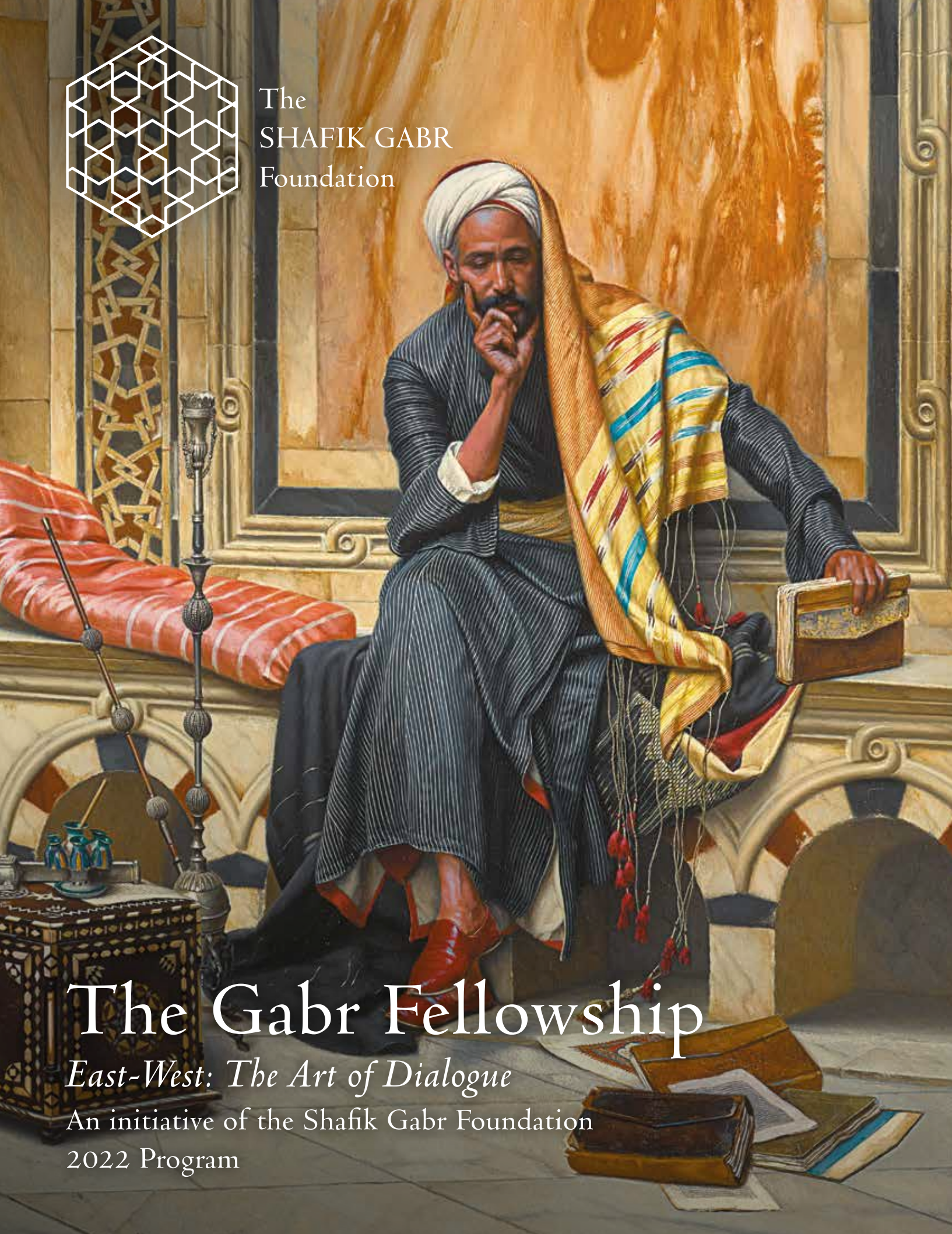




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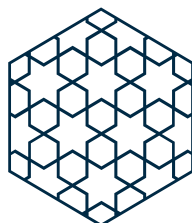
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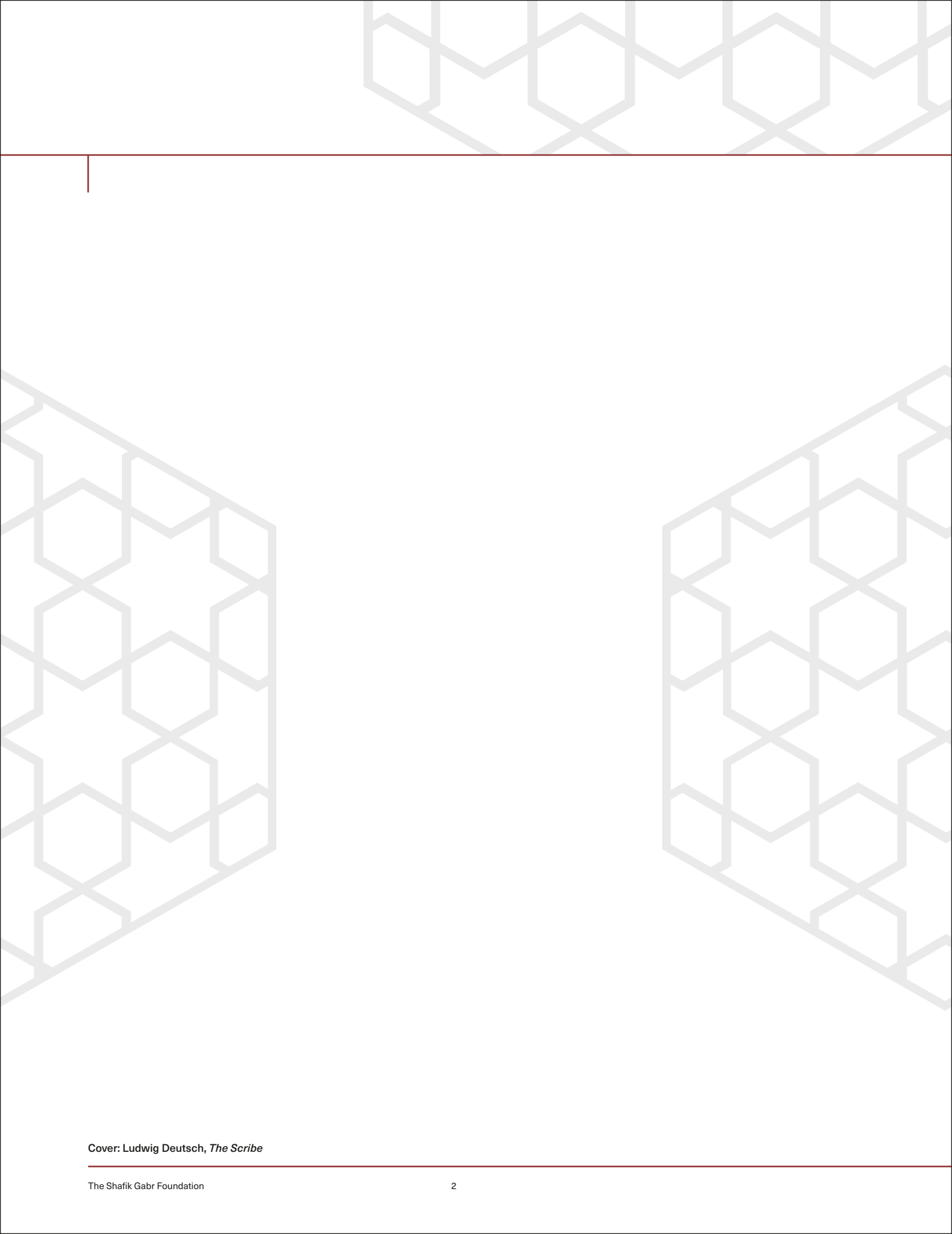
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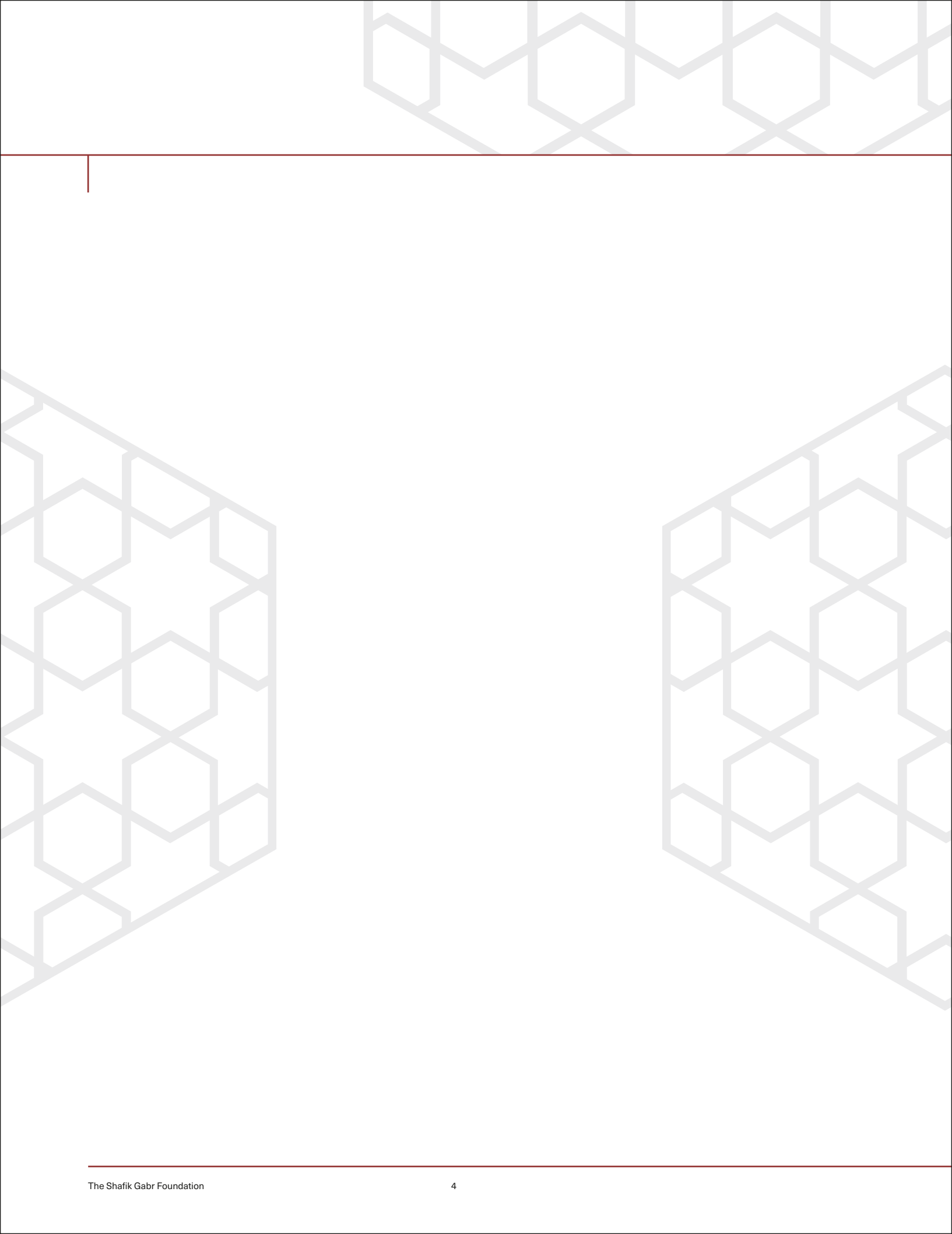
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Introduction by Shafik Gabr

I am very proud to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of the Shafik Gabr Foundation's *East-West: the Art of Dialogue* initiative.

This initiative was born in 2012, from a simple but alarming development. When I spoke to young Egyptians in provincial towns and talked about America they would say America is self-righteous, obnoxious, and if they disagree with you they will bomb you. On the other hand, when I spoke to Americans in the heartland of the US and I would mention Egypt they would say desert, terrorism, Islamophobia. These trends have been magnified by social media and other mass communication technologies — the very same tools that were meant to bring us together, created major misperceptions and animosity.

This concerned me a great deal, especially as I knew there was much more common ground, common interest and positive correlation between Americans and Egyptians than this worrying perception.

That is why I decided to create the *East-West: The Art of Dialogue* initiative and its flagship program, the annual Gabr Fellowship, in order to bring together young emerging leaders from America that have never been to Egypt together with young emerging leaders from Egypt that have never been to the US, to have first-hand experiences of the other, and to foster a deeper understanding between the two cultures. No virtual dialogue can replace genuine human, face-to-face interactions.

In this way, 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 an intensive visit to Egypt and a similar one to the United States, these young leaders have the opportunity to interact, discuss, and debate with one another and with thought leaders across a variety of sectors including but not limited to politics, business, technology, art, history, and economics. After this, the Fellows are invited to execute joint action projects that the Foundation will support financially and administratively. By creating networks and engaging 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.

