



2022 Gabr Fellows in Cairo with General (Retired) Mohamed El Keshky,  
Egypt's Former Assistant Minister of Defence

## The Day After Tomorrow

It was an incredible coincidence. Sitting in warm Sri Lanka, watching the Indian Ocean and the palm trees with greenery everywhere, I had a soft feeling that made my mind wander with the sound of the waves. In shorts with sunblock and dark sunglasses, I was staring at the horizon where huge ships coming from Asia were en route to the Suez Canal.

Suddenly, my thoughts were interrupted by a heavy hand on my shoulder. I turned, and it was Dimitri, a Russian-American space scientist I had met in DC years ago. Dimitri, in khakis, sneakers and a polo shirt sat down and explained that he was here in Sri Lanka for a special meeting involving technology, space, and medical scientists.

The meeting, Dimitri explained, is a low-profile three-day meeting that starts tomorrow with participants from around the world. I was surprised I had never heard about it, but Dimitri re-explained that it was somewhat of a secretive get together organized quickly by a UN agency in coordination with the US, China, and Russia.

Dimitri invited me to meet some of the participants that were sitting on the other side of the terrace, as we were all residents of this beautiful seaside resort with a huge wraparound terrace, with lovely views all around.

I walked with Dimitri after putting my cap on as the sun was rising in the sky with few clouds. We arrived at this large circle of people, and Dimitri started the introductions. Craig McLennan from Ireland, an aviation expert. Harry Cartwright, an economist and algorithm guru from the UK. Amanda Heart, dressed in local clothes, a health scientist from Texas. Mikhail Kotov, a space architecture expert from Russia. Chew Ze Dong from China was a space weapons specialist. Maria van Hollen, a Dutch software master with a long string of incredibly impressive accomplishments. Aldo Cantoni in red shorts, and a Red Skins t-shirt was from Italy and a tactical satellite veteran.

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I was overwhelmed shaking hands. As Dimitri continued the introductions, approaching the last three persons, I was worried I would mess up the names. Next was Brian Smith, who was introduced as being from Washington DC with no areas of expertise. He was followed by Maurice Garnier, who was a globally recognized AI expert in data mining and GPT. Finally, Isabella Racher, German, fully dressed in a linen cream coloured suit with large black sunglasses, was also an AI expert. Honestly, I felt out of place but everyone - even Isabella - welcomed me warmly, so I decided I wanted to sit, listen, look and learn.

After ordering a lemon iced tea and being served, the conversation picked up where apparently it had been interrupted when Dimitri brought me to the group. Mikhail was referring to a space weapons architecture that can be regulated and inspected. Aldo was responding that it would be very difficult given the present political realities. "Maybe in the future", he added. Craig, with a reddish drink in hand, squinting because of the sun, said that there are over 2000 active satellites in orbit, owned and operated by 50 countries with no regulations. Harry, using a vape and with his legs crossed, said: "America, China and Russia are in a space race. Maybe Russia because of budget constraints and the Ukraine war is out of the race for the time being, but do not underestimate how dominance of space can alter the world we live in."

The Chinese gentleman whose name I forgot, in a white linen outfit and a hat, emphasized that China considered space as critical for future warfare and counterspace capabilities, as a means to protect itself from US dominance. Maria softly emphasized that Chew Ze Dong is right and that America and China using space technology, AI, GPT and clever algorithms will change the face of dominance.

Amanda stood up to refill her glass of water and sitting down she surprised everyone by saying "You are all focused on space, technology and warfare; however, you need to recognize that humanity will change too." Amanda, sipping on her water, drew a picture in the air with her arms: "There shall be no more developed and developing countries, there shall be space and tech infused countries and followers. Moreover," she added, pointing to her colleagues, "some humans will be tech rich, in other words with memory, data and health monitoring embedded chips, and on the other hand, ordinary humans being directed by tech if they can access it."

A worrisome picture, I thought to myself. Maurice confirmed Amanda's point and said he had a paper he will present at the conference that will show the huge divergence that will occur on Earth in the next three decades. The global picture will be totally overturned, he added.

