years where she co-founded, with her husband Dr. Sebastian Gorka, the Institute for Transitional Democracy and Institutional Security. Ms. Gorka is a graduate of the London School of Economics, where she received a Master's of Science Degree in Economics and International Political Economy.

Ms. Kirsten Fontenrose

Ms. Kirsten Fontenrose is the Senior Director for Gulf Affairs at the National Security Council. Prior to this role Ms. Fontenrose advised the government and private sector as an independent consultant on specialized projects. Previously Ms. Fontenrose served as Senior Advisor for Strategic Planning at the US Department of State and as a Senior Vice President at Archimedes Global Inc. Ms. Fontenrose has a Bachelor's Degree in Middle East Studies from William & Mary, a Master's Degree in Middle East Studies from Indiana University-Bloomington, and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

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Ms. Luci Arveseth is a Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congressman Chris Stewart (UT-2). In this capacity, she specializes in foreign affairs, homeland security, healthcare, and education policy. Previously Ms. Arveseth taught business courses in Seoul, Korea and lived in Santiago, Chile. She holds a Master's Degree in Economics from Utah State University.

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Ambassador Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz

Ambassador Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz is the Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States at the United Nations. He previously served as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Special Advisor on Africa from 2012 to 2017, and as Egypt's Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 2005 to 2012. Ambassador Abdelaziz was the Diplomatic Adviser to the President of Egypt from 1999- 2005, in addition to serving as a Political Counselor at the Egyptian Embassy in the Soviet Union. He was also the Second and First Secretary at Egypt's Permanent Mission to the United Nations. Ambassador Abdelaziz is a graduate of Ain Shams University School of Law.

Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt

Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt is the former Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs serving under President George W. Bush. Prior to this position, he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy and served for more than thirty years as an officer 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. Brigadier General Kimmitt graduated from the United States Military Academy and has a Master's Degree with Distinction from Harvard Business School. He holds additional Master's Degrees from the School of Advanced Military Studies and the National Defense University.

Dr. MaryAnn Baenninger

Dr. MaryAnn Baenninger is the President of Drew University. She joined Drew University in 2014 after serving as President of the College of St. Benedict for a decade. Before becoming a college president, Dr. Baenninger was Executive Associate Director with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in Philadelphia, where she consulted with numerous institutions on obtaining and maintaining their accreditation status. She earned her Bachelor's Degree and PhD from Temple University.

Dr. Mary Morton

Dr. Mary Morton is the Curator and Head of the Department of French Paintings at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. Dr. Morton received her PhD in the History of Art and Architecture from Brown University. She is the former Associate Curator of paintings at the J. Paul Getty Museum and Associate Curator of European Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Dr. Morton joined the National Gallery of Art in 2010 and has organized the following exhibitions: Cezanne Portraits; Gustave Caillebotte: The Painter's Eye; and Gauguin: Maker of Myth. In 2018, Dr. Morton was awarded the Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters by France's Ministry of Culture.

Ms. Mirette Mabrouk

Ms. Mirette Mabrouk is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Egypt program at the Middle East Institute. She was previously Deputy Director and Director for Research and Programs at the Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East at the Atlantic Council. She has served as a nonresident fellow at the Project for US Relations with the Middle East at the Brookings Institution. She has over 20 years of experience in journalism and is the founding publisher of the *Daily Star Egypt* (now *The Daily News Egypt*). Ms. Mabrouk has a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication and a Master's Degree in Broadcast Journalism from the American University in Cairo.

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Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader

Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader is the Executive Director of the Stevens Initiative at the Aspen Institute. He previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International and Foreign Language Education at the US Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education. Prior to this, he served as the Director of Development for the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University where he focused on major gifts and strategic engagement in the Middle East. Mr. Abdel-Kader holds a Bachelor's Degree from Clemson University, a Master's Degree in Higher Education from Vanderbilt University, and an MBA from Georgetown University. He is also a trustee of the Longview Foundation for International Education and World Affairs.

Mr. Moon Sulfab

Mr. Moon Sulfab is the Administrator of Information Technology in the Office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Prior to this role, he worked in IT administration for General Dynamics and InterAmerica Technologies. He is currently working towards his PhD in Government and International Affairs at Virginia Tech University, having received his Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems, a Master's Degree in Management Information Systems, and a Master's Degree in National Security Policy Studies. He has also received graduate certificates from the Air Command and Staff College, the United States Army War College, and the Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy.

Dr. Paul Salem

Dr. Paul Salem is the President of the Middle East Institute where he focuses on issues of political change, transition, and regional and international relations of the Middle East. Dr. Salem is the author and editor of a number of books and reports including *From Chaos to Cooperation: Toward Regional Order in the Middle East*; *Broken Orders: The Causes and Consequences of the Arab Uprisings*; and *Conflict Resolution in the Arab World*. Prior to joining the Middle East Institute, he was the Founding Director of the Carnegie Middle East Center in Lebanon. He received his PhD from Harvard University.