We now have 142 Fellows across the US and Egypt, of whom I am immensely proud, and who are success stories in every field – art, politics, business, education, technology, and much more.

It is only by building bridges of understanding, investing in young leaders and finding common interest and mutual benefit will we be able to contribute to a better world tomorrow.

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 emerging leaders from the United States and Egypt. The initiative was established in 2012 in response to increasing tensions between the two countries, and sponsors and fosters exchanges between emerging leaders from a variety of fields from both cultures.

The annual Gabr Fellowship is the premier program of the *East-West: Art of the Dialogue* initiative at the Shafik Gabr Foundation. Each year, the Fellowship consists of twenty-four Fellows, with twelve Americans and twelve Egyptians, of which half are men and the other half women. 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, and hands-on activities. This is an intensive program consisting of high-level meetings and constant face-to-face dialogue with peers and distinguished speakers, engaging in deep discussions with key stakeholders from both countries in business, government, academia, religion, science, tech, finance and more.

Through seminars, working groups, discussions and workshops, the participants build leadership skills and an understanding of the 'other', while immersing themselves in complex policy matters and familiarizing themselves with the processes they are embedded in. This, along with various social events, cultural visits and activities, provides participants with an intimate glimpse into life on the other side of the Atlantic, something that we here at the Foundation believe is essential in developing the young leaders of tomorrow, who, as a result, will be dedicated to pursuing united, innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

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. Fellows are entrusted with unpacking the misperceptions and fears that have plagued the East-West relationship over the past years.

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. 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. In addition, the Shafik Gabr Foundation hosts regular meetings of the Fellows with Chairman Shafik Gabr, in the United States and in Cairo, where the Fellows discuss global issues and well as share their news, current work developments and updates on their network groups, as well as their plans for the future.

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.

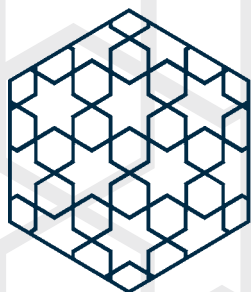
For additional information and regular updates about the initiative, please visit www.eastwestdialogue.org

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 Egypt 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 exchange programs between emerging young leaders from Egypt and America, 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.

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 is a renowned leader in international business, innovation, investment and one of the world's premier collectors of Orientalist art, and an accomplished philanthropist.

During his career, Gabr established over 25 companies plus three investment holding companies including ARTOC Group for Investment and Development which is a multidisciplinary investment holding company with businesses in infrastructure, automotive, engineering, construction and real estate, over the past three years focusing on investment in technology and artificial intelligence.

Gabr is the Chairman and a founding member of Egypt's International Economic Forum (EIEF), member of the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum, Board Member of Stanhope Capital, International Chairman of the Sadat Congressional Gold Medal Committee and Member of the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum. Gabr is Member of the Metropolitan Museum's International Council and serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for Financial Stability, Advisory Board of The Middle East Institute and the Global Advisory Council of the Mayo Clinic.

Gabr was previously the Chairman of COMESA (Common Market for East and South Africa) Business Council and a member of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce (Paris), and served on the advisory boards of Zurich Financial Services and The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Furthermore, Gabr was a founder of the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt in 1982, serving as its first Egyptian President from 1995 until 1997. He was a Founding Member of the Wilson Global Advisory Council.

Gabr has been recognized globally for his efforts. In 2009 Mr. Gabr was presented with the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) award for Corporate Responsibility. In June 2014 Gabr was awarded the Meridian Global Citizen Award and in November 2014 the Middle East Institute's Visionary Award. In March 2015 Gabr received the American University in Cairo's Global Impact Award in New York. In May 2016 Gabr was awarded the College of Mount Saint Vincent's Saint Vincent de Paul Award and the Drew University's Peacebuilder Award. In September 2017 Gabr received the Policy Direction and Leadership Award from the London Center for Policy Research. In 2022 Gabr received the Global Leadership Award from the University of Central Florida.

Through the Shafik Gabr Social Development Foundation, 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, Gabr is a major supporter of the American University in Cairo. The Foundation also developed a free medical-care system by providing "Medical Caravans", for residents of underprivileged areas of Greater Cairo. The Foundation has its first Medical and Social Development Center in Mokattam, Cairo, offering free medical and health services. In 2012 Gabr established in the US the Shafik Gabr Foundation which supports educational and medical initiatives plus launched in November 2012 the '*East-West: The Art of Dialogue*' initiative promoting exchanges between the US and Egypt with the purpose of cultural dialogue and bridge building. At present, the Foundation's Fellowship program has 142 Fellows.

Gabr holds a BA in Economics and Management from the American University in Cairo and an MA in Economics from the University of London.





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Amr Hesham

**Site Service Engineer, Central Bank of Egypt;
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 29**

Amr Hesham is a Mechanical Engineer. He works as a Site Service Engineer on a major project at the Central Bank of Egypt and he is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in business administration with a specialization in strategic planning at Heriot Watt University in Scotland. Amr got his first international work experience when he worked as a high school teacher in India. Then, he got an opportunity to deliver his first workshop abroad in Europe in collaboration with a business school.

He successfully delivered over 240 hours of workshops in 6 universities in Egypt. Amr is also a food tour guide, organizing food tours in the downtown area for tourists with Bellies En-Route (the first specialized food tour business in Egypt). Amr is passionate about the gaming industry, where he is pursuing a career as a trainer with a game design studio.



Assem Bolbol

**Managing Director, ABcom Ltd;
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 33**

Assem Bolbol is Managing Director at ABcom Ltd. Prior to this, he was Special Assistant to Chairman and Managing Director at ARTOC Group for Investment and Development, where he was responsible for directing and coordinating projects, and developing and evaluating alternative solutions and recommendations.

After graduating from Glasgow, Scotland with a Visual Communications degree, Assem spent time working in marketing, sales and public relations as well as in the financial sector. Assem perused his interest in management and finance, where he founded a small trading company.



Aya Aly

**Sustainable Finance Specialist, The Financial Regulatory Authority FRA;
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 29**

Aya Aly works in the Financial Regulatory Authority as a Sustainable Finance specialist, where she proposes and handles regulation drafts in areas, including sustainable finance agenda and supporting the green economy transition in Egypt.

Additionally, Aya is a fellow of the Yousef Jameel fellowship and completed her Master's degree at the American University in Cairo (AUC) in Public Policy. Aya had an outstanding sports career as a former professional athlete and a member of the Egyptian National Karate Team for several years as well as being a state-level athletics medalist.

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Esraa El Zokem

**Operations Manager, Crimson Solutions (Business Consultancy);
Hometown: Alexandria; Age: 32**

Esraa El Zokem is the Manager of Operations at Crismon Consultancy and a part-time instructor. She has experience as a project coordinator for NCW, as she worked on initiatives funded by the UNPFA, the UNODC, and the EU. Esraa is an advocate for women's rights and the rule of law.

She holds an LLB from the Law School of Alexandria. As a legal researcher, Esraa is well-versed in many areas of the law, and specializes in criminal and international along with a background in commercial transactions and international arbitration.

Esraa received the Youth Active Role award from India 2016 for her active role in sustainable development which led to her being chosen to serve as Ambassador for Sustainable Development Goals by the Ministry of Planning.



Layla Galal

**Diplomatic Attaché at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 26**

Layla Galal is a newly appointed Diplomatic Attaché at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to this, Layla was the PR and Strategic Communications Manager at Moharram & Partners, a pioneering public policy and strategic communications firm operating across MEA. She has more than four years of experience in government and political communications.

Layla has also worked as a Political Communication Officer at the Support Egypt Coalition in the Egyptian Parliament. Prior to that, Layla worked as a Crisis Management Specialist at the Egyptian Ministry of State for Information, where she crafted and developed national branding campaigns. She holds a Bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University, with a specialization in Political Science and a minor in Economics.

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Menna El Touny

Business & Events Coordinator, Nielsen IQ Company; Actress
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 35

Menna El Touny is an Egyptian actress and model. Her acting career took off when she joined Temple Theatre troupe in 2017, touring France for almost two years to perform the play 'Mama' in various festivals – from Festival d'Avignon to Le Liberte, scene nationale de Toulon in 2019. She was also an active member of an improvisation group Irtigalia for almost four years. On screen, Menna was the supporting actress in the short movie The Heir, and a leading acting role in the short movie Mirah. Moreover, she lent her voice for Jasadi, a project focused on empowering women. Between roles, Menna continuously immerses herself in a variety of acting workshops, soaking in knowledge and expertise of key figures in the business.

Menna also works in Nielsen IQ, a global market research corporation, as a business and events coordinator.



Mohamed Hassan

Art Director, Dentsu Creative; Actor;
Hometown: Nubia; Age: 31

Mohamed Hassan is a digital marketer. He is currently Art Director at Dentsu Creative, which is one of the largest advertising agency networks globally.

Mohamed also founded Elkhan Studio for digital solutions, which offers one-stop solutions for any startup requiring photography, branding, or packaging. He works on projects for brands like Pepsi, Kitkat, Americana, McDonald's, Redbull, Pril, Orascom, Palm Hills, and several others.

Additionally, Mohamed is a talented performing artist – he sings, acts, and does voiceovers. He is currently an active member of the Cairo Celebration Choir (CCC), which offers a variety of performances all over the world. In addition, he is a former member of Ayamna Elhelwa, a choir that specialized in Egyptian folklore.

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Omar Raafat

**Researcher, Arwqah, Riyadh – Saudi Arabia;
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 26**

Omar Raafat is a peace and development researcher specializing in European region studies. He received the “Left off” Prize for Creative Thinking from the Andover International Organization and currently serving as the General Secretary of Mediterranean Youth Foundation in Egypt. Omar was awarded the International Security Scholarship of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, then completed the European Solidarity Corps Program in 2022, and the Israeli Affairs Program.

Omar is also a member of the Egyptian Association for Political Economy, Statistics and Legislation. He is also a blogger interested in creative writing and biographies.



Samer Kirolos

**Head of HR, Areeba Egypt;
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 33**

Samer Kirolos graduated from the Faculty of Law at Helwan University. He is currently working as a Human Resources Head at Areeba Egypt. Prior to that, Samer worked as a human resources senior specialist at Eva Cosmetics and Tepco-Group. Currently, Samer is pursuing his SHRM-SCP certificate from the American SHRM society.

Samer volunteered at the annual CSR program with Cairo Runners at Maq'ad Al Sultan Qaitbey and previously served as a counselor at Kids Games camps provided for Egyptian children and teenagers by Kasr El Dobra Church.

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Wessam Baher

**HR Business Partner Manager, QNB Alahli Bank – Egypt;
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 33**

Wessam Baher is an experienced human resources business partner manager with a demonstrated history in the banking industry. His experience has developed through working across different fields starting with retail banking, product development, marketing research and coaching, until he had the opportunity to begin his current position in human resources which helped him to focus on human behaviours, organizational effectiveness and work force performance.

Wessam holds a Bachelor degree in Economics from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University and a professional Diploma degree in Marketing from School of Business at the American University in Cairo.

Wessam is passionate about discovering new cultures, arts and music, and he is an amateur guitarist.



Yomna El-Awamri

**Freelance Consultant and Founder of the Carbon Impact Lab;
Hometown: Cairo; Age: 31**

Yomna El-Awamri is an expert in education policy and sustainable development and has more than ten years of experience managing international and local projects in sustainable development and education. She received her Bachelor's degree in Economics in 2012 from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University, and went on to work in the development sector in the Misr Elkheir Foundation and the American University in Cairo.

Yomna is also one of the very first graduates of the American University in Cairo's Master's Program in Sustainable Development. She returned back to the University in 2019 to teach future leaders of the Graduate Program for Sustainable Development and other students in the Water-Energy-Food Technologies Diploma. She is currently working as a freelance consultant and launching her own initiative "The Carbon Impact Lab", a consultancy firm seeking to drive carbon solutions to advance the climate change agenda and achieve a more sustainable future.

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Alen Amini

**Management Consultant, Boston Consulting Group;
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio; Age: 35**

Alen Amini is a management consultant at Boston Consulting Group and the executive director of WiderNet, a nonprofit organization that provides information access to people lacking reliable internet via its eGranary Digital Library. WiderNet's eGranary is an offline information device that provides access to thirty-five million digital resources for those lacking internet connections and has been adopted by 2,200 institutions serving millions of people worldwide. Born in Ohio, Amini was a math teacher and vice principal in Arkansas and has experience running a rug business and a food truck.

Alen has a passion for geopolitics and is a Council on Foreign Relations term member and was a Fulbright scholar. Amini is an alumnus of Harvard University (where he was a Center for Public Leadership fellow), earned his MBA at Dartmouth College, and earned a computer science degree from the University of Pennsylvania.