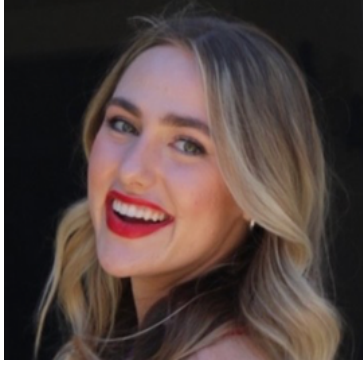
Brian asked for a copy of the paper and Maurice nodded. I wanted to ask a question, but I remained quiet. Isabella looked at Brian and Dimitri and said: "We need more funding." "A lot more" emphasized Isabella, "if we will create the bridges and links between space, AI, GPT, and cyber security." Brian gave a nod, and with his palm facing down, moved his arm towards Isabella in an affirmative mode.

I picked up the opportunity of a moment of silence, and asked: "Has anyone watched or remember the Bond movie Golden Eye, specifically the scene where a satellite destroys a space weapons control centre in Severnaya Russia?" I paused, and then asked, "Is this doable now?" Silence followed, as I looked at the faces of the group, some stone-faced, others with a smile. Finally, Dimitri said: "We are working on it, Shafik." A clear answer, but the overall reaction of the group was a bit as though I may have hit a nerve.

Brian stood up, pointing to his watch. Everyone got up. I stood and chatted with Amanda and Maurice for a few minutes. Dimitri came back to say goodbye and I walked back to where I was sitting. My seat was taken by an attractive blonde, reading a book. I took the empty seat six paces away, asked for a cold coffee from the thoughtful waiter who came by as soon as I sat down. Unlike earlier where the sound of the waves had a calming effect, this time I was worried as the sound of the waves reflected the huge changes in the world of humanity in the forthcoming day after tomorrow.

**Shafik Gabr**

# FELLOWS NEWS AND UPDATES



## MARIELLE BECKER, 2022 FELLOW

2022 Gabr Fellow Marielle Becker has recently been promoted to Gallery Support Specialist at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Marielle also attended Destination DC's Global Marketplace Seminar, which discussed efforts to drive overseas visitation to Washington D.C., in partnership with new representation in markets such as China, Australia, India, and the United Kingdom.

## NOURHAN MOUSSA, 2014 FELLOW

2014 Gabr Fellow Nourhan Moussa launched a new website where she shares her articles and publishes consultations and legal advises.

Nourhan also published an article in the *Egyptian Vision* titled "The Cultural Economy in Global Trade: Hopes and Challenges", which talks about Egypt's economic and social growth.

To visit Nourhan's website,

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## SHEHAB FAROUK, 2014 FELLOW

2014 Gabr Fellow Shehab Farouk will be teaching the first-of-its-kind training program in the Sultanate of Oman in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators "CIArb" and the Oman Commercial Arbitration Centre "OAC" to teach International Commercial Arbitration for 3 months.

This is a very unique program that takes place in Oman, and Shehab is proud to be the first one to teach it.



## DALIA IHAB, 2017 FELLOW

2017 Gabr Fellow Dalia Ihab's song hit quarter a million views on Facebook in less than a month of its release. The a cappella rendition of the song "Once Upon a December" that Dalia arranged and sung along her ensemble Klaxics was received and praised by audience from all over the MENA region who shared their admiration and appreciation.

Dalia's ensemble Klaxics was recently chosen by two performing art incubators (Gemini Africa and Nahdet El-Mahrousa) to receive technical and financial support for rehearsals, live performances and producing two new songs in 2023. In addition, Dalia's music projects were featured on BBC Arabic's "Art for Life" show.

To watch the BBC episode featuring Dalia,

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# FELLOWS NEWS AND UPDATES



## MOHAMED HASSAN, 2022 FELLOW

2022 Gabr Fellow Mohamed Hassan has been appointed Art Director at Dentsu Creative, which is one of the largest advertising agency networks globally. Dentsu describes itself as a global creative digital network shaping today and tomorrow, creating meaningful connection between brands and consumers.

## KELLIE QUINN, 2022 FELLOW

2022 Gabr Fellow Kellie Quinn recently secured a \$35,000 grant for innovative projects for the International Rescue Committee Small Business Development Center, of which she is Director.