Ms. Penny Lee

Ms. Penny Lee is the Chief Strategy Officer at 1776, one of the largest networks of incubators that cultivates and empowers startup ecosystems in the Northeast Corridor. She is a seasoned political communications and government relations strategist. She previously served as a Senior Adviser at Venn Strategies, was the top communications and political adviser to Senator Harry Reid, and the Chair of K Street Capital, a local angel investor group. Prior to that she was the Director of the Democratic Governors Association. Ms. Lee received her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Journalism from Baylor University.

Mr. Richard Blackstone

Mr. Richard Blackstone has been a highly respected executive in the entertainment industry for over twenty years. He previously served as President of Zomba Music Publishing, Chairman and CEO of Warner/Chappell Music and, most recently, Chief Creative Officer at BMG Rights Management. In 2015, Mr. Blackstone left BMG to join Avex, the leading multi-media entertainment company in Japan, as both a Board member of the Japanese parent company and as CEO of Avex International, a new entity based in North America focusing on international expansion for the group.

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Dr. Robert Satloff is the Executive Director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and holds the Howard P. Berkowitz Chair in US-Middle East Policy. He is an expert on Arab and Islamic politics and has written widely about the Arab-Israeli peace process, the challenge of Political Islam and the need to revamp US diplomacy in the region. He is the author of a collection of works, including *The Battle of Ideas in the War on Terror: Essays on US Public Diplomacy in the Middle East* and the book *Among the Righteous: Lost Stories of the Holocaust's Long Reach into Arab Lands*. He has a PhD from the University of Oxford.

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Mr. Scott Carpenter

Mr. Scott Carpenter is the Managing Director of Google Jigsaw. Jigsaw is an incubator that builds technology to tackle global security challenges, ranging from online censorship to threats from digital attacks and countering violent extremism. Prior to joining Google, he was a Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Near East Affairs at the US Department of State, overseeing the Middle East Partnership Initiative. Mr. Carpenter received a Bachelor's Degree from Hope College and a Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Ms. Sloane Speakman

Ms. Sloane Speakman is the Egypt Policy Director in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. She previously served as the Deputy Foreign Policy Editor for the Lawfare Blog at the Brookings Institution and a Syria Analyst for the Navanti Group. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Vanderbilt University and a Master's Degree in Security Studies from Georgetown University.

Mr. Subir Lall

Mr. Subir Lall is the Mission Chief for Egypt at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He has worked at the IMF for more than 20 years and has served as the Assistant Director for the Middle East and Central Asia, European, and Asia and Pacific Departments. He has also worked as the Mission Chief for Portugal, Germany and the Netherlands, Indonesia, and Korea and Malaysia. Mr. Lall received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Delhi University and a PhD in Economics from Brown University.

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Lieutenant General Terry Wolff

Lieutenant General Terry Wolff is the Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS. He previously served as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5 for the Joint Staff. He retired from the Army in 2014 after completing over 34 years of service, during which he commanded at every level. He has had extensive experience working on military strategy and policy in a variety of roles including as a Colonel on the Joint Staff, Special Assistant to the President, and Senior Director for Iraq and Afghanistan. He commissioned from the US Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering and has Masters' Degrees from Catholic University, the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, and the Naval War College.

Mr. Tim Rieser

Mr. Tim Rieser is a Senior Foreign Policy Aide to Senator Patrick Leahy and the Democratic Clerk for the Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations. He helped Senator Leahy draft the Leahy Law which bans the United States from providing military assistance to foreign armies that violate human rights. Prior to joining the staff of Senator Leahy, Mr. Rieser served as a public defender in Vermont. Mr. Rieser graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of the District of Columbia Law School.

Mr. William Miner

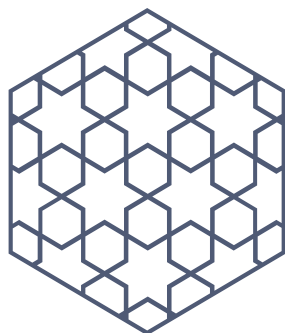
Mr. William Miner is a politico-military expert and retired US Navy Commander. He currently serves as the Principal at Vanguard Government Strategies. Mr. Miner served in the Navy from 1967 to 1988 and previously worked at the foreign policy consulting firm of Bannerman and Associates, Inc. He has extensive experience as a strategic planner, policy analyst, and active duty military officer. Mr. Miner earned a Master's Degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School.

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, 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.

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The 2018 Gabr Fellowship program has provided a unique opportunity for exceptional young leaders from the United States and Egypt to engage with not just one another, but also with thought leaders in policymaking, business, technology, finance, and more from around the Middle East region. In an increasingly interconnected world, cross-cultural understanding is vital for the future success of young leaders in building a more just and peaceful world.

Each year, the Egyptian program provides an in-depth look into the country's politics, culture, history, and business for American and Egyptian Fellows alike. Through meetings with key figures in government, civil society, business, technology, media, and the arts, the Fellows are more prepared to forge their own paths as intercultural ambassadors. Following these conversations, substantive discussions, and participation in networking events, the Fellows are empowered to facilitate lasting dialogue and engagement, most critically through their joint action projects.