Crawford Horan

**Director of Operations, Ervin Graves Strategy Group;
Hometown: Alexandria, Virginia; Age: 27**

Crawford Horan is currently Director of Operations at Ervin Graves Strategy Group, a government relations firm in Washington, DC that serves clients from all business sectors. Prior to this role, she taught English at a multilingual primary school in Galicia, Spain working to improve student communication skills through cultural learning.

Crawford graduated cum laude from Sewanee: The University of the South where she focused in International Relations and Southern Appalachian Studies. Growing up outside of Washington allowed her early and constant exposure to politics, fostering an interest for global affairs from a young age.

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David Guhl

**Associate Director, UNESCO International Jazz Day;
Hometown: Boyds, Maryland; Age: 30**

David Guhl is Associate Director at the UNESCO International Jazz Day at the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz. He recently served as a diplomat at the American Embassy in Beijing, where he was assistant to Ambassador Terry Branstad. The State Department recognized David's contributions to public service with a Superior Honor Award for heroism in repatriating over 800 US citizens and their families during the coronavirus pandemic.

Before moving to China, David helped launch the world's largest ride-sharing company DiDi Global in Latin America and was also a Fulbright Scholar in Mexico City. In 2016 he went to Nepal to volunteer with earthquake relief efforts and also lived in Cuba organizing UNESCO International Jazz Day with thousands of students and renowned jazz musicians.

David is a graduate of Cornell University where he received a B.S. in Applied Economics. He also holds a Master of Public Policy from Oxford University and speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.



Harley Adsit

**Communications Director, Congressman Buddy Carter (GA-01);
Hometown: Norfolk, Virginia; Age: 25**

Harley Adsit is a Communications Director in the office of Congressman Buddy Carter (GA-01). In this role, she is responsible for writing press releases, preparing the Congressman for interviews, running social media, and coordinating the office's mail operations.

After graduating from the University of Virginia's School of Architecture with a BA in Urban Planning and Media Studies, she spent time working at the Department of Housing and Urban Development as a press assistant to then-Secretary Dr. Ben Carson. She then moved over to Capitol Hill, working for the Education and Labor Committee as a Press Secretary.

Harley also has a certificate from the Harvard Kennedy School of Executive Education and experience in local radio.

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Jack Lincoln

Legislative Director, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-41);

Hometown: Chico, California; Age: 31

Jack Lincoln is Legislative Director for Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-41). Congressman Calvert currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee, where he is the Chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Prior to this, Jack was Legislative Director and Deputy Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Connie Conway (CA-22), where he served as the chief policy and political advisor to the Congresswoman.

Before that, Jack worked as the Federal Government Affairs and Member Programs Manager for the Northern California Power Agency where he lobbied Congress and the Executive Branch on a broad array of energy-related issues such as permitting reform, tax incentives, and infrastructure investments.

Jack holds a Master's degree in Global Communications from the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs and a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs from California State University, Chico.



Jeremy Pesner

Senior Technology Analyst, Bipartisan Policy Center;

Hometown: Montclair, New Jersey; Age: 35

Jeremy Pesner is the Senior Technology Policy Analyst for the Bipartisan Policy Center, where he conducts research and writes informational reports on topics ranging from broadband, artificial intelligence, data privacy and more. He is an active member of several communities and professional organizations, including the Internet Law and Policy Foundry, the New Leaders Council, The Bridge and the Royal Society of Arts. Jeremy spent a year in Israel working as a technology analyst for Start-Up Nation Central, while learning about the religious, cultural and political issues facing the country and the larger region.

Jeremy recently placed in the Journal of Science Policy and Governance's competition on the future of science policy with his work on the impact of science research. He earned his BS in Computer Science from Dickinson College, his MA in Communication, Culture & Technology from Georgetown University and completed graduate work at Carnegie Mellon University.

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Kathleen Hagan

Chief Operating Officer, FGH Marine Engineering, Inc.;
Hometown: Scottsdale, Arizona; Age: 32

Katie Hagan is the Owner and Chief Operating Officer of FGH Marine Engineering Inc., a yacht and ship maintenance company in South Florida. She co-founded FGH at age 28 in 2018. Katie is on the Board of Directors for the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) and is on the Board of Young Professionals in Yachting (YPY) USA as the Volunteer Chair. She also serves as an Ambassador for She of the Sea advocating for diversity and inclusion in the yachting industry and is a member of Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA).

Katie graduated from the University of San Diego summa cum laude and has a Bachelors in International Relations and Minor in Asian Studies. While studying at USD, she sailed around the world at age 19 with Semester at Sea aboard the M/V Explorer. She later lived and worked abroad in Chongqing, China. Before joining the maritime industry, Katie was involved in humanitarian diplomacy working for several years with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as Head of Chancellery at the ICRC Delegation to the United Nations.



Kellie Quinn

Director & Small Business Program Supervisor, International Rescue Committee Small Business Development Center;
Hometown: San Diego, California; Age: 32

Kellie Quinn is the Director of the IRC SBDC in San Diego, CA, where she oversees a diverse portfolio of federal, state, local, and private programs. Kellie also lectures at San Diego State University in the School of Public Affairs. Her courses are focused on nonprofits and government, research methods, and introduction to public administration.

Prior to IRC SBDC, Kellie worked in various coordinator and research positions at San Diego State University. As a coordinator, she worked in the Office of International Programs (OIP) to promote international education.

Kellie was a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Casablanca, Morocco. She obtained her B.A. in Religious Studies with a double minor in International Studies and Italian and her Master of Public Administration from San Diego State University. She is currently pursuing her Doctoral Degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University for Peace in Costa Rica.

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Lukas Wenz

**Deputy National Outreach Director, U.S. Global Leadership Coalition;
Hometown: Tempe, Arizona; Age: 28**

Luke Wenz serves as Deputy National Outreach Director, Western Region for the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC), a broad-based bipartisan coalition of over 500 businesses and NGOs. In addition to his work with USGLC, Luke serves as the President of Big Stick Consulting, LLC, an Arizona-based strategic consulting firm. Earlier in his career, Luke served as Deputy District Director and Campaign Manager for U.S. Representative Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska. He also spent time living and working in Amman, Jordan and the Beqaa Valley in Lebanon. His areas of expertise are American political philosophy and the geopolitics of the Levant.

Luke serves as the Vice President of the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations and is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. A native Phoenician, Luke attended Nebraska Wesleyan University, studying political science and religious philosophy.



Marielle Becker

**Gallery Support Specialist, National Gallery of Art;
Hometown: Walnut Creek, California; Age: 24**

Marielle Becker currently serves as the Gallery Support Specialist at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, where she works to build relationships with media, pitches stories to secure coverage for the Gallery's exhibitions, manages film and photo shoots, and manages logistics. Prior to this, she worked at the National Gallery as Communications Assistant. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Colorado Boulder with a Bachelor of Science in Strategic Communication and a minor in Art. Her honors work focuses on the role of social media and its impact on American art museums during times of social unrest.

Marielle is passionate about elevating art as a tool for social change and a catalyst for conversation. She spent her early years in California and South Africa.

2022 Gabr Fellows Biographies

American Gabr Fellows



Pascal Rathle

**Associate, Council for Inclusive Capitalism;
Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida; Age: 27**

Pascal Rathle is an Associate at the Council for Inclusive Capitalism, an international movement dedicated to mobilizing private and public sector leaders to create a more trusted and sustainable economic system. Prior to joining the Council, he worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Pennsylvania, served as a City Year AmeriCorps Member and Policy Assistant to a Mayor's administration and is the Founder of a local nonprofit, Global Shapers Jacksonville Hub.

Pascal has been selected as a CSPC Presidential Fellow, European Forum Alpbach Scholarship Holder, AEI Leadership Network Millennial, Caravan For Democracy Fellow, Salzburg Global Fellow, and presented to former UNSG, Ban Ki-Moon on two occasions. He holds a Masters in Law from Penn Carey Law, an MS in Social Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, and an Executive Certificate from Harvard Kennedy School.



2022 Gabr Fellowship Projects

Understand the differences; Act on the commonalities

Team: Mohamed Hassan, Menna El Touny, Pascal Rathle

The Challenge

The misinformation about the others, the lack of proper dialogue, and economic pressure that is leading to a massive misunderstanding problem, especially with the rise of fake news on social media spreading worldwide.



Project Overview

This project aims to counter misconceptions that Americans and Egyptians have about one another's culture through the use of performing arts and social media.

The Goal

To make all the different races in the US and Egypt find other cultures resonating with their experience, so they'd feel more connected to each other's society. The other expected outcome is to trigger a discussion and open dialogue on racial diversity in Egypt and to understand the culture of the different races in both American and Egyptian society.

Population served

The target audience would be young social media users aged between 14 and 35 in both the US and Egypt, of different racial backgrounds.

Expected outcome

- Increased understanding and appreciation of each other's cultures: soft power interactions, such as cultural exchanges and diplomacy, can help to increase understanding and appreciation of different cultures and ways of life.
- Improved relations between the two countries: Building bridges between American and Egyptian communities can help to improve relations between the two countries, potentially leading to increased cooperation and collaboration on a variety of issues.
- Increased economic and trade opportunities: Improved relations between the two countries could also lead to increased economic and trade opportunities, which could be beneficial for both sides.
- Greater political stability: Building bridges between American and Egyptian communities could also contribute to greater political stability in the region, as it could help to reduce tensions and conflicts between the two countries.

Project Milestones

Week 1

- Brainstorm and develop concept for music video
- Write treatment (detailed outline of the music video's story and visual elements)
- Determine budget and resources needed (e.g. crew, locations, props)

Week 2

- Scout locations and secure permission to shoot at each location
- Assemble crew (e.g. director, cinematographer, production designer, hair and makeup)
- Finalize shooting schedule
- Rent or purchase necessary equipment (e.g. cameras, lighting, grip)

Week 3

- Rehearse with cast and crew
- Gather and organize props and wardrobe

Week 4

- Shoot music video over the course of 1–3 days
- Capture all necessary footage and b-roll (supplementary footage that can be used to cut away from the main action)

Week 5

- Assemble a rough cut of the music video using the selected footage
- Review and select the best takes from the shoot

Week 6

- Fine-tune the rough cut adding transitions, color correcting, adding any necessary special effects
- Add sound effects and finalize the sound mix
- Create a final cut of the music video and export for delivery

The Art of Culinary Dialogue: Recipes and Histories of Egyptian and American Cuisines

Team Members: Menna El Touny, Alen Amini, David Guhl, Amr Hesham, Samer Kirolos

Project Overview

Our action project is a cookbook, The Art of Culinary Dialogue: Recipes and Histories of Egyptian and American Cuisines, consisting of Egyptian and American recipes in Arabic and in English.

The Art of Culinary Dialogue
Recipes & Histories from Egypt & the United States



The Challenge

Recipes will be from different regions in both countries and recipes will be accompanied by brief histories and restaurant recommendations.

Recipes include:

American recipes:

- Fried chicken
- Corn bread
- Tex-Mex
- BBQ
- Grits

Egyptian recipes:

- Koshari
- Kofta
- Egyptian Lentil Soup
- Ful Medames
- Mesakkah
- Fattah

The cookbook will be available online and in print and the proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Egyptian Food Bank and Feeding America.

After the book is published and live on the website, we will print copies for fellows, alumni, and Foundation members and host a culminating event for fellows and alum and host two chefs, via ZOOM, who will lead a cooking demonstration.

The Goal

This project will spur a shared sense of cultural understanding through food and local culture and histories. Other intended outcomes include:

- Support two charities doing important work in Egypt and the United States
- Create stronger bonds across the Fellowship/Alumni community
- Highlight culinary traditions and histories in Egypt and the United States
- Support the Foundation and the Fellowship's mission

Project Milestones

- Release call for recipes/histories and compile recipes, and conduct research on the histories for other recipes we identify outside of the Foundation/Fellowship network
- Design cover & book
- Draft introduction by Mr. Gabr
- Finalize partnership with Feeding America and Egyptian Food Bank
- Reach out to libraries to provide them with copies for their collections, including:
 - Greater Cairo Public Library
 - Alexandria, Cairo, and American University in Cairo Libraries
 - Harvard University and Harvard Kennedy School Library
 - Dartmouth College and Tuck School of Business
 - Cambridge (MA) Public Library (formerly on the board)
 - Madeira Public Library, Cincinnati Public Library System
 - Oxford University
 - New York and Boston Public Library Systems
 - Other contacts Fellows/Alum have
- Publish book, order copies (~300), launch website, and distribute

The Fellows Journal: Journaling the U.S.–Egypt Relationship in 2023

Team: Aya Ali, Jeremy Pesner, Pascal Rathle, Omar Rafaat, Luke Wenz

Project Overview

For one year, our team members will write articles, op-eds, and other written pieces with a focus on US-Egyptian relations or the Middle East at-large. When appropriate, the pieces will be submitted for publication at various outlets. At the end of the year, we will develop a compilation of the pieces into one journal to showcase the completed projects.