This grant will be used to support Spanish and Arabic speaking entrepreneurs in San Diego. It is funded by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.



## PASCAL RATHLE, 2022 FELLOW

2022 Gabr Fellow Pascale Rathle has been selected as a member of the 2023 U.S. Global Leadership Coalition Next Generation Cohort, where next generation leaders join state leaders from USGLC's bipartisan coalition to explain the importance of development and diplomacy as key tools of the U.S. global leadership toolkit, and to share their unique insights with members of Congress during USGLC's 2023 Global Impact Forum and State Leaders Capitol Hill Day.

## NATHAN THOMAS, 2014 FELLOW

2014 Gabr Fellow Nathan Thomas has been nominated to sit on the Anti-Damnation League national board. The vote will take place in March 2023. Good luck Nathan!



## JACK LINCOLN, 2022 FELLOW

2022 Gabr Fellow Jack Lincoln has joined Congressman Ken Calvert (R-Ca) as his Legislative Director. Congressman Calvert currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee, where he serves as the Chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Prior to this position, Jack was Legislative Director and Deputy Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Connie Conway.

## SARAH WALKER, 2018 FELLOW

2018 Gabr Fellow Sarah Walker announced her new, soon to be available book, *The Same Air*. The preface reads:

Foreign policy is more than studying war strategy and economic theory. It is learning how civilizations across time and space have coped with the burdens of life. It is crafting just rules for humans to thrive no matter their DNA nor their god.

These are stories of Babylonian kings and Arab Springs; of landmines and colonial lines; of global trade and foreign aid; of soccer moms and the Hiroshima bomb; of rising waters and bloody martyrs. They are of you and me.



## INTERVIEW WITH....



## SOAAD HOSSAM, 2018 GABR FELLOW

Soaad Hossam specializes in international law and dispute settlement, including investment arbitration, commercial arbitration and settlement negotiations. She has practised in Egypt, Paris and Geneva in a multi-track engagement that spans law firms, governments, judiciary and international organizations. She is passionate about teaching, sharing knowledge, and generating new ideas.

### 1) What are the 3 most important takeaways of your 2022 Gabr Fellowship?

- The biggest takeaway was the sense of possibility that Mr. Gabr inspired in me. I realised that one person (me) really CAN make a difference. I found myself wrestling with bigger questions about the impact and direction of my career. I am boldly going where no other previous version of me has gone before just because I am allowing myself to believe it is possible, because I have the tools and resources I can use. Living like this is so exciting.
- My true power is never in what I have achieved but in the ability to stretch beyond my comfort zone. Every challenge is a chance to learn, be better, smarter, and the ability to learn is the most important quality a leader can have.
- The importance of specificity to get what I want out of life. This realisation reminds me to always clarify my purpose and move with clear intentions.

### 2) Would you visit the US again?

- Definitely. And at some point, I am thinking of working in US.

### 3) What 3 things can make Egypt-US bilateral relations stronger?

- Art and Literature
- Technology Revolution
- Business

### 4) Did the program in Egypt and the US bring new knowledge to you?

- The unique exposure, plus the networking and educational opportunities afforded to me by this program, have given me the clarity I was seeking. It was a perfect arena to test some of the ideas and assumptions I had about where to take my career next.

### 5) How would you describe the Gabr Fellowship program in three words?

- A lifetime experience.

# QUESTIONS 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.

**1.) Should there be stricter gun control in the USA?**

Yes - 87%  
No - 11%  
I don't know - 2%

**2.) Do you think the Chinese economy will rebound in 2023?**

Yes - 63%  
No - 26%  
I don't know - 11%

**3.) Do you think Egypt can become key player in the global hydrogen market after signing frameworks for the Suez Canal Economic Zone and hosting companies that have been conducting green energy feasibility studies?**

Yes - 56%  
No - 24%  
I don't know - 20%

**4.) Do you think the results of the House GOP's investigation into Hunter Biden will negatively affect Joe Biden's presidential election chances in 2024?**

Yes - 54%  
No - 37%  
I don't know - 9%

Stay tuned for next month's 'questions of the month' where the Gabr Fellows' take on current events, as our community of future leaders consider the most pressing challenges of today and tomorrow.