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Friday August 31

Cairo

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Introductory briefing session by Former Gabr Fellows
Ms. Courtney Joline, Executive Director, Shafik Gabr Foundation (US)
Mr. Ahmed El Naggar, Acting Executive Director, Shafik Gabr Foundation (Egypt)

Nourhan Moussa.....2014 Gabr Fellow
Basma El Baz.....2015 Gabr Fellow
Basma Fahim2015 Gabr Fellow
Ahmed Aransho2015 Gabr Fellow
Ahmed About Naga.....2016 Gabr Fellow
Amr Seda.....2017 Gabr Fellow

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Role of Egypt in Middle East Security
Speaker: **H.E. Ambassador Karim Haggag**, Professor of Practice, Department of Public Policy and Administration, The American University in Cairo

7:45pm - 9:00pm

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



H.E. Ambassador Karim Haggag addressing the 2018 Gabr Fellows



2018 Gabr Fellows at their first lunch in Cairo

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Saturday September 1

Cairo

- 9:00am - 10:30am** Egypt - US Military Cooperation
Speaker: **Major General Mohamed El Keshky**, Deputy Minister of Defense for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense
- 11:00am - 12:00pm** Religious Harmony throughout Egypt's History
Speaker: **His Grace Bishop Anba Pavly**, Bishop of Eastern Alexandria
- 2:15pm - 3:15pm** Palestinian Occupation in the Middle East Quagmire
Speaker: **Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid**, Distinguished Lecturer, The American University in Cairo
- 3:15pm - 4:45pm** The Art of Dialogue
Speaker: **Mr. Hussein Fahmy**, Actor and Global Ambassador to the Special Olympics



The 2018 Gabr Fellows with Major General Mohamed El Keshky at the Ministry of Defense



2018 Gabr Fellows meeting with His Grace Bishop Anba Pavly, Bishop of Eastern Alexandria

- 5:00pm - 6:30pm** The United States and the Middle East: The Present and Future
Panel Discussion Moderated by **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**
Speakers:
Mr. Hussein Shobokshi, Businessman and Economic Consultant
Dr. Mohamed Kamal, Professor of Political Science, American University in Cairo
Dr. May El Batran, Member of Parliament and CEO, TMA Education Management, Investment, & Development

- 7:00pm - 8:30pm** Investment in Egypt
Speaker: **Mr. Basel El Baz**, Chairman and CEO, Carbon Holdings Limited



2018 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid



Panel discussion with Mr. Hussein Shobokshi, Dr. May El Batran, and Dr. Mohamed Kamal

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Sunday September 2

Cairo

9:00am - 10:00am

Privacy in a Digital World

Speaker: Mr. Ahmed Helmy, Managing Director, Ogilvy & Mather

10:00am - 11:00am

Life Through a Lens

Speaker: Mr. Sherif Sonbol, Travel Writer

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Religious Extremism: The Case and The Cure

Speaker: H.E. Ambassador Abdel Rahman Moussa, Advisor for International Affairs to the Grand Imam of Al Azhar

1:45pm - 3:00 pm

Peace Process: Myth or Reality?

Speaker: Mr. Muhammad Rashid, Former Advisor to President Yasser Arafat



2018 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Ahmed Helmy



2018 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Sherif Sonbol



2018 Gabr Fellows with
H.E. Ambassador Abdel Rahman Moussa



Mr. Shafik Gabr and Mr. Muhammad Rashid,
meeting with the 2018 Gabr Fellows

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Sunday September 2

Cairo *continued*

- 3:15pm - 4:45pm** Economic Development in Egypt, 2018-2030
Speaker: H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Former Minister of Administration Development
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm** The Magic of Oriental Art
Speaker: Ms. Amie Sultan, Artist
- 6:45pm - 7:45pm** Egypt and Middle East Regional Order
Speaker: H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem, Head of Development Works
- 8:15pm - 9:15pm** Tourism in Egypt: Hopes and Challenges
Speaker: H.E. Minister Rania Al Mashat, Minister of Tourism



2018 Gabr Fellows with H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish



Mr. Shafik Gabr and Ms. Amie Sultan, addressing the 2018 Gabr Fellows



H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem with the 2018 Gabr Fellows



Mr. Shafik Gabr and H.E. Minister Rania Al Mashat, addressing the 2018 Gabr Fellows

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Monday September 3

Cairo

8:00am - 9:00am

Egypt-US Bilateral Relations

Speaker: H.E. Thomas Goldberger, Charge' d' Affaires, US Embassy

10:30am - 11:30am

The Egyptian Economy from the IMF View Point

Speaker: Mr. Reza Baqir, Senior Representative, International Monetary Fund

12:15pm - 1:15pm

Education: Bridge Building and the Future

Speaker: H.E. Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, President, The American University in Cairo

1:15pm - 2:15pm

Theory and Practice of Entrepreneurship in Egypt

Speaker: Dr. Ayman Ismail, Assistant Professor, The American University in Cairo School of Business and Founding Director of AUC Venture Lab