The Goal

To increase and de-silo cross regional understanding of how a culture and country play a role in the way we perceive and are affected by world events through collective journaling and discussions. Also, this journal is about bringing together the American and Egyptian viewpoints on global issues in different fields, through which it is possible to measure the indicators and factors affecting the formation of opinion and judgment on the Egyptian and American sides.

Population Served

The Journal will select common titles for discussion and analysis, to write periodically and consistent with the editorial standards and its policy of independence and credibility, the journal will target all those interested in international relations, including young people and specialists, as well as those who follow the affairs of the Middle East, the Arab world and American affairs from both countries.

Project Milestones

- **Phase 1 (3 months):** Initiate personal written commentary on geopolitical relations.
- **Phase 2 (6 months):** Develop in-house Socratic exchanges to support our developing viewpoints; Continue to write and foster reasoned expression.
- **Phase 4 (3 months):** Plan the development of the Journal.

Expected Outcomes

The immediate outcome is to increase understanding of everyday life and improve communication on the differences between geopolitical opportunity and threat. In the medium term each respective Fellow will scale written and oral skills between each other, community, and decision makers. The long-term outcome of this effort will spur a positive attitudinal and behavioral shift among the next generation of world leaders and produce a quality yearly Fellows publication.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

People are binary, like the nations they live in. Interpretation of a circumstance is dependent upon the moral judgment selected, supported by the complexity of fact experienced. Our action project advances the Gabr Foundation's focus for peacebuilding and developing effective communicators who can slash the physical, mental, and emotional divide that exists between space and misunderstanding.



Habibi Factor: Building bridges between humans

Team: Crawford Horan, Jack Lincoln, Menna Eltouny, Wessam Baher

The Challenge

The Human Factor in the relations between any two countries is the factor that has the most common shared points, but unfortunately countries ignore it. As humans we share the same life experiences beginning with our successes, failures passing by our similar struggles and challenges. Through our lives, despite living in different countries, we all share similar experiences but with different patterns of human development and intellectual wisdom which can help us having a stable mindset and good quality of lives.

Project Overview

The podcast will be a channel for the Gabr Fellows to discuss ideas and thoughts about how they perceive life and how they seek human development. Sharing these ideas and thoughts from different points of views can help people in Egypt and the US to reflect and adopt practical steps to have better lives and to have better understanding humans in the two countries. Each episode will be hosted by Egyptian and American fellows (6 Episodes).

The Goal

Widening the scope of the Fellowship to reach more people in the Egyptian and the American societies through listening to the podcast by focusing on human wellbeing and how they perceive it; building bridges between humans.

Target Audiences & Channels

We will target youth from US and Egypt who listen to podcasts on the most listened platforms applications in Egypt and the United States. We will use the social media platforms which are heavily used by both Egyptians and Americans to upload and promote the newly added episodes.

Project Milestones

- Phase 1: Two American and two Egyptian Fellows.
- Phase 2: Content drafting and choosing episodes topics.
- Phase 3: Launching the Podcast and releasing one episode every two months (a total of 6 episodes).

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The project is intent on building bridges between Egyptians and Americans on a personal and human development levels. By sharing ideas between Egyptian and American Fellows through focusing on the human factor in the mutual relations between the two countries, we aim to narrow the gaps between the two societies on the mental and emotional levels.



Suez Canal Clean Emissions Rebate

Team: Kathleen Hagan, Assem Bolbol, Aya Aly, Esraa El Zokem, Layla Galal

The Challenge

The Suez Canal plays a vital role in Egyptian commerce and has tremendous geographic importance in world trade as one of the world's busiest shipping lanes and maritime choke points. According to the Suez Canal Authority (SCA)'s website, "2018–2019 showed the transit of approximately 19,000 vessels holding 1.2 billion tons of cargo onboard and revenues of USD \$6 billion." However, vessels pay approximately \$700,000 for one-way passage through the canal. Due to the high toll rates and global oil prices, commercial vessels are forgoing the shorter Suez Canal route in favor of longer transit around southern Africa. Timing-wise, this is a major loss for Egypt, which in 2015 completed an \$8.5 billion expansion of the canal to reduce transit times and in 2022 suffered considerable international bad press with the blockage of the M/V Evergreen container ship. As the COVID-19 pandemic has made clear, faster shipping times are key in keeping supply chains consistent for providing essential supplies in an era when global shipping trade has more demand and strain than ever.



Project Overview

Strive to incentivize ship operators to transit the Suez Canal by offering clean emission rebates to ships in compliance with the UN's IMO 2020 Sulphur Oxide (SOx) and 2030 Tier III maritime regulations, regarding Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) emissions. By offering a financial green emissions transit rebate incentive, Egypt would be a progressive leader in the green initiative—in keeping with their COP27 ambitions, while driving more commerce and business to the country. Advertising and marketing the Suez's new rebates would diplomatically demonstrate that Egypt is a global leader contributing to cleaner environmental policy initiatives.

The Goal

Support the Suez Canal in its role as a main navigation vein to attract more ships commanding a larger percentage of global trade by negotiating a Suez Canal greener fuel emissions incentive for vessels offered through a discounted rebate program. Work closely and garner support from Egyptian diplomatic trade representatives, Suez Canal Authority (SCA), International Chamber of Shipping, the UN's International Maritime Organization (IMO) regarding emissions standards, and private sector partners. Upon arrival, vessels would need to provide Egyptian authorities proof of their green emission certificates from the standards agencies. By capitalizing on this initiative, it would serve to promote Egypt as a greener country, which would also enable Egypt to access other financial resources, such as green climate funds, that could compensate for any revenue reduction that may occur in the initial implementation phase.

Population Served

Incentivizing a rebate for cleaner emissions would promote greener standards within the global maritime industry and decrease international fuel waste and CO2 emissions. By lessening ships navigating around Africa,

fewer ship operators would use the more harmful Bunker-C fuel oil for long haul transits alternatively using low sulphur diesel oil (MDO/MGO) used along coast lines. Moreover, the reduction in sulphur content in ship's fuel oil would be healthier for Egyptian communities, as well as those along the Mediterranean and Red Sea coastlines. Local Egyptian farming and fishing industries would also benefit from the reduction in ocean acidification, which would lessen harm to their crops and aquatic species. The initiative would also preserve the banks of the canal, beaches, and corals in nearby tourist locations. Benefits would also extend far beyond Egyptian shorelines and be felt globally as more vessels are financially incentivized to acquire cleaner fuel emission systems, during their transit.

Project Milestones

- Phase 1: Vet project to key high level persons in the maritime industry and SCA for feedback.
- Phase 2: Contact key players in the maritime Classification Societies for feedback and guidance on emission standards for ships and certifications needed.
- Phase 3: Implementation
 1. Q1 2023: Identify the appropriate point of contacts/schedulers within high level offices of the Egyptian Government and begin reaching out to offices to schedule high level meetings. Research agencies capable of providing a professional visibility study.
 2. Q2 2023: Hold high level meetings with the chief persons responsible for discussion, consideration, and initial approval highlighting the benefits for the country. Determine if professional visibility study to be commissioned (how, when, by whom) depending on feedback from high level Egyptian authorities.
 3. Q3-Q4 2023: Negotiate the terms or possible rebate opportunities as needed. Discuss probability of new clean emissions rates to apply to vessels by Q1 or Q2 of 2024.
 4. Q1 2024: New transit clean emission transit rates to go into effect January 1st, 2024.
- Phase 4: Assist Egypt with publicity and promotion of new policy in Q1 2024 through international maritime publications.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhance the Suez Canal's strategic position as a main navigation hub and increase the Suez Canal's share of the global trade industry
- Drive more business and tourism to Egypt
- Global environmental impact by decreasing international fuel waste and CO2 emissions through incentivized shipping route through Suez Canal versus around Africa
- Encourage greener standards within the global maritime industry
- Improve waterways and agricultural communities along the Red Sea and Mediterranean
- Enable Egypt to access additional resources such as green climate funds throughout marketing this initiative as a green initiative

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The project aligns with the Gabr Fellowship's goal of diplomacy and business leadership by highlighting Egypt's geographic and strategic importance in global trade, while bridging Eastern and Western relations through maritime commerce to tackle supply chain and global environmental concerns.

Women Artrepreneur Initiative

Team: Marielle Becker, Yomna El-Awamri, Menna El Touny, Mohammed Hassan, Kellie Quinn

The Challenge

Throughout history, women have been famous figures of artistic representation... as the subject matter rather than the creator. When we look at history books, we see that women artists are almost non-existent. Even in modern-day, female creators remain marginalized. Overall, 96% of artworks sold at auctions are by male artists. In addition to the difficulties of being an “artrepreneur,” women artisans face additional barriers in the entrepreneurship arena. Women entrepreneurs face a specific set of barriers given that they pursue entrepreneurship while often maintaining traditional roles of managing a home and family. The Women Artrepreneur Initiative aims to connect women artisan entrepreneurs together to discuss specific issues and access business education to strengthen their businesses, advancing women's equity in the arts.



Project Overview

The Women Artrepreneur Initiative seeks to support female artist entrepreneurs in both the United States and Egypt by designing and launching an online course tailored to their needs. The course will tackle issues in entrepreneurship, such as launching their businesses, personal branding, and financial literacy. The course will offer an opportunity to explore different artistic perspectives from both the East and West. Lastly, each topic will touch on the unique challenges women face every day and how to break the glass ceiling in the art world. This will be done by incorporating different pedagogies such as expert guest lecturers, projects, peer learning, and more. By the end of the course, a new network of female artists will have the needed skills and network to launch and grow their brands.

The Goals

The Women Artrepreneur Initiative aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Strengthen ties between Egyptian and American women entrepreneurs
- Build an entrepreneurial ecosystem for artisans expanding beyond borders
- Educate female entrepreneurs with best business practices
- Provide a safe space for woman entrepreneurs to discuss the unique barriers faced by women
- Increase the market share of female-produce art in the global art market

Population Served

The target population is female artists in both the US and Egypt who are interested in establishing or growing a business based on their craft. The initiative welcomes all ages, disciplines, and levels of experience.

Project Milestones

- Phase 1: Develop course curriculum & course schedule
- Phase 2: Obtain guest speakers for each course
- Phase 3: Marketing and recruitment of participants
- Phase 4: Pilot program launched

Expected Outcome

- To build the capacities of female artists in both Egypt and the US and prepare them for the industry's challenges
- To provide open-source online content tailored for female artists on entrepreneurship, art, mental health, and gender issues.
- To foster U.S.-Egypt cultural exchange by creating a network of women artist entrepreneurs.

Furthering the Foundation's Mission

The Women Artrepreneur Initiative furthers the Gabr Foundation's mission by creating a direct dialogue between the East and the West, connecting Egyptian and American women who are united in a common goal. The initiative aims to connect women artist entrepreneurs who likely have shared backgrounds as they navigate the common experience of gender, occupation, creativity, etc. Through this initiative, women will be able to enhance their skills and create a network full of opportunity that transcends borders. This course will allow them to connect, express themselves, share experiences, and learn more from one another. The exchange of cultural, professional, and personal resources between the two countries will create a pathway toward a more equitable future for Egyptian and American women alike.





2022 Gabr Fellowship Speakers

2022 Gabr Fellowship Egypt Program Speakers

Dr. Abdel Moenim Saied

Dr. Abdel Moneim Saied is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Al-Masry Al-Youm Publishing House. He is the former Chairman of the Board, CEO, and Director of the Regional Center for Strategic Studies in Cairo and former President of Al-Ahram Center for Political & Strategic Studies. Dr. Saied was a Research Fellow at the Brookings Institute, Washington DC, and a Research Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs – Harvard University. Dr. Saied is also a Senior Fellow in the Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University. He was a Political Advisor in the Amiri Diwan of Qatar, founded the Gulf Arab States Institute in Washington. Dr. Saied was also a Senator in the Egyptian Shoura Council. Dr. Saied has published books and articles on Arab relations with the regional and global orders, European integration, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. He has been a guest speaker in different conferences and Political programs.

Dr. Adel Adawy

Dr. Adel Adawy is the Economics and Political Science program director at Galala University, and also the founder of the Galala Youth Conferences series. He also lectures at The American University in Cairo, and the Egyptian Police Academy. He is the founder and executive director of the Cairo Center for African Studies think-tank. He previously served as the executive director of Egypt's International Economic Forum and was also a fellow at NATO Defense College in Rome. Dr. Adawy held several positions in prominent think-tanks in the US including the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, American Security Project, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Middle East Institute, and the International Research Center in Cairo. He received his Bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster, a Master's Degree in Political Science from AUC and his PhD from the Department of War Studies, King's College London.