# Tutankhamun's tomb: how The Times unearthed the world's biggest story

By Ben MacIntyre

*The Times*, November 2022

On November 30, 1922, The Times broke the news: the British archaeologist Howard Carter and his financial backer Lord Carnarvon had discovered an intact royal tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

Arthur Merton, this newspaper's Cairo correspondent, described Tutankhamun's tomb as "the most sensational Egyptological discovery of the century". It was also a monumental scoop: the story of 3,300-year-old buried treasure captured public imagination across the world, and every newspaper was hungry to report on the fabulous contents of the tomb.

Merton had been tipped off by his friend Carter. On January 9, 1923, Carnarvon signed a contract with The Times: in exchange for £5,000 and 75 per cent of the syndication profits, the paper would have exclusive rights to distribute all news and pictures from the tomb, as its secrets were gradually revealed.

This ignited a media firestorm. Rival British newspapers were livid that The Times had cornered the story of the century. Many Egyptians were infuriated at having to learn of events in Egypt second-hand from a British newspaper. Carnarvon was accused of greed, "prostituting pure science to commercialism". Each newspaper sent out a star reporter to try to ruin The Times's scoop by reporting the news first, "a spoiler" in newspaper parlance.

The Times in turn assembled a crack reporting team to see off the opposition and ensure that its "exclusive" remained just that.

And so the stage was set for one of the greatest Fleet Street battles in history: a story of bribery and corruption, chequebook journalism, secret codes and seduction, drunkenness, inflated expenses, British imperialism, Egyptian nationalism, French scheming and bitterly feuding hacks.

To back up Merton, The Times dispatched Harry Perry Robinson, a veteran reporter, novelist and diehard imperialist who had spent more time at the Front during the First World War than any other reporter. (His method of getting to sleep during a bombardment was to imagine he was playing a round at Dulwich & Sydenham Golf Course.) Robinson was accompanied by Harold Moyné, the paper's head messenger, a burly former soldier who could be relied on in a scrap. The photographer Herbert Warhurst completed the Times contingent.

Ranged against them were Fleet Street's finest: the travel writer HV Morton, reporting for the Daily Express; Arthur Weigall, a novelist, set designer and Egyptologist appointed special correspondent by the Daily Mail; the "peppery" American journalist AH Bradstreet, reporting for the New York Times; and a mysterious freelancer, "Miss Johnson", who does not appear to have done any reporting: she may have been a girlfriend of one of the other journalists, but it is also possible she was a mole, inserted into the rival camp to gather intelligence. The unofficial leader of the anti-Times coalition was the Reuters correspondent Valentine Williams, a prolific crime writer whose war service on the Somme had left him with a

serious injury, a medal and a drink problem. (He later joined MI6, where his main claim to fame was the vetting and employment of the KGB spy Kim Philby.) Williams brought along a secret weapon in the shape of his attractive young wife, Alice.

In early February 1923, the journalists checked in to the luxurious Winter Palace Hotel at Luxor, and immediately began spying on the Times reporters, and on each other.

Weigall self-righteously claimed that The Times's monopoly was damaging British relations with Egypt. The American Bradstreet described himself as "a fervent disciple of the full freedom of the press, competitive and totally open". In truth, they were mostly motivated by sour grapes: the only thing more satisfying than obtaining a scoop was wrecking someone else's.

Relations started frosty and swiftly turned Arctic. The "Combine" (as Merton dubbed the opposition) held a secret "council of war" and then set about trying to discover what was going on inside the tomb by various nefarious means. They bribed porters and diggers, pooled information, complained endlessly to the Egyptian authorities and held lavish dinners for local officials, hosted by Alice Williams, in the hope of gleaning information. Williams appeared to be trying to flirt her way to the story: she was spotted by the Times contingent "squeezing the hand" of an Egyptian.

To read the full article,

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# *Expecting the Unexpected: 2023 and Beyond*

## **Shafik Gabr Foundation Annual Davos Opening Dinner**



Chairman Shafik Gabr moderating the Davos dinner discussion with guest speakers

Chairman Shafik Gabr and his wife Gigi for several years have organized their Davos opening dinner during the World Economic Forum, under the title ‘Expecting the Unexpected,’ inviting the guests to forecast and provide their insights for the future.