H.E. Thomas Goldberger with the 2018 Gabr Fellows



2018 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Reza Baqir



2018 Gabr Fellows with H.E. Ambassador Francis Ricciardone



2018 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Ayman Ismail

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Monday September 3

Cairo *continued*

- 2:15pm - 3:15pm** Media Industry in Egypt: Past, Present, and Future
Speaker: **Mr. Hafez Al Mirazi**, Professor of Practice, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, The American University in Cairo
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm** Intercultural Diplomacy
Speaker: **H.E. Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi**, Member of Parliament and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm** Principles of the Egyptian Legal System
Speaker: **Mr. Mohamad Talaat**, Managing Partner, Baker McKenzie
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm** Linking Economics and Politics in Egypt
Panel Discussion Moderated by **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**
Speakers:
Dr. Adel El Adawy, Director, Egypt's International Economic Forum
Mr. Youssef El Shorafy, CEO, Omega Capital
Dr. Noha Bakr, Political Science Professor at The American University in Cairo and Former Assistant Minister of International Cooperation



Mr. Hafez Al Mirazi with the 2018 Gabr Fellows



2018 Gabr Fellows with H.E. Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi



Mr. Mohamad Talaat with the 2018 Gabr Fellows



Dr. Adel El Adawy, Mr. Youssef El Shorafy, and Dr. Noha Bakr presenting to the 2018 Gabr Fellows

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Tuesday September 4

Cairo

- 9:00am - 10:00am** Future of Egypt-US Strategic Relations
Speaker: H.E Ambassador Sherif Kamel, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 11:00am - 12:00pm** A Witness to War and Peace in the Arab Region
Speaker: H.E. Ambassador Hussam Zaki, Assistant Secretary-General, The Arab League
- 12:45pm - 2:15pm** Encouraging Entrepreneurship as a Career Path
Speaker: Mr. Ahmed El Alfi, Founder and Chairman, Flat6Labs
- 2:45pm - 3:45pm** Driving Sustainable Economic Growth: Challenges and Opportunities
Speaker: Mr. Hisham El Khazindar, Managing Director, Al Qalaa Holdings



H.E. Ambassador Sherif Kamel with the 2018 Gabr Fellows at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



H.E. Ambassador Hussam Zaki with the 2018 Gabr Fellows at the Headquarters of the Arab League



Mr. Ahmed El Alfi at the Greek Campus with 2018 Gabr Fellows



2018 Gabr Fellows meeting with Mr. Hisham El Khazindar

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Tuesday September 4

Cairo continued

4:15pm - 5:15pm

TV Journalism in Egypt
Speaker: **Mr. Abdel Latif El Menawy**, CEO of *Al Masry Al Youm*

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Human Rights and Democracy in Egypt
Speaker: **Dr. Gamal Abdel Gawad**, Senior Research Fellow, Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Annual *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* Dinner Reception
Hosted by **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**, Chairman, Shafik Gabr Foundation



2018 Gabr Fellows at *Al Masry Al Youm* with **Mr. Abdel Latif El Menawy**



2018 Gabr Fellows with **Dr. Gamal Abdel Gawad**



2018 Gabr Fellows with **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr** at the Annual *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* Dinner Reception

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Wednesday September 5

Alexandria

- 10:00am - 11:00am Visit to the Roman Amphitheatre
Alexandria Governorate
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm The Importance of Knowledge in the World of Politics
Speaker: **Dr. Khaled Azab**, Head of Bibliotheca Alexandrina Central Projects and Services Sector
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Guided Tour of Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Felucca Dinner on the Nile



2018 Gabr Fellows at the Roman Amphitheatre



2018 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Khaled Azab



2018 Gabr Fellows on a felucca dinner along the River Nile

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Thursday September 6

Ismailia

9:30am - 10:30am The Challenges and Opportunities of the New Suez Canal
Speaker: **Admiral Osama Rabie**, Vice Chairman, Suez Canal Authority

11:30am - 12:15pm Tour of the Suez Canal

12:30pm - 3:00pm Presenting Projects in the SCA area

7:00pm - 8:00pm Entrepreneurship in Egypt
Speaker: **Mr. Ziad Aly**, Founder and CEO, ALZAWAD



Mr. Ziad Aly with the 2018 Gabr Fellows



2018 Gabr Fellows on a tour of the Suez Canal



2018 Gabr Fellows with Admiral Rabie at the Suez Canal Authority

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Friday September 7

Cairo

- 8:15am - 9:45am Guided Tour of the Pyramids
- 10:15am - 12:30pm Tour of the Religious Complex in Cairo
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch in Al Azhar Park
- 2:15pm - 4:30pm Guided Tour in the Egyptian Museum
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm Tour of Khan El Khalil
- 8:00pm - 10:00pm Action Projects Presentation with Mr. M. Shafik Gabr
- 10:00pm Closing Dinner



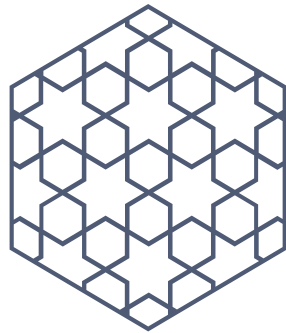
2018 Gabr Fellows at the Pyramids of Giza



2018 Gabr Fellows at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo

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US Program



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THE GABR FELLOWSHIP UNITED STATES PROGRAM

September 30, 2018 - October 6, 2018

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

The 2018 US program was a multi-disciplinary, intensive exploration of areas of mutual interest and concern to the United States and Egypt, allowing for substantive discussion, debate, and dialogue about some of the most pressing concerns and challenges of the modern age. Through networking events, receptions, cultural site visits, and direct interaction with leading figures in the US Government, Capitol Hill, multinational institutions, media, non-profits, think tanks, and more, the 20 Fellows had their assumptions challenged and were presented with an array of new perceptions.