Dr. Ahmad Dallal

Dr. Ahmed Dallal is President of The American University in Cairo. He is an accomplished academic leader and renowned scholar with U.S. and regional higher education expertise. Dr. Dallal is the former dean of Georgetown University in Qatar and served as provost at the American University of Beirut. A prominent scholar of Islamic studies, he has taught at AUB, Stanford University, Yale University, Smith College and Georgetown University, where he also served as Chair of the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies.

Dr. Ahmed Abdel Meguid

Dr. Ahmed Abdel-Meguid is the Associate Provost for Enrollment Management and a tenured professor of accounting at the American University in Cairo's School of Business – a Triple Crown school where he teaches financial accounting and auditing courses. He was the chair of the department of accounting and the director of the MBA Programs at AUC – School of Business. He previously taught financial accounting and auditing courses at Syracuse University, the German University in Cairo, and Ain Shams University. Dr. Abdel-Meguid was a consultant to the Egyptian Tax Authority – Ministry of Finance, a Secretariat of the Principles for Responsible Management Education of the UN and served on the Transparency and Integrity Committee of the Egyptian Ministry of State for Administrative Development.

2022 Gabr Fellowship

Egypt Program Speakers

Mr. Ahmed Adel

Mr. Ahmed Adel is Marketing Executive, Abercrombie & Kent, Egypt. Mr. Adel majored in Communications with a focus on Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Indianapolis. He started his career as a freelance copywriter working for various industries across Egypt creating press releases, website texts, newsletters, brochure content and more.

Dr. Ahmed Darwish

Dr. Ahmed Darwish is Former Minister of State for Administration Development and Former Chairman of the General Authority of the Suez Canal Economic Zone. His consulting work is on governance, policies and strategies, business and financial models and Information and Communication Technologies. Dr. Darwish has been a consultant to a number of international organizations (UNDP, UNIDO, WHO, UNICEF, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, ESCWA, European Union and World Bank), government organizations and companies in the Middle East, Europe and United States. He received many regional and global awards and he completed his Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from the University of California.

Mr. Ahmed El Alfi

Mr. Ahmed El Alfi is Founder and Chairman of Sawari Ventures, MENA region's leading startup accelerator. He has been an early stage/growth investor for over 30 years. Mr. El Alfi founded Hybrid Capital Partners where they funded, helped grow and exited several successful companies. Mr. Alfi founded Sawari Ventures, Flat6Labs, Nafham, and TATP. Nafham is the top Arabic online video educational platform covering the Egyptian, Saudi and Syrian public-school curriculums, and has given over 100 million free video lessons to students. Mr. El Alfi formed The Greek Campus; a 25,000 square meter office park where over 130 companies work and collaborate. In addition to Sawari Ventures' portfolio of investments, his current portfolio includes NeuroTrainer, Pacific Toxicology, as well as Zignal Labs.

Dr. Ahmed Farouk Ghoneim

Dr. Ahmed Farouk Ghoneim is Managing Executive Director of the Authority of the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization.

Dr. Ghoneim was advisor to the Minister of Planning and Economic Development, and a Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, a research fellow at the Economic Research Forum for Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey as well as at the Center for Social and Economic Research in Poland. He worked as a consultant to several international and national organizations including the World Bank, WTO, UNCTAD, UNDP, and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). He held different policy-oriented positions, among which was an advisor on foreign trade issues to the Minister of Foreign Trade and advisor to the Minister of Industry on foreign trade issues and international agreements. Dr. Ghoneim served as an advisor to several governments on different trade policy issues.

2022 Gabr Fellowship

Egypt Program Speakers

Ms. Christine Lawson

Ms. Christine Lawson is Minister Counselor, Political Affairs, Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. Prior to her arrival in Egypt, she was the Deputy Principal Officer at U.S. Consulate General in Dubai. She previously served as Director of the Office of Near Eastern Affairs in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and as the Political Chief for the Syria Transition Assistance Response Team, a joint Department of State and USAID platform based in Turkey. Additional assignments include Deputy Political Counselor in Baghdad, Iraq; head of Consulate General Mumbai's press team; Watch Officer in the Department of State's Operations Center; and Senior Lebanon Desk Officer in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Ms. Lawson was a Fulbright scholar in Madrid.

Ambassador Daniel Rubinstein

Ambassador Daniel Rubinstein is the Charge d'Affaires of the United States to the Arab Republic of Egypt. He previously served as Ambassador to Tunisia from 2015 to 2019. Earlier, he served as Special Envoy for Syria. Ambassador Rubinstein also served as Consul General and Chief of Mission in Jerusalem from 2009 to 2012, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan from 2005 to 2008, and as Chief of the Civilian Observer Unit in the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt. Earlier, he served as Director of the Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs in the Department of State from 2004 to 2005. Ambassador Rubinstein is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. He is fluent in Arabic.

Ms. Dina El Mofty

Ms. Dine El Mofty is the Founder of Injaz Egypt. She is a community builder, thought leader and angel investor who supports entrepreneurs to grow and scale their businesses. Nominated as one of the world's most influential young Arabs under 40 by Arabian Business, she is the founder of Injaz Egypt and Co-Founder at Soulfull, Egypt's largest celebration of health and wellness. She is a main judge on Egypt's Shark Tank promoting startups and entrepreneurs across Egypt. Ms. El Mofty is the recipient of the Young Achiever Award for 2017 by Arabian Business and the recipient of Top 50 Women in Business award in Egypt. She holds a Graduate degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, and pursued her undergraduate studies at Georgetown and graduated from The American University in Cairo.

Dr. Ehab Abdel-Rahman

Dr. Ehab Abdel-Rahman is the American University in Cairo Provost. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Physics from Helwan University, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Utah, where he previously served as a Research Assistant Professor and Postdoctoral fellow. Before coming to AUC, Dr. Abdel-Rahman worked as an Assistant Professor of Physics at Helwan University. He joined AUC as an Assistant Professor of Physics and four years later he became Chair of the Department. He served as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research in the School of Sciences and Engineering and Director of the Yousef Jameel Science and Technology Research Center. Dr. Abdel-Rahman has extensive research expertise in thermoacoustic and photonics. He has published more than 80 technical papers and reports and has acquired five U.S. patents.

2022 Gabr Fellowship

Egypt Program Speakers

Dr. Ellen Kenney

Dr. Ellen Kenney is Associate Professor and Chair of Islamic Art and Architecture in the Department of Arab and Islamic Civilizations at The American University in Cairo. Dr. Kenney was a research associate in the Department of Islamic Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She taught courses in Islamic art and architecture at New York University, Fordham University and the State University of New York's Fashion Institute of Technology.

Dr. Farid Fadel

Dr. Farid Fadel is an ophthalmologist and artist, and studied the violin for 10 years at the Cairo Conservatoire. Over the past 5 decades he has held over 60 solo exhibitions of his paintings and drawings in Egypt, USA, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, UK, Malawi and Dubai. Dr. Fadel focuses on naturalism in painting. He has written four books, the last of which is about his journey into the world of Leonardo da Vinci. He received several awards in Egypt, USA and the Vatican. His artwork hangs in museums, embassies and homes of collectors around the world.

Ms. Heba Helmy

Ms. Heba Helmy is Executive Managing Editor of Egypt Independent, the sister English-language website of Al-Masry Al-Youm daily, the country's flagship independent paper. She holds a master's degree in journalism from the American University in Cairo. Ms. Helmy writes for numerous local and foreign newspapers and websites, among which are Al-Ahram, Al-Masry Al-Youm, The Nation, Mideast Environment, The Student Room and Philstar. She is a speaker at various journalism-related conferences, a lecturer at the Canadian University in Egypt, in charge of giving an intensive, hands-on internship courses for students at the American University in Egypt.

Mr. Hisham El-Khazindar

Mr. Hisham El-Khazindar is Co-Founder and Managing Director of Al Qalaa Holdings, a leading investment company in Africa and the Middle East. Prior to co-founding Qalaa Holdings, Mr. El-Khazindar was Executive Director of Investment Banking at EFG and he was on secondment to Goldman Sachs in London. He served on the boards of several leading international, regional and Egyptian organizations and companies including the Emerging Markets Private Equity Associations, the Children's Cancer Hospital 57357, El Sewedy Electric, Sodiq and Magrabi Optical. He also serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American University in Cairo, as a Fellow of the Aspen Institute's Middle East Leadership Initiative, member of Harvard Business School's Global Advisory Board, and of the Young Presidents Organization. In 2013 Mr. El-Khazindar was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. He holds a BA in Economics from the American University in Cairo and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

2022 Gabr Fellowship

Egypt Program Speakers

Dr. Hossam Badrawi

Dr. Hossam Badrawi is a politician, physician, author and painter. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, and a professor at Cairo University's Faculty of Medicine. He previously chaired the Education Committee in the Egyptian Parliament, where he set the basics for education reform in the country. He chaired the OB/GYN department at Cairo University and served as a board member of the first National Council of Human Rights in Egypt. He earned a BS with honors from Kasr El-Aini School of Medicine and received his doctorate degree from the same University and from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He had his doctorate degree in Scanning Electron Microscope, on human endometrium, finished graduate studies at Northwest University in Chicago, and Boston University. He published 120 scientific papers and 7 books in his specialty and in education. Dr. Badrawi is also an artist and has more than 140 paintings. He has several publications and books about education, politics, and economy. Dr. Badrawi is also the co-founder of Arab Parliamentarians Against Corruption, and he chaired the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank. He initiated and was the Honorary Chair of the National Egyptian Competitive Council and Badrawi Foundation for Education and Development.

Ambassador Hossam Zaki

Ambassador Hossam Zaki is Assistant Secretary General of the Arab League. Prior to this, he served as Assistant Foreign Minister of Egypt for European Affairs from 2015 to 2016. From 2012 to 2015, he was Ambassador of Egypt to Brazil. He also served as senior advisor on the Middle East for successive Egyptian foreign ministers from 2007 to 2012. He was Deputy Chief of Mission and Counselor at the Egyptian Embassy in Rome, Deputy Director at the Israeli Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Official Spokesperson for the Secretary-General of the Arab League. Prior to that, Ambassador Zaki was Press Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and worked at the Embassy of Egypt in Washington, DC.

Dr. John Meloy

Dr. John Meloy is the dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences as well as a professor at the Department of Arab and Islamic Civilizations at the American University in Cairo. Dr. Meloy taught in the Department of History and Archaeology at The American University of Beirut, where he also served as chairperson of the Department of History and Archaeology, director of the Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, and Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Ms. Julia Fendrick

Ms. Julia Fendrick is the Cultural Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. A U.S. diplomat for over 17 years, she served most recently as the Counselor for Public Affairs in Islamabad, Pakistan. Previously, Ms. Fendrick was Cultural Attaché in Paris. She has also served at U.S. embassies in Japan, Denmark, Italy, and Libya. In 2015, she developed public outreach programs for the over six million visitors to the USA Pavilion at the World's Fair in Milan, Italy. Before joining the Foreign Service, Ms. Fendrick was director of a contemporary art gallery in Washington, D.C. and has worked as a journalist writing on contemporary American and Japanese art in Japan.

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Egypt Program Speakers

Dr. Karim Darwish

Dr. Darwish is Member of the Egyptian House of Representatives and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. He has been a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union of High-Level Advising Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (HLAG-CTVE). Dr. Darwish has a diverse background which starts in 1988 as a diplomat, then he joined the banking sector until he became Regional Manager for the Middle East for a number of international and European banks. He is a practicing lawyer and legal advisor since 1992. Currently, he is the Executive Partner of International Legal Consultants office, and a Member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs and many other non- governmental organizations and bodies.

Ambassador Karim Haggag

Ambassador Karim Haggag is Professor of Practice at the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP) at the AUC. He is a career Egyptian diplomat with over 25 years of service in Egypt's diplomatic corps. He is currently a Professor of Practice at the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP) at the American University in Cairo, and a non-resident fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Throughout his career, he 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 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 an MA in War Studies from King's College in London.

Mr. Karim El Shakankiry

Mr. Karim El Shakankiry is the CEO of Mind Coach Academy that works with leaders, athletes, and groups to discover the great potential of the mind to experience untapped results. He is a scholar in human development for over 30 years, an internationally renowned Master MIND Coach, self-development coach, author, trainer, motivator, writer, and public speaker. Mr. El Shakankiry founded the YesUcan organization in the late 90s, for personal and corporate coaching based in Montreal, Canada, and he is author of the book "Yes U Can".

Major General Khaled El-Azazy

Major General Khaled El-Azazy is the Public Relations Advisor to the Suez Canal Authority President, and the Head of the Suez Canal Company for Security and Guards. Major General El-Azazy started his career at the General Administration of Parliament and Shura Council Security, then he became the head of Security and Information Department at the Staff Officer Department. He was previously appointed the Director of the Media and Relations Department in Assiut Security Directorate.