As usual, the dinner this year was held on the first day of the World Economic Forum, on Monday 16th January, at the Central Sporthotel.

Over 90 guests came together in a friendly, insightful and deeply thought-provoking environment, to informally discuss the predictions and expectations of the year ahead.

Among the distinguished guests were Ministers, Ambassadors, government officials, members of the US Congress, distinguished scholars, businesspeople, media executives and entrepreneurs.

The evening was held under Chatham House rules, and the compelling discussion ranged in topics from the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the future of pandemics, global economy, technological advancements and AI, international relations and much more.

The dinner discussion was moderated by Chairman Shafik Gabr and the renowned international broadcaster Nik Gowing.



# *Expecting the Unexpected: 2023 and Beyond*

## **Shafik Gabr Foundation Annual Davos Opening Dinner**

The main predictions for the year ahead were as follows:

- A serious concern about a potential war initiated by Israel against Iran.
- A post-covid effect on the workforce in the near future.
- Continued escalation of the Ukraine-Russia war with more weapons deployed, lives lost, but no solution achieved, and potential spread of the war across the region.
- Luxury business will continue to thrive.
- The economy in China will come back much quicker than anticipated.
- Supersonic jet technology is a decade away.
- In the US, the President's legislative agenda is over - there will be no major legislation in the next 2 years.
- There will be a brutal few months in the UK with strikes.
- 2023 will be a rough year economically with some light at the end of the tunnel in the 4th quarter.
- 2024 will be a good year. Interest rates and inflation will go down.
- Y2Q and implanted chips are coming sooner than we think.
- In 2024, any company that does not have AI embedded in it will face great difficulty.
- GPT-3 followed by GPT-4 will change a lot of how we conduct our daily lives and professions.
- No more will there be developed and developing nations – there will be superior technology nations with weaponized AI, and aspiring nations.
- Human beings will soon be either technologically embedded with memory, health and monitoring chips; or ordinary human beings.

# ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

Launched in 2012, the Gabr Fellowship programme helps to connect and build constructive relationships between future leaders between the ages of 24 and 35. Each year, the Fellowship consists of 20-24 Fellows, half of which are men and the other half women, with an equal distribution between participants from the United States and Egypt. The Fellowship also accepts applicants from Jordan, Lebanon, France and the United Kingdom. Fellows represent a variety of sectors, including the arts, law, finance, tech, non- profits, and entrepreneurship – both business and social.

The mission of the Fellowship is to promote greater mutual understanding by building bridges between the two cultures by instigating dialogue and the exchange of ideas between emerging leaders from the United States and Egypt. Together, they explore one another's cultures, political realities, business trends and their goals for the future.



2018 Gabr Fellows visit the World Bank, Washington DC

In addition to engaging in deep discussions with key stakeholders from both countries in business, government, academia, religion, science, tech and finance, all Fellows are invited to form multinational teams to complete an action project. These projects empower the Fellows as inter-cultural ambassadors, amplifying the Fellowship's reach and impact.

Ultimately, through hands-on activities, rigorous discussions, cultural site visits, and the collaborative action projects, the Fellows have a greater understanding of both countries and become part of an international cohort dedicated to building a more equitable and peaceful world.

The Gabr Fellows have acquired a greater understanding of both Egypt and the United States and the challenges faced by both communities. Having served as cultural as well as linguistic ambassadors to one another, they then return home to play the role of diplomat, introducing Egyptians and Americans to a people, a culture and a future never before explored in this way.

Together, they are creating the legacy of 'The Gabr Fellowship': an international cohort dedicated to pursuing cooperative, collective solutions to their regions' most pressing issues.



Gabr Fellows with Dr Noha Bakr, Member of the National Council for Human Rights



Gabr Fellows take on the Pyramids

# SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

The Shafik Gabr Foundation invites you to invest in the future and partner with the Foundation using one or more of the following means:

**Sponsor a Fellow** - Individuals have the opportunity to nominate a Fellow and if selected, sponsor their participation in the Gabr Fellowship. Sponsors will be recognised in all Foundation publications, marketing materials, and at all events.

