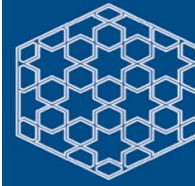




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“Always double check and never assume” is my key advice to all Gabr Fellows, and even to the people working with me in business.

In this day and age, many people are accusing each other of breaches and spreading false news. We all know that for a number of years technological breaches from many different countries and organizations have been happening. The question is, will anybody want to regulate this?

So far the answer is no – people will continue to write, governments will continue to accuse, and organizations will continue to blame. The key and crucial question is whether the world is wise enough to use the Internet with the necessary authentication of sources.

The Internet, once viewed as a medium for so-called privacy and freedom, is today filled with with fake news, and each one of us must double our efforts not to believe everything we hear and read, and to be especially wary of sensationalist news and “viral” videos. This is my rule number 2 – “always double check and never assume.”

M. Shafik Gabr

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News and Updates...

Ahmed Radwan joins a live improvisation group



2015 Gabr Fellow Ahmed Radwan joined a live improvisation group "Irtigalia" as an actor, where all of what is performed on stage is unplanned or unscripted: created spontaneously by the performers through inputs from the audience, it is considered the first official live Improvisation group in Egypt.

The team was created by Ramsi Lehner, an Egyptian actor and coach. The group performed four pilot shows and starting June 2019 the group will start its round of public events.

Dalia Ihab and Maram Osama work together on Klaxics Project



2017 Gabr Fellow Dalia Ihab has released her latest song "Inaudible words" as part of her "#Klaxics" project. The song is the first-of-a-kind to promote for the social inclusion of the deaf and hearing-impaired. The lyrics were co-written by Dalia and **2018 Gabr Fellow Maram Osama**. The recording took place during the "The Arab Deaf Week" observed on the last week of April each year, during which the associations and private institutions working for the deaf in the Arab world advocate for the awareness on deafness prevention and the rights and challenges of the deaf.

Sarah Walker promoted to Associate Director at the Glover Park Group



2018 Gabr Fellow Sarah Walker has been promoted to Associate Director at the Glover Park Group. Sarah specializes in foreign policy, trade and national security matters. Before moving to DC, Sarah worked at a military academy through the French Department of Defense while studying politics and art history in southern France. During a stint in Ecuador, she directed a microfinance initiative to foster local entrepreneurship and taught English classes. Sarah earned a bachelor's degree in International Cultures and Politics from Vanderbilt University.

Abdel Rahman Amr participates in Congress of Humanities & Social Sciences



2017 Gabr Fellow Abdel Rahman Amr recently took part in the 2019 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, an initiative of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences hosted by The University of British Columbia. He presented a paper he is writing along with Professor Sarah Ganter named 'Expert Journalists Meet Digital Platforms'. In this paper, they contribute to understanding the shifts digital platforms are undergoing by analyzing how they integrate trained journalists – "expert journalists"- into their company structures.

Morgan Williams receives his PhD from University of California, Berkeley



2013 Gabr Fellow Morgan Williams received his PhD in Geography from the University of California, Berkeley. His thesis was "Pedogenic Process in Engineered Soils for Radioactive Waste Containment". Morgan was also recognized by Sir Richard Branson as 1 of 11 Global Pioneers in The Virgin Earth Challenge because of his development of technologies that convert sequestered carbon from the atmosphere into soil products for land restoration.

Fabric Guerrier publishes his first collection of short stories



2018 Gabr Fellow Fabrice Guerrier will be publishing his first collection of short stories titled "Golden Veins" which consists of ten fictional stories on a multitude of themes around slavery, morality and life, war and space travel. Fabrice is the Co-founder & CEO of Syllble Studios, a collaborative storytelling studio startup that publishes original serialized fiction stories and books through collaborative writing.

Gabr Fellows attend Fête de la musique festival at Al Azhar Park



The French Institute of Egypt invited Gabr Fellows to the 28th edition of Fête de la musique music festival, in al-Azhar Park on Thursday 20 June. The concert was an homage to the French-Algerian musician and ambassador of Raï music Rachid Taha. The Shafik Gabr Foundation is a Golden sponsor for Egypt-France Cultural Year 2019.