This year, the conversation topics ranged from interfaith dialogue and investment in people-to-people exchanges, foreign affairs and national security policies, countering violent extremism, the resolution of crises in Yemen and Syria, the state of foreign aid, cyber-security, international trade and global finance, and much more. Ultimately, this year's US program built upon the conversations had in Egypt and continued to propel the Fellows forward in their development as future leaders in their given sectors and industries.

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US Program Schedule

Sunday September 30

New York City

5:30pm

Egyptian Fellows arrive in New York City

8:00pm - 9:30pm

Dinner with Former Fellows and introduction to the US Program

Murray Abeles..... 2015 Gabr Fellow

Magda Kura..... 2015 Gabr Fellow



Welcome Dinner in New York City with the 2018 Fellows and former Fellows Magda Kura and Murray Abeles

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US Program Schedule

Monday October 1

New York City / New Jersey

6:45am - 7:45am

Understanding Financial Markets in 2018
Speaker: **Mr. Brian Sullivan**, Anchor, CNBC

9:15am - 10:15am

Building Bridges and Dialogue Between Cultures
Speakers: **Dr. MaryAnn Baenninger**, President, Drew University, and **Dr. Jonathan Golden**, Professor, Drew University, Center on Religion, Culture, and Conflict

12:00pm - 1:00pm

The Music Industry and New Media
Speaker: **Mr. Richard Blackstone**, CEO, Avex International



2018 Gabr Fellows at CNBC Studios with Mr. Brian Sullivan



2018 Gabr Fellows at Drew University with Dr. MaryAnn Baenninger and Dr. Jonathan Golden

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US Program Schedule

Monday October 1

New York City / New Jersey *continued*

2:00pm - 3:00pm

How New Technology Will Upend the Current Global System

Speaker: **Mr. Scott Carpenter**, Managing Director, Google Jigsaw

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Promoting Mutual Understanding Through Art and Dialogue

Speaker: **Ms. Josette Sheeran**, President and CEO, Asia Society

5:15pm - 6:15pm

The Arab League and a Region in Flux

Speaker: **Ambassador Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz**, Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States, United Nations



2018 Gabr Fellows with Ambassador Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz at the United Nations



Ms. Josette Sheeran with the 2018 Fellows



Mr. Scott Carpenter with the 2018 Gabr Fellows at Google Jigsaw

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US Program Schedule

Tuesday October 2

Washington, DC

- 9:00am - 9:30am** View of US-Egypt Relations from Capitol Hill
Speaker: **Mr. Moon Sulfab**, Office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
- 9:30am - 10:00am** The View from Appropriations on Foreign Aid and the US-Egypt Relationship
Speaker: **Mr. Tim Rieser**, Senior Foreign Policy Aide, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy
- 10:30am - 12:15pm** Meetings with Staff at the United States House of Representatives
View of US-Egypt Relations from Capitol Hill
- Ms. Luci Arveseth**, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Chris Stewart (UT-2)
Mr. Alex Pinson, Senior Legislative Assistant and Counsel, Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5)
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Mr. Clark Fonda, Chief of Staff, Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-9)
Ms. Jessica Roxburgh, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (CA-48)
Ms. Samantha Schifrin, Legislative Assistant, Congressman David Price (NC-4)
- 12:30pm - 1:00pm** The Strategic Importance of the US-Egypt Relationship
Speaker: **Congressman Darrell Issa** (CA-49)



2018 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Tim Rieser from the Office of Senator Patrick Leahy



Congressman Darrell Issa with the 2018 Gabr Fellows

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US Program Schedule

Tuesday October 2

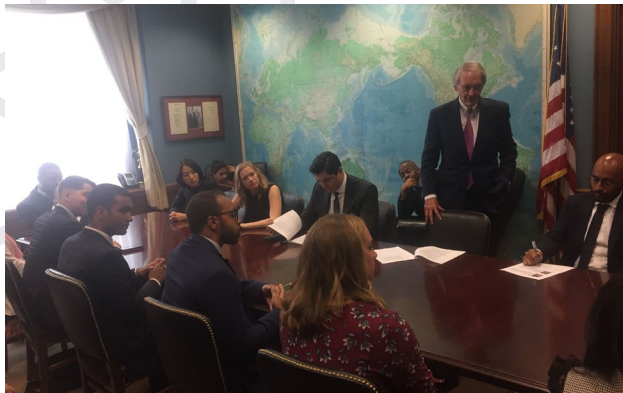
Washington, DC *continued*

2:30pm - 3:30pm How the National Security Council Formulates a Middle East Strategy
Speaker: **Ms. Kirsten Fontenrose**, Senior Director for Gulf Affairs, National Security Council