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**Unrestricted support** - A general operating grant can empower the Foundation to continue to invest in innovative platforms to facilitate ongoing dialogue between the East and West. From new technologies to expanding the programme to more countries and a greater number of participants, the Fellowship can create a broader multiregional impact.

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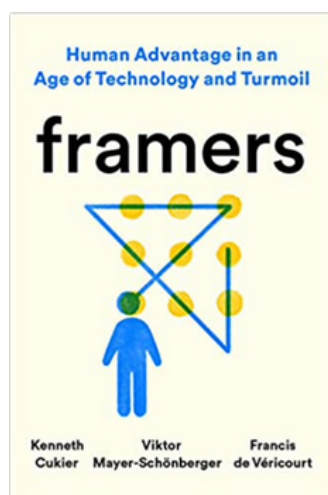
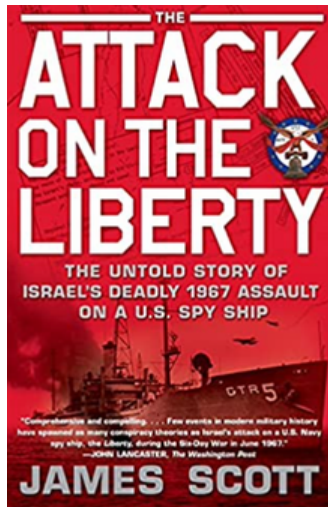


## Gabr Foundation Reading Corner

The Foundation Reading Corner encourages Fellows to critique the books that have been recommended to them in each issue. For this issue, Mr. Gabr recommends *The Attack on the Liberty: The Untold Story of Israel's Deadly 1967 Assault on a U.S. Spy Ship* by James Scott and *Framers: Human Advantage in an Age of Technology and Turmoil* by Kenneth Cukier, Viktor Mayer-Schönberger and Francis de Véricourt.

In 1967, the spy ship USS *Liberty* was attacked by Israeli fighter jets and torpedo boats in international waters during the Six-Day War. Thirty-four sailors were killed and more than 170 wounded. Israel claimed mistaken identity, which a U.S. naval court of inquiry confirmed, but that explanation is contradicted by the facts of the case. James Scott has interviewed *Liberty* survivors, senior U.S. political and intelligence officials, and examined newly declassified documents in Israel and the United States to write this comprehensive, dramatic account.

From pandemics to populism, AI to ISIS, wealth inequity to climate change, humanity faces unprecedented challenges that threaten our very existence. The essential tool that will enable humanity to find the best way forward is defined in *Framers* by internationally renowned authors Kenneth Cukier, Viktor Mayer-Schönberger, and Francis de Véricourt.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FEBRUARY FELLOWS!



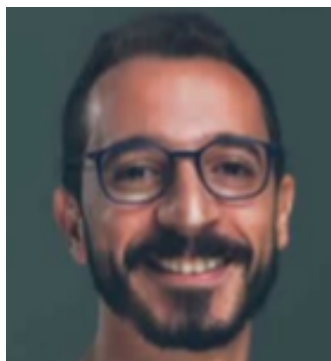
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2016 Fellow  
February 1st



**Jessica Mulligan**  
2017 Fellow  
February 6th



**Julie Yang**  
2018 Fellow  
February 8th



**Muhammad Nagi**  
2015 Fellow  
February 12th



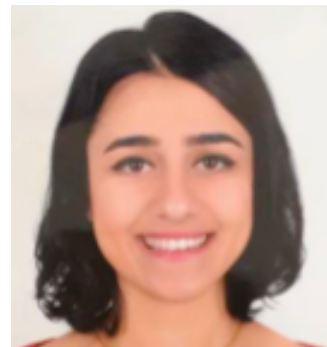
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**Bryan Griffin**  
2017 Fellow  
February 27th

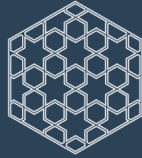


**Reham Salem**  
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# February

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**Jules Taupin, *The Spinner of Southern Algeria***  
Oil on canvas  
**The Shafik Gabr Collection**

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