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Ms. Lauren Lovelace

Ms. Lauren Lovelace is Minister Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy, Cairo. Previously, she served as a Senior Advisor and DoD Liaison for the EAP and SCA Front Offices, advising interagency leadership on Chief of Mission concurrence related to information operations. Ms. Lovelace is a four-time Public Affairs Officer: Cairo, Chennai, Dublin, and Dhaka. Other assignments include Director of the State Department's Transatlantic Diplomatic Fellowship program; Executive Director of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council at Georgetown University; Assistant Information Officer, Cairo, Egypt; Political Officer and Staff Assistant, New Delhi, India; Vice Consul, Mumbai, India; Special Assistant on UN Reform at USUN-NY. She is a graduate of Tufts University (BA), the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy (MALD), and the University of Kentucky (MPA).

Dr. May ElBatan

Dr. May ElBatan is an economic, political and technology foresight expert. She is the Co-Founder and CEO of TMA Education Management, Investment & Development. Dr. ElBatan was a member of the Egyptian House of Representatives and was elected as Egypt's youngest ever female chair of the communication and information technology committee. She was also elected as founder and executive member of the Support of Egypt coalition, Egypt's largest political lobby. Dr. ElBatan was elected by her peers as chair of the Egyptian Network of Parliamentarians of the World Bank and IMF. Dr. ElBatan serves as the academic advisor and international relations officer of the High Institute for Specific Studies HISS, a family-owned degree granting over 20000 students. She founded and chaired the CSR arm of the group; People Development Foundation PDF to promote youth employability, entrepreneurship, innovation and empowerment. Dr. ElBatan also founded and is a board member of the Egyptian Federation for Electronic Games.

Dr. Marianne Azer

Dr. Marianne Azer is Former Member of the Egyptian Parliament and Board Member of the Financial Regulatory Authority. She was the Advisor to the Minister of Communication and Information Technology for Strategic Initiatives. Moreover, Dr. Azer is an Associate Professor, and the Director of Information Center at the National Telecommunication Institute. Dr. Marianne is a Member of the National Committee on Governance within the African Peer Review Mechanism since 2017. She became the President then VP of Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) board in Egypt 2018–2022. Dr. Azer has more than 95 scientific publications worldwide in the field of Communications and Information Technology and Cyber Security and was a Member of the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP).

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Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem

Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem is Coordinator of the Working Group on the United Nations at the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Coordinator of the Council's Arab Region Group. Ambassador Salem has over 40 years of leadership experience in the fields of international affairs, social development, humanitarian relief operations, training and communications. He has undertaken multiple consultancies and training missions in different parts of the world in support of UN organizations, the League of Arab States and other organizations. He has also worked on organizational restructuring and reform exercises for governments and NGOs, as well as numerous contributions to international conferences and publications, particularly on socio-economic and political change in the Arab World. Ambassador Anis was UNICEF Representative in Syria, he worked as spokesperson for UNICEF's Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa, as well as leading its communication strategy. Ambassador Salem also worked at the Al-Ahram Centre for Strategic Studies, then the External Relations Department of the Egyptian Parliament. He joined the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a member of the Minister's Office, moving on to the Department of International Organizations, the Press Department then the London Embassy.

Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi

Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi is an Egyptian career diplomat and politician, and the Former Foreign Minister of Egypt. Ambassador El Orabi worked in the Egyptian Army before he joined the Foreign Service in 1976. He was the Deputy Chief of the Egyptian mission to Israel from 1994 to 1998 and in the US. Ambassador El Orabi also served in Kuwait and in the United Kingdom as an Egyptian diplomat. He served as Chief of the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister in 2000 with H.E. Amr Moussa and was an Egyptian Ambassador to Germany from 2001 to 2008. Ambassador El Orabi also acted as Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs. He was appointed Foreign Minister in June 2011. Currently, he serves as the President of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs.

General (Retired) Mohamed Elkeshky

General (Retired) Mohamed Elkeshky is Egypt's Former Assistant Minister of Defense. He is a decorated military veteran and diplomat with extensive experience in foreign relations, diplomacy, and strategy. General Elkeshky has completed his military experience where he advanced to the rank of Major General/ Assistant Defense Minister for External Affairs. General Elkeshky holds a master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University. He served in different posts including the command of a battalion in Desert Storm, deputy defense attaché in London, and military attaché in Washington DC. General Elkeshky has been awarded with the Legion of Merit from the President of the United States and the Order of the Republic award from the Egyptian government, among many other awards.

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Dr. Mohamed Kamal

Dr. Mohamed Kamal is Director of the Institute of Arab Research and Studies, and Professor of Political Science at Cairo University. He is a Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center of International Area Studies at Cairo University. Dr. Kamal served as the Director of American Studies Center, and Center of Area Studies at Cairo University. He was a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Chicago. He was a former Congressional Fellow with the American Political Science Association. Dr. Kamal obtained his PhD in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) and has several academic publications in both Arabic and English. He writes weekly columns for Al Masry Al Youm and Al Ahram newspapers.

Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid

Dr. Mona Makram-Ebeid is an Egyptian politician and academic. She is Professor of Political Science and Political Sociology at the American University of Cairo. Dr. Makram Ebeid is Former Member of Parliament and Senator of Egypt. She was a longtime member of the Wafd political party and became a member of the Egyptian Social Democratic Party. Dr. Makram-Ebeid received several international awards, including the Fulbright Scholarship, Aspen Institute Alumni, Salzburg Seminar Alumni, Woman of the Year Award from the Amadeus Organization of Morocco, Wilson Center for International Scholars Fellowship and France's Chevalier de la Legion D'Honneur. In addition to her prominence in politics, Dr. Makram-Ebeid held numerous notable positions including being an advisor to the World Bank, consultant to the Center for Strategic International Studies in Washington, President and Founder of the Association for the Advancement of Education, and advisor to Egypt's Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Dr. Noha Bakr

Dr. Noha Bakr is Member of the National Council of Human Rights and Member of the Supreme Council of Culture. She is a Political Science Professor at the American University in Cairo. Previously, she was the Assistant to the Minister of International Cooperation, in charge of international economic cooperation with Canada and the Americas. Dr. Bakr has worked as a consultant to different organizations such as UNDP, the African Union, Silencing the Guns, and Human Security Response to COVID-19 in North Africa. Dr. Bakr has been a member of the Steering Committee of the Tana Security Forum. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Egyptian Center for Strategic Studies, a Board Member of KEMET Botros Ghali Foundation, a Board Member of the Arab Net Work for Tolerance, a Member of the Egyptian Council of Foreign Relations, a Member of the Egyptian International Economic Forum. Dr. Bakr has a PhD in the interdisciplinary field of International Relations, International Organizations.

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Dr. Noha El-Mikawy

Dr. Noha El-Mikawy is Professor of Practice in the Public Policy and Administration Department and Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from The American University in Cairo. She holds a master's degree in comparative politics and international relations and a PhD in comparative politics from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. El-Mikawy returned to AUC following a 30-year professional career that combines academic service, publication, policy advising, and knowledge production, as well as strategic and management experience in a leading US funding agency. Dr. El-Mikawy was the regional director of the Ford Foundation for the Middle East and North Africa. She previously worked with UNDP's Bureau of Development Policy and Regional Bureau of Arab States as the regional policy advisor.

Dr. Nourhan Moussa

Dr. Nourhan Moussa is a legal and business consultant, as well as a 2014 Gabr Fellow. Dr. Moussa specializes in intellectual property and cybersecurity. She has more than 10 years of experience in the Egyptian legal system as a law professor and a lawyer. Dr. Moussa has gained international experience serving on several International Projects with UN- Women, UNDP, UNFPA, EU, and USAID.

Admiral Osama Rabie

Admiral Osama Rabie is Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority. He was the commander of the Naval Forces, where he served in several posts at the Naval Operations Division. Admiral Rabie also served as the Head of Maritime Organization and Administration. He served as the Chief of Naval Base in Alexandria, and prior to that he was appointed as the Head of Operations and Training Sweepers Group. He spent over 40 years serving Egypt where he was appointed in different positions.

Ms. Randa Fouad

Ms. Randa Fouad is the President of the World Art Forum for Development Foundation, World Art Forum, and Sheranda World Art. She started her career after graduating from the Faculty of Economics and Political Science in Cairo University as a Development Communication Expert at the UN then headed the London Times in the Middle East. She later oversaw the implementation of Urban UN Management Program in the Arab Region and became an Advisor to several Egyptian Ministers of Environment while heading The Arab Media Forum for Environment and Development. In 2012, Ms. Fouad shifted her career to Arts merged with social issues. She participated in more than 50 group exhibitions in Egypt and abroad in addition to organizing solo exhibitions. Ms. Fouad co-founded and became President of Sheranda world Art and World Art Forum (WAF), then transferred the World Art Forum into a nonprofit Foundation. Ms. Fouad received Women of the World International Award in 2022.

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H.E. Minister Sameh Shoukry

H.E. Minister Sameh Shoukry is Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt since 2014. Minister Shoukry has been a diplomat since 1978. He served as the Ambassador of Egypt to the United States of America from 2008 to 2012 where he had an eloquent role in the US-Egypt relations. H.E. Sameh Shoukry served as a Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva. He was the Head of Delegation to the Second Preparatory Committee for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2007, as well as the Coordinator of the “New Agenda Coalition” of the Conference on Disarmament in 2006. In addition to serving as the Ambassador of Egypt to Austria, and permanent Representative of Egypt to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna, he was appointed the Governor of Egypt in the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Moreover, H.E. Sameh Shoukry had an important role in his post as the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization 1999–2003, and Head of Delegation on the negotiations of the “International Treaty of Combat Transnational Organized Crime”, Vienna in 2000.

Eng. Sherif El Sherbini

Eng. Sherif El Sherbini is Head of the New Administrative Capital Development Authority. He was previously the Head of 6th of October City Authority, Head of Shorouk City Authority, Deputy Head of New Cairo City Authority, and before that he was the Deputy Head of Badr City Authority. Eng. El Sherbini was appointed in different positions serving the new cities’ authorities during the planning, designing, and execution phases.

Mr. Ziad Aly

Mr. Ziad Aly is Chairman and CEO of Peacock Investment Holdings. Based on over 30 years of experience supporting more than 30 start-ups, Mr. Aly has lead companies such as Aramex and Vodafone through exponential growth. He has launched the 2043 Project with a mission of developing solutions and applications for the future. The 2043 Project will be a talent magnet attracting top talent from around the world to work collaboratively on hacking big existential challenges in the fields of health, education, renewables, water, and AI. Mr. Aly is currently leading the Peacock Power which is a 2043 Project company that specializes in renewables and water. He is also developing Ambrosia which is another 2043 Project that has a longevity and a health platform.

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Dr. Aaron Lobel

Dr. Aaron Lobel, a media entrepreneur and international affairs scholar, is the founder and president of America Abroad Media (AAM), a global media organization. AAM's mission is to empower and support local voices that convey universal values through creative content and media programming. Dr. Lobel has built AAM into an international media network, headquartered in Washington D.C., that reaches large scale audiences through innovative partnerships with leading media outlets in the United States and around the world. Dr. Lobel received his Ph.D. in International Affairs from Harvard University's Department of Government. Dr. Lobel is a consultant to the Foreign Policy Project at the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) and a member of the BPC's US-Middle East Task Force. He is also the CEO of ARL consulting, which advises organizations in the areas of leadership, management, fundraising, organizational development, and communications.

Lieutenant Colonel Adam Christenson

Lieutenant Colonel Adam Christenson is the Director of the Strategic Wargaming Division at the National Defense University's Center for Applied Strategic Learning (NDU-CASL). He joined CASL in March 2020. LTC Christenson is also a U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer (FAO) specializing in Latin America. He has experience serving on the Joint Staff's directorate of Strategy, Plans, and Policy, where he frequently interfaced directly with the U.S. National Security Council, and other federal security, emergency management, law enforcement, and intelligence agencies. Prior to his career as a FAO, LTC Christenson served as an infantry officer and later as a logistics officer. He has served in South Korea, Italy, and Afghanistan. As a FAO, LTC Christenson was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina as an operations officer for the Security Cooperation Office (Military Group). LTC Christenson is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York (2004) with a B.S. in International Politics, and has his M.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles (2015).

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, Mr. Berkeley was a General Partner of Alex Brown & Sons. He has served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. 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.