4:30pm - 5:00pm Middle East Engagement from the US Senate
Speaker: **Senator Ed Markey** of Massachusetts

5:15pm - 6:00pm Crafting Dialogue Through Strategic Negotiations
Speaker: **Dr. Daniel Shapiro**, Founder and Director, Harvard International Negotiations and Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard University

6:30pm - 8:30pm Annual *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* Dinner Reception



2018 Fellows with Senator Ed Markey



Dr. Dan Shapiro with the 2018 Gabr Fellows



2018 Gabr Fellows with Mr. and Mrs. M. Shafik Gabr at the annual *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* Dinner Reception

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US Program Schedule

Wednesday October 3

Washington, DC

7:30am - 8:00am Supporting Intercultural Diplomacy as a Private Citizen
Speaker: **Brigadier General Tom Cosentino**, Chief Operating Officer, Business Executives for National Security

8:30am - 9:00am US Diplomacy in a Changing Middle East
Speaker: **Dr. Robert Satloff**, Executive Director, Washington Institute for Near East Policy

9:30am - 10:30am Countering Violent Extremism at Home and Abroad
Speaker: **Mr. George Selim**, Vice President, Anti-Defamation League

10:45am - 11:45am Counterterrorism and the US-Egypt Relationship
Speaker: **Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt**, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs



2018 Gabr Fellows with Brigadier General Tom Cosentino



2018 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Robert Satloff



2018 Gabr Fellows with Mr. George Selim

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US Program Schedule

Wednesday October 3

Washington, DC *continued*

1:30pm - 2:30pm Preventing Terrorism in the United States and the Role of Arab Allies in the Fight Against it
Speaker: **Ms. Katharine Gorka**, Senior Advisor, Department of Homeland Security

4:00pm - 6:00pm Advancing US-Egypt Military Relations Under the Trump Administration
Speaker: **Ms. Sloane Speakman**, Egypt Country Director, Middle East Policy, OSD and **Ms. Jennifer Zakriski**, Principal Director, Middle East Policy, OSD

6:30pm - 8:00pm Finding Common Ground and Building Sustainable Peace
Speaker: **Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader**, Executive Director, Stevens Initiative, Aspen Institute



Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt with the 2018 Gabr Fellows



Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Kader with the 2018 Gabr Fellows



2018 Gabr Fellows with Ms. Katharine Gorka

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US Program Schedule

Thursday October 4

Washington, DC

- 8:00am - 9:00am** The IMF Role: Egypt's Economic Performance
Speaker: **Mr. Subir Lall**, Assistant Director, Middle East and Central Asia International Monetary Fund
- 9:30am - 10:30am** Fiscal Reform and Prospects for Egypt's Economic Growth
Speaker: **Mr. Hartwig Schafer**, Vice President, The World Bank
- 11:00am - 12:00pm** Designing a Cohesive US Military Strategy in the 21st Century
Speaker: **Dr. Harlan Ullman**, Chairman, The Killowen Group
- 12:15pm - 1:00pm** Unpacking the Arab Spring: Views from the Ground
Speaker: **Ambassador Gordon Gray**, Chief Operating Officer, Center for American Progress



2018 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Subir Lall



2018 Gabr Fellows at the World Bank with Mr. Hartwig Schafer



2018 Gabr Fellows with Ambassador Gordon Gray

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US Program Schedule

Thursday October 4

Washington, DC *continued*

- 1:45pm - 2:45pm** Navigating President Trump's Regional Policy and Prospects for Peace
Speaker: **Mr. Barry Pavel**, Director, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, The Atlantic Council
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm** Washington, DC: The Next Entrepreneurial Hub
Speaker: **Ms. Penny Lee**, Chief Strategy Officer, 1776 Incubator
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm** The Role of Egypt in the Stability of the Middle East
Speaker: **General Ahmed Helmy**, Counselor, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm** 2019: What to Expect in the Middle East
Speakers: **Dr. Paul Salem**, President, Middle East Institute and **Ms. Mirette Mabrouk**, Senior Fellow and Egypt Director, Middle East Institute



2018 Gabr Fellows at the Atlantic Council with Mr. Barry Pavel



2018 Gabr Fellows at 1776 Incubator with Ms. Penny Lee



2018 Gabr Fellows at the Middle East Institute with Dr. Paul Salem and Ms. Mirette Mabrouk

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US Program Schedule

Friday October 5

Washington, DC

- 9:00am - 10:00am** US Investment in Egypt: Prospects and Stumbling Blocks
Speaker: **Ms. Anna Burress**, Associate Manager, MENA Division, US Chamber of Commerce
- 11:00am - 12:00pm** Building a Stronger US-Egypt Relationship: Effective Partner Engagement
Speakers: **Lieutenant General Terry Wolff**, Deputy Special Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS and **Mr. David Greene**, Director, Office of Egypt Affairs, US Department of State
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** US-Egypt Bilateral Relations Under Presidents Obama and Trump
Speaker: **Mr. Jeremy Sharp**, Specialist, Middle East Affairs, Congressional Research Services, Library of Congress
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm** The Stock Market: What 2018 Means for the Global Economy's Trajectory
Speaker: **Mr. Al Berkeley**, Chairman, Princeton Capital Management
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm** Reacting and Planning to Threats in the Digital Age
Speaker: **Mr. William Miner**, Principal, Vanguard Government Strategies