Menna Farouk participates in Women Deliver conference in Canada



2017 Gabr Fellow Menna Farouk travelled to Canada to attend the Women Deliver conference in Vancouver. Menna has been working as a journalist for four years and is currently front-page Editor of The Egyptian Gazette. She started her career at The Egyptian Gazette newspaper in 2013 as a social, cultural and political editor.

Chairman Gabr meets with the Gabr Fellows



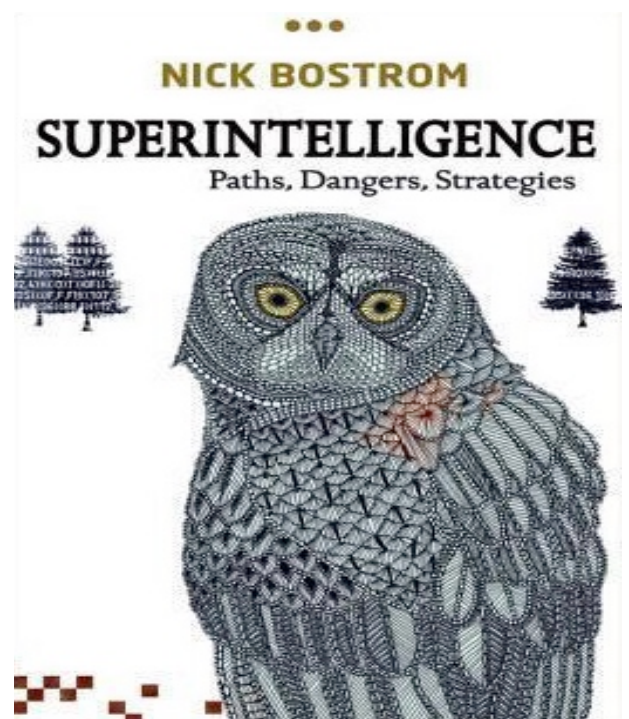
In his latest meeting with the Egyptian Fellows on June 2nd, **Mr. Gabr, Chairman of the Shafik Gabr Foundation**, had discussed several topics with the Fellows. Chairman Gabr has given books as gifts for Fellows who love reading to encourage them to read more.

The Chairman also encouraged the Fellows to learn more about subjects like Artificial Intelligence, Bioscience, Cyber and forecasting the future. The Gabr Fellows have asked Mr Gabr about his opinion regarding current events locally and globally. The meeting took over two hours, and more meetings are planned for the future.

Gabr Foundation Reading Corner

The Foundation Reading Corner is encouraging Fellows to critique the books that have been recommended over the past many issues. For this issue, Mr. Gabr recommends "**Super Intelligence: Paths, Dangers, Strategies**" by Nick Bostrom. This ambitious book picks its way carefully through difficult intellectual terrain. If "machine brains" one day come to surpass human brains in general intelligence, then this new superintelligence could become very powerful.

The book touches upon subjects such as technological developments, indirect normativity, instrumental convergence, whole brain emulation and technology couplings, Malthusian economics and dystopian evolution; artificial intelligence, biological cognitive enhancement, and collective intelligence, among others.



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



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

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

Do you think Jared Kushner’s “Peace to Prosperity” plan has a chance of success?

Yes: 11.11 %

No: 62.96 %

I do not know: 25.93 %

The tension between the US and Iran is escalating - do you see a peace summit or war on the horizon?

Peace Summit: 62.96 %

War: 37.04 %

Twenty Democratic candidates are running for Democratic nomination in the US. Who do you think will be the nominee?

Joe Biden: 51.85 %

Elizabeth Warren: 11.11%

Bernie Sanders: 14.81 %

None of the above: 22.22 %

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

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

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



Ernst Koerner – *The Pyramids at Gizeh, Morning*, The Shafik Gabr Collection

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