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American Program Speakers

Dr. Anthony Cordesman

Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman is the Emeritus Chair in Strategy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). He has previously served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, the State Department, and the Department of Energy. Dr. Cordesman also served as the national security assistant to Senator John McCain, and he previously held the position of adjunct professor at Georgetown University. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. During his career, he has held assignments in the U.S. embassy in London, the U.S. embassy in Iran, and in official assignments elsewhere in the Middle East. Dr. Cordesman also served as a consultant to the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), worked on force planning and net assessment in the NATO International Staff, and held a position as an analyst on security developments in China and Asia. During his time at CSIS, Dr. Cordesman previously held the Burke Chair in Strategy. He has led studies on national missile defense, asymmetric warfare and weapons of mass destruction, and critical infrastructure protection. Dr. Cordesman is the author of more than 50 books, including a four-volume series on the lessons of modern war. He earned his B.A. from the University of Chicago, his M.A. from the Fletcher School, Tufts University, and his Ph.D. from the University of London.

Ms. Ayat Soliman

Ms. Ayat Soliman is the World Bank's Regional Director for Sustainable Development for Eastern and Southern Africa. Ms. Soliman has over 25 years of experience working on sustainable development issues at the World Bank, United Nations and private sector. In her current assignment, Ms. Soliman is in charge of setting the policy direction, fostering partnerships and ensuring the integrated delivery of sustainable development programs in the 26 countries in the region. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Soliman served as the Regional Director for Sustainable Development in the Middle East and North Africa region and was the Global Director in the Water Global Practice. She has also worked in the Latin America and Caribbean and Africa regions, and held positions of technical and managerial leadership. Ms. Soliman holds an MSc and BSc in Environmental and Mechanical Engineering from the American University in Cairo.

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock is an American attorney and politician who served as the U.S. representative for Virginia's 10th congressional district from 2015 to 2019. A member of the Republican Party, she was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 2010 to 2014. Congresswoman Comstock has worked in numerous positions for various government agencies, including as chief counsel of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, as director of public affairs at the Department of Justice and as a congressional staffer. In 2019, she joined the lobbying firm Baker Donelson as a senior advisor.

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Congressman Bart Gordon

Congressman Bart Gordon is currently a partner at K&L Gates in the Washington, D.C. office after 26 years representing the state of Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Gordon served as Chairman of the House Committee on Science and Technology from 2007 to 2010. He was also a senior member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and served on the House Committee on Financial Services and the House Committee on Rules, Transatlantic Parliamentary Dialogue, and NATO Parliamentary Assembly. In 2012, Congressman Gordon received the Insignia of Officier de la Légion d'Honneur. In 2012 he also received an honorary Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and in May of 2013 he received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater Middle Tennessee State University. Congressman Gordon served as Executive Director of the Tennessee Democratic Party in 1979 and state party Chairman from 1981 to 1983. Congressman Gordon was a lawyer in private practice. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1971 to 1972.

Dr. Robert (Bob) Kadlec

Dr. Robert Kadlec is currently a Senior Policy Advisor for Senator Richard Burr, heading an investigation into the origins of COVID-19. He is the former Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). The ASPR serves as the Secretary's principal advisor on matters related to public health emergencies, including bioterrorism. Dr. Kadlec spent more than 20 years as a career officer and physician in the U.S. Air Force before retiring as a Colonel. Over the course of his career, he has held senior positions in the White House, the U.S. Senate, and the Department of Defense. He served as the Deputy Staff Director to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Dr. Kadlec holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a doctorate of medicine and a master's degree in tropical medicine and hygiene from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, as well as a master's degree in national security studies from Georgetown University.

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.

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Mr. Carlos DeJuana

Mr. Carlos DeJuana is the Policy Coordinator for the MENA Region at the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation. He is a former journalist with over 25 years of experience leading teams, achieving strategic objectives, and advising senior officials on Middle East and Latin America issues. Mr. DeJuana spent over 13 years at the U.S. Department of State, worked in the U.S. Senate, and at the U.S. Department of Treasury. He spent 7 years as a journalist for Reuters. He earned his Master's in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and his Bachelor's from Rice University.

Lieutenant General Charles Hooper (Ret.)

Lieutenant General Charles Hooper (Ret.) joined The Cohen Group as a Senior Counselor in 2020 following a distinguished 41-year military career. The Cohen Group provides global business consulting services and advice on tactical and strategic opportunities. He most recently served as the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA). LTG Hooper's 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 he earned an MPA from Harvard University.

Mr. Chris Stirewalt

Mr. Chris Stirewalt is a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he focuses on American politics, voting trends, public opinion, and the media. He is concurrently a contributing editor and weekly columnist for The Dispatch. Before joining AEI, Mr. Stirewalt was political editor of Fox News Channel. Before joining Fox News Channel, Mr. Stirewalt served as political editor of the Washington Examiner. He also served as political editor of the Charleston Daily Mail and West Virginia Media. Mr. Stirewalt began his career at the Wheeling Intelligencer in West Virginia. He is the author of *Every Man a King: A Short, Colorful History of American Populists*. Mr. Stirewalt is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, where he studied history.

Dr. Christopher Chivvis

Dr. Christopher Chivvis is a Senior Fellow and Director of the American Statecraft Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He has more than two decades of experience working on U.S. foreign policy and national security challenges. Dr. Chivvis most recently served as the U.S. national intelligence officer for Europe. Before joining the National Intelligence Council, he was the deputy head of the RAND Corporation's international security program and worked in the Defense Department. He also has held positions at multiple universities and think tanks in the United States and Europe. Dr. Chivvis is also the author of three scholarly books and several monographs and articles. His commentary has appeared in the New York Times, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, the National Interest, National Public Radio, and several other outlets. Dr. Chivvis holds a PhD from Johns Hopkins University, where he teaches courses on international history and U.S. foreign policy.

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American Program Speakers

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann is a Republican politician who represents the 3rd District of Tennessee. Congressman Fleischmann earned his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Illinois. He received both Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude honors. He then went to the University of Tennessee law school where he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence. For 24 years Congressman Fleischmann and his wife ran a small business together in Chattanooga after they both graduated from law school at the University of Tennessee. Congressman Fleischmann has served on the board of the National Craniofacial Association and on the board of the Cherokee Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. He has also served as the president of the Chattanooga Bar Association and chairman of the Chattanooga Lawyers Pro Bono Committee.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Dana Stroul

Ms. Dana Stroul is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for the Middle East. In this role, she leads the development of U.S. Department of Defense Policy and Strategy for Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Previously, Ms. Stroul was the Shelly and Michael Kassen Fellow in The Washington Institute's Beth and David Geduld Program on Arab Politics. In 2019, Ms. Stroul served as co-chair of the bipartisan Syria Study Group. From 2013–2018, she served as a senior professional staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where she covered the Middle East, North Africa, and Turkey. Before working on Capitol Hill, Ms. Stroul served in the Middle East policy office of the Secretary of Defense. Ms. Stroul also worked at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo on economic-political affairs, at the U.S. Institute of Peace on civilian-military relations in Iraq, and at the National Democratic Institute on Gulf Affairs. Ms. Stroul holds a Master of Science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia in Middle East Studies and Religious Studies.

Congressman Darrell Issa

Congressman Darrell Issa represents California's 50th Congressional District in the U.S. 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 a senior member of the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Originally from Ohio, Congressman Issa enlisted in the U.S. Army when he was a senior in high school. Through his military service, he received an ROTC scholarship and graduated with a degree in business from Sienna Heights University in Adrian, Michigan. Upon graduation, Congressman Issa was commissioned as an Army officer, and ultimately obtained the rank of captain. He completed his active-duty military service in 1980 and turned his interests to the private sector.

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Mr. David Wicks

Mr. David Wicks is Vice President of the NASDAQ MarketSite, Global programs and events – and products and strategy. In this role, Mr. Wicks manages all aspects of NASDAQ's Times Square facility including the NASDAQ Tower, one of the largest stationary video screens in the world. He also oversees all global events for the Global Corporate Client Group and manages the Market Intelligence Desk, and NASDAQ affinity program. He has spent over 20 years in the securities industry in a variety of analytical, marketing and sales roles. Mr. Wicks holds a BA in Economics from Long Island University and an MBA from the NYU Stern School of Business.

Congresswoman Debbie Lesko

Congresswoman Debbie Lesko represents Arizona's 8th Congressional District. In May 2018, she was sworn in to the U.S. House of Representatives after winning a special election and was recently reelected for her second full term. For the 117th Congress, Congresswoman Lesko serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce where she serves on the Subcommittee on Energy and the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. Congresswoman Lesko was appointed by Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy as Leader Designee to the Republican Steering Committee, the committee tasked with assigning Republican members to the various committees of the House. In addition, she was appointed to serve as an Assistant Whip for the 117th Congress. She also serves as a Co-Chair of the Women in STEM Caucus and Co-Chair of the Crime Survivors and Justice Caucus. Prior to her role in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congresswoman Lesko served in the Arizona Legislature for nine years. Congresswoman Lesko received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Diana Patch

Dr. Diana Patch is the Curator in Charge of the Department of Egyptian Art at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. She received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania with a dissertation on settlement patterns and early state development. She curated *The Dawn of Egyptian Art* (2012), exploring the contributions of Predynastic art to Pharaonic culture, and *Cleopatra's Needle* (2013–14), celebrating the Central Park icon. In 2017–18, she co-curated *Jewelry: The Body Transformed*. She also co-curated the reinstallation of the Predynastic and Early Dynastic gallery (2003). Patch teaches and lectures frequently. She has carried out extensive fieldwork in Egypt, and directs the Joint Expedition to Malqata (2008–19), the festival-city of Amenhotep III in Thebes.

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger is serving his tenth term in the United States House of Representatives for the citizens of Maryland's 2nd District. He currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee, on the Defense subcommittee, the Homeland Security as well as the Commerce, Justice and Science subcommittees. Congressman Ruppersberger previously served 12 years on the House Intelligence Committee, including four as Ranking Member. He was first elected to the Baltimore County Council in 1985 and again in 1989, chosen twice as council chairman. He was elected Baltimore County Executive in 1994 and 1998. In all, Congressman Ruppersberger has served in public office for 36 years. He attended the University of Maryland College Park, and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore Law School.

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Senator Ed Markey

Senator Edward Markey is the U.S. Senator for Massachusetts. He is a consumer champion and leader on energy, environmental protection, and telecommunications policy. Prior to joining the Senate, Senator Markey 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.

Ms. Elizabeth Dent

Ms. Elizabeth Dent is the Director for the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula in the Middle East policy office of the Secretary of Defense, and a 2015 Gabr Fellow. Her other roles at DoD have included serving as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and the Defeat ISIS Coalition Team Lead. She was previously a non-resident scholar with the Middle East Institute's Countering Terrorism and Extremism program and a consultant with NTT Data. Prior to that, she served as the Special Assistant to the Special Presidential Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS. Ms. Dent worked on ISIS at the Department of State starting in 2014. She began her career at the Bureau of Diplomatic Security. Ms. Dent received her M.A. in International Affairs from American University in Washington, DC. She also holds a bachelor's degree in History and Political Science with a focus on Middle Eastern Studies from Miami University.

Mr. Emmanuel Guillory

Mr. Emmanuel A. Guillory is the Director of Student and Institutional Aid Policy at the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). Mr. Guillory joined NAICU after spending two years as the Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs at UNCF (United Negro College Fund). Prior to joining UNCF, Mr. Guillory served in several roles while working in the U.S. House of Representatives for nearly 10 years. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a professional certificate in Leadership Studies from Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. Following Texas A&M, he earned a Master of Arts degree in College Student Personnel (Higher Education Administration) from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH.

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 Georgette Mosbacher

Ambassador Georgette Mosbacher is an American business executive, entrepreneur, political activist who served as the U.S. Ambassador to Poland from 2018 to 2021. She is the chair of the Green Beret Foundation advisory board, and a Fox News contributor. On November 19, 2015, President Barack Obama nominated Ambassador Mosbacher as a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. She started her career as an executive in 1987 when she purchased the cosmetics firm La Prairie. She founded Georgette Mosbacher Enterprises, her own business and finance consulting company, and from 2000 to 2015 she served as CEO of Borghese, a cosmetics manufacturer based in New York City. Ambassador Mosbacher authored two motivational books for women: *Feminine Force* and *It Takes Money Honey*.