2018 Gabr Fellows at the Library of Congress with Mr. Jeremy Sharp



2018 Gabr Fellows at the US Chamber of Commerce with Ms. Anna Burress

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US Program Schedule

Friday October 5

Washington, DC *continued*

- 4:30pm - 5:30pm Cementing Defense Partnerships in an Evolving Region
Speaker: **Lieutenant General Charles Hooper**, Director, Defense Security
Cooperation Agency
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm Reception at **Ambassador Yasser Reda's** Residence, Ambassador of the Arab
Republic of Egypt to the United States
- 8:30pm - 10:30pm Action Project Presentations with **Mr. M. Shafik Gabr**



2018 Gabr Fellows with Ambassador and Mrs. Yasser Reda and Mr. and Mrs. Shafik Gabr at the Ambassador's residence

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US Program Schedule

Saturday October 6

Washington DC

10:00am - 11:30am Visit to the National Gallery of Art
Speaker: **Dr. Mary Morton**, Curator, National Gallery of Art

1:00pm - 3:00pm Capitol Hill Building Tour

3:30pm - 5:30pm Tour of Washington, DC



2018 Gabr Fellows at the National Mall



2018 Gabr Fellows at the National Gallery of Art with Dr. Mary Morton



2018 Gabr Fellows touring Washington, DC

2018 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



2018 Gabr Fellows at Ambassador Yasser Reda's Residence



2018 Gabr Fellows at the Great Pyramids in Egypt



2018 Gabr Fellows at the United Nations



Julie Yang and Hanan Khayal in Alexandria

2018 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



RJ Johnson, Karim El Sharkawy, and Muhammad El Hawary on a tour of the Suez Canal



Marwa Abdalla Elsayed at the National Gallery of Art



Muhammad El Hawary at the Pentagon

2018 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



2018 Fellows on the National Mall



Karim El Sharkawy at the United Nations



2018 Fellows touring Times Square in New York City



2018 Fellows on their way to Congressional meetings

2018 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



Katie Applebaum, Hanan Khayal, Lauren Ziegler, and Hayley Rose at the Roman ruins in Alexandria



Julie Yang preparing for her camel ride at the Great Pyramids



2018 Gabr Fellows at the Great Pyramids



Muhammad El Hawary, Fabrice Guerrier, and Karim El Sharkawy near the US Capitol

2018 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



Marwa Abdalla Elsayed at the League of Arab States in Egypt



2018 Gabr Fellows at the United Nations

Impressions from the 2018 Gabr Fellows



Ahmed Mostafa

“The Fellowship was an excellent experience where I had the opportunity to exchange thoughts, ideas, and predictions among two different cultures across multiple fields. It has enhanced my belief in the importance of informal engagement as an effective means to clear up misconceptions, correct misinformation, and overcome stereotypes.”



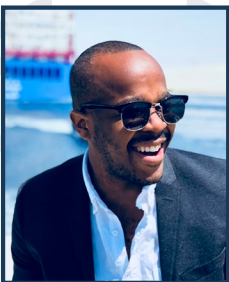
Allison Feikes

“It was exciting to show my Egyptian colleagues American culture, politics, economics, and landmarks. The Gabr Fellowship allowed us to expose the Egyptians to the best America has to offer and created a deep level of cross-cultural understanding between the East and West.”



Charles Truxal

“I think the biggest takeaway from the trip which I can put into words is that I came to the realization that the world is full of people just trying to live. That may seem like a given, but it is so easy to look at those from a foreign land and see them as separate from us. The trip forced me to reassess this assumption, and my conclusion was that whether someone is from Egypt or the United States, all of us just want what’s best for our respective countries.”



Fabrice Guerrier

“The Gabr Fellowship has changed the trajectory of my entire life in so many positive ways - I am more confident, I have greater clarity into what I want to achieve in my professional life, and I feel more equipped to push harder towards my greatest dreams! Engaging directly with business leaders, government officials, and artists from Egypt and the United States has given me the opportunity to learn more and intellectually wrestle with key issues - social, political and economic - that are and will be affecting our societies in the next 30 years. I left the program alongside 19 emerging leaders who I now can call my friends. Together we are stronger in making our dent in the universe within each of our respective fields.”

Impressions from the 2018 Gabr Fellows



Hanan Khayal

“The Gabr Fellowship was truly a life-changing experience on so many levels. I was very inspired to re-direct and push my career further after meeting with some of the most successful and inspirational leaders and figures in Egypt and the United States. I especially admire the successful and powerful women who made it to the highest leadership positions in some of the most critical organizations in both countries. I also believe this experience allowed me to rethink and break through the stereotypes and prejudices I had about many topics and learn to be more empathetic towards other people and their ideas. Additionally, I’m very grateful for this Fellowship since it allowed me to meet amazing new friends who come from various and different backgrounds. We have formed a great support group to foster each other’s growth and knowledge.”



