



2015 GABR FELLOWS AT THE GIZA PYRAMIDS



The Gabr Fellowship Newsletter

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2017 Gabr Fellowship is almost here *With the selection of the US and Egyptian Fellows now fully completed, we here at the Foundation are looking forward to welcoming them in Egypt on September 21st.*

This year's exchange program shall take place between Thursday, 21 September – Saturday, 30 September in Egypt and will then migrate to the U.S. from Saturday, 21 October – Saturday 28 October.

Selecting the Fellows is a journey in itself – and this year, we have had a large number of excellent applicants. I have enjoyed personally meeting every single final candidate, and believe the 2017 cohort is a testimony to the quality of emerging American and Egyptian leaders.

I would like to thank all the previous years' Fellows that have participated in the interviews and contributed their valued opinions on the candidates.

As we finish the final preparations for the upcoming program, it is my pleasure to introduce to you the new cohort of the 2017 Gabr Fellowship Program, and share with you a taste of the upcoming Egypt trip.

M. Shafik Gabr

■ Gabr Fellows News

- Read about the latest news and achievements of our Fellows

- **Gabr Fellows meet with Chairman** Shafik Gabr at ARTOC HQ in Cairo

- **Chairman Gabr to be honoured** by the London Center for Policy Research

■ Fellows' Articles

- *I feared America* by **Basma El Baz**

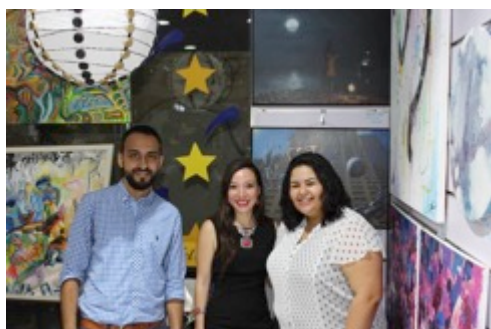
- *New program draws Egyptian women to tech* by **Menna Farouk**

■ 2017 Fellowship Updates

- The new Fellows have been selected – meet the Class of 2017!

Preview of the 2017 Egypt program – take a sneak peak at September's Egypt trip

Onwards and Upwards....



On 12 August, **Ahmed Naguib** (2014 Gabr Fellow) had his first art exhibition at the Fantasiart space in Cairo, where his art collection exhibited as 1 of 38 different collections of artists working in varied styles of art.

Ahmed got excellent reviews from the Fantasiart team, artists and guests, and we are sure this is only the beginning!

Ahmed Mohamed (2015 Fellow) has recently started working as a Diplomatic Attache at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry



Hani Elzoumor (2016 Fellow) is in Sweden where he is pursuing his Masters Degree in Entrepreneurship



Hala Abdel Gawad (2016 Fellow) has applied for her PhD at Sussex University – fingers crossed!



Anis Issa (2016 Fellow) has started a new position as Communications officer for the Swedish Institut in the MENA region



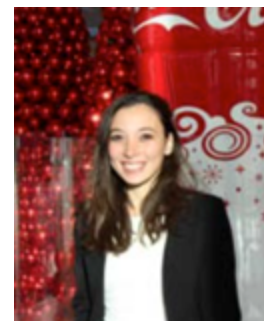
Moataz El Sayed (2013 Fellow) is now working at the IT and software company IT Works, as Senior Legal Manager for Global Accounts. He is also getting married this month – Alf Mabrouk!



Amr Ismail (2013 Fellow) is, apart from being Moataz's best man at his wedding, starting in September a Masters in Cyber Crime at the Criminology Department of Durham University.



Bassma Fahim (2015 Fellow) has started a new job as Marketing Assistant at the Sandoz division of Novartis



Major Andy Andersen swears in 2016 Fellow John Ryan



Major Andersen of the U.S. Army swore 2016 Gabr Fellow John Ryan as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, on Thursday, August 3, with Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey, a former boss of John, holding the U.S. Constitution.

Gabr Fellows Meet with Chairman Gabr at ARTOC Headquarters

Cairo, Wednesday 30 August 2017

On Wednesday 30 August 2017, Mr. Shafik Gabr hosted the Gabr Fellows in the ARTOC Headquarters in Mokkatam, Cairo.

Present in the meeting were twenty-two Fellows including a part of the 2017 cohort who have yet to embark on their *East-West* journey.