Hayley Rose

“The Gabr Fellowship is the type of opportunity you wish every person in the world could have. I truly believe that the values of understanding, collaboration, and perspective sharing that the Gabr Fellowship fosters are some of the most important tools to solving our global problems and building a more peaceful and prosperous world. I sincerely look forward to using the tools, perspective, and relationships the Gabr Fellowship gave me to push for such a world.”



Julie Yang

“The Gabr Fellowship enabled me to experience Egypt’s rich culture and reinforced my belief that Egypt plays a critical role in advancing global peace and security. The US portion of the Fellowship provided a different perspective to US foreign policy and helped me see New York and Washington through the eyes of our Egyptian Fellows. In both Egypt and the United States, I was deeply moved by the generosity and kindness of our Egyptian Fellows, as well as impressed by their vast knowledge and experience.”



Karim El Sharkawy

“The *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* initiative is not just an exchange program that aims to bring together people from Egypt and the US to bridge the gap between cultures. It is much more than that. It is a life-changing experience. The Fellowship opens new perspectives to the Fellows through unparalleled exposure and engagement. It allows us to learn, understand, and share experiences, not just about the other, but also about the self, and move closer towards the realization of one’s potential.”

Impressions from the 2018 Gabr Fellows



Katie Applebaum

“The Gabr Fellowship allowed me an opportunity to experience new people and new places. It allowed me to connect with those I would not normally have the chance to meet, and for that I am grateful. I have faith that the relationship between Egypt and the United States will remain strong and resilient due to programs such as this.”



Lauren Ziegler

“The Gabr Fellowship was an inspiring and empowering experience that I will never forget. The program is unmatched in terms of professional development and opens incredible doors for the Fellows to meet some of the most influential and innovative individuals from both the United States and Egypt. The relationships cultivated through travel, shared experience, and open-minded conversation have truly enriched my life, both professionally and personally, and I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to see Egypt and the US through a new lens. This Fellowship will stretch you and challenge you, but because of that, you are bound to come out of it more well-rounded and connected.”



Maram Osama

“I was humbled by the people I met, their generosity, and their pride in their respective countries. I had some of the most interesting conversations with a great cohort of influential speakers. A transfixing experience by all means!”



Marwa Abdalla Elsayed

“It has been a great pleasure to be a part of the *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* initiative. I truly appreciate every moment of the program in which I re-discovered my home country Egypt and learned about the USA from different points of view through various meetings, discussions, and visits. It was an excellent experience to build networks and make contacts and connections with Egyptian and American experts that would not have been otherwise possible. The Fellowship program has widened the horizons for productive collaborative work with the other Fellows for the foreseeable future and I am looking forward to completing our action projects!”

Impressions from the 2018 Gabr Fellows



Muhammad El Hawary

“Words can never describe how influential this Fellowship was for me on a personal and professional level. The Gabr Foundation gave me the opportunity to understand more, not just about the United States, but Egypt as well. It gave me so much positive energy, self-confidence, and resilience. Now I look at myself in a completely different way. I believe in myself and I know I can achieve my dreams no matter how hard they are.”



RJ Johnson

“This was an unforgettable experience that allowed me to build lasting friendships and bonds that will bind us forever. To be part of this Fellowship is knowing that you have your class, the alumni Fellows, Mr. Gabr, and his amazing team rooting for you to change the world. #YallaY'all #Classof2018”



Sarah Walker

“The Gabr Fellowship presented me with the opportunity to connect with influencers from the spheres of government, business, and entertainment alike. Of equal importance, the Fellowship offered me valuable professional and social networks via my cohort, as well as among the strong alumni community.”



Shady Saleh

“Experiencing a new culture and engaging in productive, intensive discussions with experts from distinguished organizations and public figures allowed us to build real bridges of understanding and learning. It was an unforgettable, eye-opening, and unique experience that I wish I could repeat again and again.”

Impressions from the 2018 Gabr Fellows



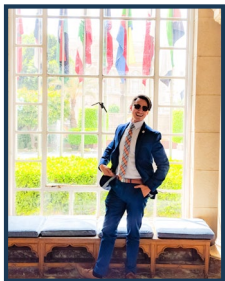
Soad Hossam

“I never wanted to limit myself to what I know. I search for every opportunity that will challenge me and help me to learn new things. For me, the Fellowship is a unique experience which brings young enthusiastic people from different ages and backgrounds in politics, economics, culture, and art. This has helped me to think far beyond the law and adopt a more global perspective — this is absolutely a win.”



Yara El-Braidy

“This Fellowship has been an eye-opening opportunity to learn how important the cultural exchange of ideas is. I’ve gained experiences that I do not think I would have received from reading hundreds of books. I’m so grateful that I’ve been selected as a Gabr Fellow and it has been a very insightful journey.”



Wes Rogerson

“Through the Gabr Fellowship, I had the unique opportunity to work alongside the foreign policy experts of today and tomorrow. Working together, I’m confident that the Gabr Fellows will continue to bridge cultural and political divides between the East and West both as friends and as colleagues. It is my sincere hope that our work will become the foundation for a stronger US-Egyptian partnership for years to come.”

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