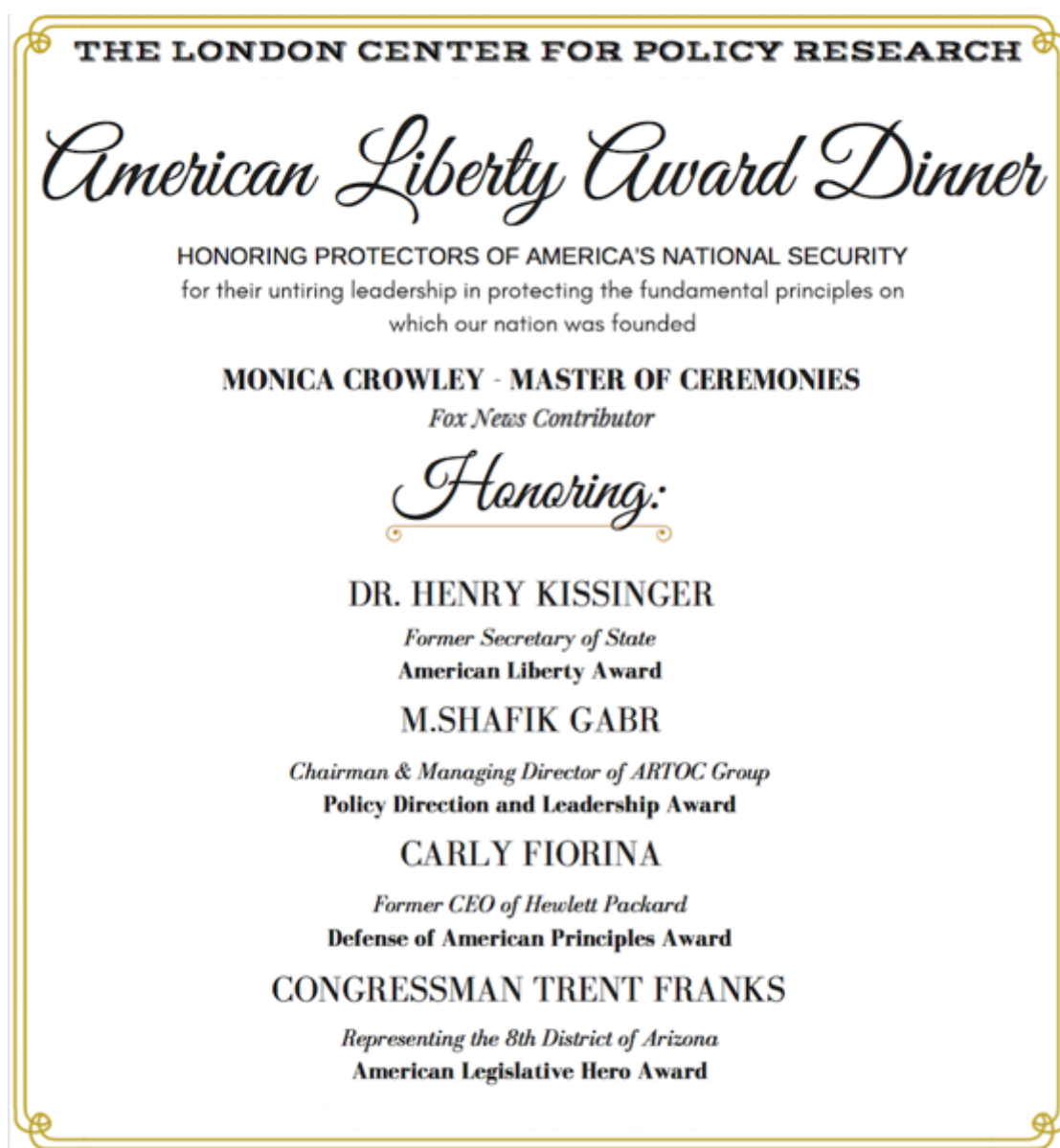
Among the topics discussed were Artificial Intelligence, Biogenetics, Cyber, and the future of banking. The Fellows engaged in lively and productive debate regarding Egypt's economic status and US-Egypt relations in the wake of the recent US aid cuts to Egypt.



Chairman Shafik Gabr to be honoured by the London Center for Policy Research

The London Center for Policy Research, a well-renowned foreign policy and national security think tank, has over the past five years recognized contributors to America's national security for their leadership in promoting and protecting the fundamental principles on which the US was founded.

This year, for the first time, the prestigious American Liberty Award shall be bestowed on a non-American, Mr. M. Shafik Gabr, who shall be honoured with the Policy Direction and Leadership Award for his efforts in promoting US national security principles via building bridges on a mutually beneficial basis with nations of critical importance to the US.



I feared America

by Basma El Baz (2015 Fellow)

Basma El Baz, 2015 Gabr Fellow, writes about her experience travelling to the United States for the first time with the Gabr Fellowship.

Basma contributed an article to HuffPost Travel Blog talking about her experience and her fears of going to the United States, and she tells the story of how the Gabr Fellowship has changed her life:

I love traveling. I visited various countries alone or in the company of my best friend. I did not feel any fear

before visiting the United Kingdom or Italy or Jordan, many countries were on my list but the only country I dreaded visiting was the United States. I tried to avoid visiting America as much as I can out of fear of being treated differently for being a Muslim Arab woman. But I decided to apply to Shafik Gabr Fellowship which had a goal of bridging the gap of communication between the East & West. I witnessed this gap of misunderstanding not only through the statements of officials and politicians round the world, but also it was reflected in the western media. I've read many stories portraying all Muslims as evil people and read many

misleading articles about my dear country Egypt, either by generalizing the uncommon or by telling only one side of the story. I was frustrated and I wanted to do something but I did not know what till I saw the ad for this Fellowship, so I applied. I wanted to know the other side and let the other side know me.

To read the full article, visit http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/i-feared-america_b_8693254.html

New program draws Egyptian women to tech

by Menna Farouk (2017 Fellow)



An Egyptian tech school is shattering stereotyping in the tech industry by enabling more women to learn programming, coding and elements of building websites.

AlMakinah, a Cairo-based tech school, has initiated a new program exclusively for women titled "The Women in Tech Track" with the aim of addressing the imbalances in the gender ratio in Egypt's tech industry. "The program includes sessions on front-end web development, data visualization, digital marketing as well as workshops on confidence and resilience and talks by industry experts about the tech field," Hoda Hamad, the manager of the program, told Al-Monitor.

Hamad was a participant in one of AlMakinah's tech classes. After noticing that the AlMakinah classes were mostly dominated by men, she decided to join the school's team and launch a program for women "to rebrand the field and remove any social stereotypes set by society." "In our last full-stack program, we only had four girls in the class. I was one of them. And after attending this class, I decided to change that," she said.

There is now a class of 17 bright women, 15-36 years old, from different educational and economic backgrounds. "They are currently learning front-end web development. They started on Aug. 20 and the program will go until Aug. 31," she noted.

AlMakinah was launched two years ago to bridge the gap between the requirements tech companies seek from employees and the skills job seekers possess. Since then, the tech school has launched several programs that teach web development in a practical way that satisfies the needs of the companies looking to hire new people.

To read the full article, please visit <http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2017/08/egypt-women-tech-industry-stereotypes.html>

2017 Gabr Fellows - US



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Office of Congressman Steve King
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Age: 24*



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Thomas Stein

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2017 Gabr Fellows - Egypt



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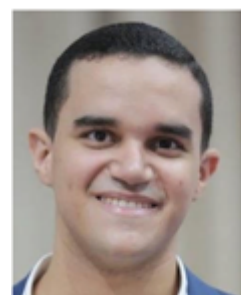
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Sherif Soliman

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A brief look into what awaits the 2017 Fellows in Egypt....

"The Economic-Political Matrix of Egypt-US Relations"

with **Dr Noha Bakr**, Political Science Professor at the AUC

"Encouraging Entrepreneurship as a Career Path"

with **Mr Ahmed El Alfi**, Founder and Chairman of Flat6Labs

"The Importance of Knowledge in the World of Politics"

with **Dr Mostafa El Feki**, Executive Director of Bibliotheca Alexandrina

"Driving Sustainable Economic Growth: Challenges and Opportunities"

with **Mr Hisham El Khazindar**, Al Qalaa Co-Founder and Managing Director

"Political Transition"

with **Dr Hossam Badrawi**, Chairman of Nile Badrawi Holding for Investment

Guided tours of the Egyptian Museum, Religious Complex at Kom Ghorab, Giza Pyramids, Alexandria

"Why Media Matters but is Hated in Egypt"

with **Dr Hafez El Mirazi**, Professor at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at AUC

"An Overview of the Current Situation in the Arab Region"

with **Ambassador Hussam Zaki**

"Sports and Cultural Bridge Building"

with **Ms Rania Elwany**, Member of Parliament; Member of the Medical Commission of the IOC

"Palestinian Occupation in the Middle East Quagmire"

with **Dr Mona Makram Ebeid**, Distinguished Lecturer, Political Science, AUC; President, Committee for Social Rights

"The Art of Dialogue"

with **Mr Hussein Fahmy**, Former Ambassador of Goodwill to the Olympics and Actor

"Intercultural Diplomacy"

with **Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Member of Parliament

... and much more!

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