Ambassador Gordon Gray

Ambassador Gordon Gray is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and Professor of Practice at Penn State's School of International Affairs. 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. Graeme Bannerman

Dr. Graeme Bannerman is the founder of Bannerman Associates, an international consulting firm. He is a former staffer for Middle East and South Asia on U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee (1979–1987), as well as a former Middle East analyst on U.S. State Department Policy Planning Staff. Dr. Bannerman previously taught at several universities, including Georgetown University, the George Washington University, and the American University of Beirut. He has served as international observer of elections in Georgia, the Philippines, Haiti, Pakistan, West Bank/Gaza, Mongolia and Yemen. He received his B.A. from Northwestern University, M.A. from the American University of Beirut, M.A. from the University of Wisconsin, and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Ignacio DeLeon

Dr. Ignacio De Leon is the CEO of the Kozolchuk National Law Center. Dr. De Leon is an innovation commercialization, Intellectual Property (IP), early stage entrepreneurial finance, and private sector development strategist. As Lead Innovation Specialist at the Interamerican Development Bank between 2012–2017, Dr. De Leon managed the Inter-American Development Bank's competitiveness policy in Guatemala. As Team Leader, he provided the strategic planning, management, supervision, and budgeting in the execution of a \$29M loan operation for the promotion of SME development, including the development and supervision of 7 SBDCs in the country; trade and investment liberalization; productive infrastructure; innovation and entrepreneurship promotion and territorial competitiveness. He earned his PhD in Laws from University College London, holds a Master in Entrepreneurial Economics (Cum Laude) from Universidad Francisco Marroquin (Guatemala), as well as an LLM (Master of Laws) from Queen Mary College, University of London.

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Ms. Ivanna Vladkova Hollar

Ms. Ivanna Vladkova Hollar is Assistant Director in the Middle East and Central Asia Department and the Mission Chief to Egypt at the International Monetary Fund. She previously headed the teams on Ukraine, Moldova and North Macedonia in the European Department. Before that, she has worked on a wide range of countries, including Portugal, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Seychelles, the United Kingdom, and Albania. Ms. Vladkova Hollar joined the IMF in 2002. She holds a PhD in Economics from George Washington University.

Mr. Jake Levine

Mr. Jake Levine serves as Chief Climate Officer of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, where he leads the agency's climate team, and is responsible for setting the vision for and implementing DFC's climate finance agenda. Mr. Levine is an attorney by training. He previously served in government in the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change, and later as Senior Counsel to California State Senator Fran Pavley. Mr. Levine also served as Chief of Staff to the President of Opower, a software firm (now Oracle Utilities) that uses big data and behavioral science technology to help consumers save energy. Mr. Levine sits on the Board of Grid Alternatives of Los Angeles, a non-profit focused on creating jobs in the clean energy transition, and is an advisor to the California Climate Action Corps, a statewide service corps focused on climate resilience in underserved communities. Levine holds a B.A. from Harvard College and a law degree from Harvard Law School.

Mr. Jameel Johnson

Mr. Jameel Johnson is the Associate Vice President of Government Relations at NASDAQ, Inc. Before he came to Nasdaq, Mr. Johnson served as Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Gregory W. Meeks (NY) who is a member of the House Financial Services Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee. He is also the former President of the House of Representatives Chiefs of Staff Association. Mr. Johnson is the former Executive Director of the Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation, a non-profit community development organization, as well as having been a staffer to former Congressman Floyd H. Flake (NY). He holds an MBA in International Finance from St. John's University and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Virginia.

Ambassador John Negroponte

Ambassador John Negroponte is an American diplomat. He is currently a James R. Schlesinger Distinguished Professor at the Miller Center for Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. He is a former J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Professor of International Affairs at the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. Prior to this appointment, he served as a research fellow and lecturer in international affairs at Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, United States Deputy Secretary of State (2007–2009), and the first ever Director of National Intelligence (2005–2007). Ambassador Negroponte served in the U.S. Foreign Service from 1960 to 1997. From 1981 to 1996, he had tours of duty as U.S. Ambassador in Honduras, Mexico, and the Philippines. After leaving the Foreign Service, he subsequently served in the Bush Administration as U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 2001 to 2004, and was Ambassador to Iraq from June 2004 to April 2005. Ambassador Negroponte received his Bachelor's from Yale. He attended one semester at Harvard Law before joining the U.S. Foreign Service.

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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. Dr. Golden is the Convener of the Certificate in Conflict Resolution and Leadership. He received his PhD in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Josh Harris

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Josh Harris works in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, with responsibility for Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service in July 2022. DAS Harris previously served as Director for North African Affairs at the National Security Council in 2021–2022, coordinating the development and implementation of U.S. policies toward the Maghreb region. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission, and frequently Chargé d'Affaires, at U.S. Embassy Tripoli, Libya and the Libya External Office in Tunis, Tunisia from 2019 to 2021. Previously, he served as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and Director of the Office of Maghreb Affairs in the Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. DSA Harris also served as the Policy Director to the Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and the Director for Iraq at the National Security Council. He is a graduate of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Congresswoman Kathleen Rice

Congresswoman Kathleen Rice represents New York's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. First elected to Congress in 2014, Congresswoman Rice is a member of the Homeland Security Committee and the Veterans' Affairs Committee. For the 117th Congress, Congresswoman Rice was named to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Prior to Congress, Congresswoman Rice ran for District Attorney of Nassau County in 2005, becoming the first woman elected District Attorney in Long Island history. She served as District Attorney from 2006 to 2014. Congresswoman Rice began her career in public service as an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn, NY. In 1999, she was appointed an Assistant U.S. Attorney, where she went on to an award-winning career as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Department of Justice's Philadelphia office. Congresswoman Rice is a graduate of the Catholic University of America (1987) and earned her law degree from Touro Law Center (1991).

Ambassador Maged 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.

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Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart

Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart is currently fulfilling his 10th term in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving Florida's 25th congressional district. Congressman Diaz-Balart is a senior member of the House Committee on Appropriations, and he is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, in addition to serving on the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs and Defense Subcommittees. He studied Political Science at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

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. Mark Wrighton

Dr. Mark S. Wrighton was elected President of the George Washington University in January 2022. For almost 24 years (July 1995–May 2019), Dr. Wrighton served as the 14th Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Wrighton started his career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1972 as Assistant Professor of Chemistry. He was appointed Associate Professor in 1976 and Professor in 1977. From 1981 until 1989, he held the Frederick G. Keyes Chair in Chemistry. He was Head of the Department of Chemistry from 1987–1990 and became Provost of MIT in 1990, a post he held until 1995. Dr. Wrighton received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Florida State University and his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology.

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.

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Mr. Matt Leipzig

Mr. Matt Leipzig is the Founder and Partner at Original Artists, founded in 1993, which is the premiere boutique literary agency in the entertainment industry. Mr. Leipzig broke into the entertainment industry at New Horizons Pictures, where he eventually ran development and production. He then worked at Price Entertainment and at Sony, where as Vice President of Production he was involved with projects including *Boyz in the Hood* and *My Girl*. Subsequently, at Warner Brothers-based Jerry Weintraub productions, he worked on *The Avengers*, *Soldier*, and *Ocean's 11*.

Mr. Matt Wollman

Mr. Matt J. Wollman is Chairman and CEO of Strategic Services International, Inc., a global security consultancy and advisory firm. Mr. Wollman is an entrepreneur, corporate strategist, internationalist, public safety expert and author with more than thirty years' experience in international business leadership, strategic development and management in both the private and public sectors. Wollman is the former Chairman and CEO of Interactive Health, LLC, a company he founded in 1979 that specialized in innovating the healthcare, consumer electronics, and robotics industries. Mr. Wollman has had a distinguished career in public service dating back to 1999 when he began working with the Los Angeles Police Department through its Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau. In 2005 he transferred to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a sworn Special Advisor and S/R Chief of the International Police Bureau. From 2016–2020 he served as Reserve Commander, International Affairs, with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office until his retirement from Law Enforcement in 2020. Mr. Wollman recently concluded 12 years as an Advisory Board Member at the RAND Corporation's Center for Global Risk and Security where he co-authored *Moving Toward the Future of Policing*.

Congressman Michael McCaul

Michael Thomas McCaul Sr. is an American attorney and politician serving as the U.S. representative for Texas's 10th congressional district since 2005. At the beginning of the 118th Congress, Congressman McCaul became the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Congressman McCaul served as the Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security during the 113th, 115th, and 116th Congresses. Prior to Congress, Congressman McCaul served as Chief of Counter Terrorism and National Security in the U.S. Attorney's office, Western District of Texas. He also served as Texas Deputy Attorney General under current U.S. Senator John Cornyn, and served as a federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section in Washington, DC. Congressman McCaul earned a B.A. in Business and History from Trinity University and holds a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law.

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. Ms. Mabrouk 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. Moon Sulfab

Moon Yousif Sulfab is Administrator of Information Technology at the office of U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell. Mr Sulfab is also a Ph.D. student at the School of Public and International Affairs at Virginia Tech. He's a full-time U.S Senate staffer and a technology professional with more than 20 years of experience in the U.S. Congress. Mr. Sulfab earned his Bachelor of Science in Information Systems from Marymount University. He has two master's degrees: a Master's in Information Systems Management from Marymount University School and a Master of Arts in National Security Studies with a concentration in Cyber Security Policy from the American Military University. Additionally, he has two graduate certificates from the Air Force Command Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Ambassador Motaz Zahran

Ambassador Motaz Zahran is the current Ambassador of Egypt to the United States. He formerly served as the Assistant Foreign Minister and Chief of Cabinet at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt. He was the Ambassador of Egypt to Canada, and had held numerous positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister, and previously as Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the Middle East Peace Process, Palestine, Israel and Egypt's relations with the United States of America. He had also served at the Embassy of Egypt in Washington DC (2007–2011), as a Political Counselor and Congressional Affairs Officer, and Chargé d'Affaires. He is currently a member on the UNSG's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (ABDM), as well as a member on the Board of Trustees, UNIDIR. Ambassador Zahran is a graduate of Law School, holding a degree from University Mohamed V in Rabat, Morocco, and prior to joining Foreign Service, he practiced law in Cairo, Egypt.

Ms. Nihal Saad

Ms. Nihal Saad is Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for the High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC). Ms. Saad is the Head of the Organizing Committee of UNAOC Forums. Previously, she was the Spokesperson for the 66th President of the UN General Assembly. With more than 22 years of experience in journalism, Ms. Saad was the Head of the Press and Information Bureau at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN. She holds a Master degree in TV Journalism from the American University (Cairo) and a Diploma in Linguistics from Ain Shams University (Cairo). She has moderated several panel discussions in international and regional meetings.

Dr. Nisreen Farhan

Dr. Nisreen Farhan is Chief of Public Affairs at the International Monetary Fund. She started working at the IMF in 2001, serving as an Advisor at the Executive Board. She participated in policy deliberations and overall policy formulation at the IMF and worked as an Economist in the Middle East region and in Africa, working on a range of countries. Ms. Farhan's experience at the IMF then led to work on IMF strategy, policy, and review of operations. Prior to the IMF, Ms. Farhan taught economics at the University of Durham to undergraduate students (1999). She also worked as an Economist at the Central Bank of Jordan (1995). Dr. Farhan holds a BA and MA from the University of London and a PhD in Economics from Durham University Business School.

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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.

Lieutenant General Michael Plehn

Lieutenant General Michael T. Plehn is the 17th President of the National Defense University. As President of NDU, Lt. Gen. Plehn oversees its five component colleges that offer graduate-level degrees and certifications in joint professional military education to more than 2,000 U.S. military officers, civilian government officials, international military officers and industry partners annually. Lt. Gen. Plehn attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and graduated from the Academy with Military Distinction and a degree in Astronautical Engineering in 1988. He has extensive experience in joint, interagency and special operations assignments. He is a master navigator with 2,200 flight hours and more than 350 combat hours supporting operations over Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mr. Peter Wright

Peter Wright is an environmental lawyer, partner in the environmental practice group Barnes & Thornburg LLP. Mr Wright is the former Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Land and Emergency Management. Prior to this position, he served as Special Counsel to the Administrator when he joined the agency in July 2018. Prior to EPA, Mr. Wright worked for Dow Chemical Company as managing counsel for environmental, health and safety matters, he worked for Bryan Cave LLP and Monsanto in St. Louis, Missouri. He started his career as an environmental law associate with Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Wright has been a leader of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. He earned his J.D. from Indiana University and his A.B. from Wabash College.

Mr. Richard Blackstone

Mr. Richard Blackstone is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Blackstone Entertainment. Mr 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.

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Mr. Robert Meyer

Mr. Robert Meyer leads the Development, Marketing and Parishioner Affairs Office at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He began this role in the summer of 2020 and has raised nearly \$20 million for the Cathedral in that time. In his previous roles, he served as the Senior Director of Annual Giving at Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health in Philadelphia, PA and at Fordham University in New York, NY.

Congressman Robert Pittenger

Congressman Robert Pittenger is a businessman and American politician who was the U.S. Representative for North Carolina's 9th congressional district from 2013 to 2019. While in Congress, he focused on national security, foreign investment reform, tax reform, and religious freedom. He served as Chairman of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, and as Vice Chairman of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance. Upon graduating from the University of Texas, Congressman Pittenger worked for 10 years as Assistant to the President of Campus Crusade for Christ before becoming a real estate investor.

Mr. Scott Mason

Mr. Scott Mason is a Senior Policy Advisor in Holland & Knight's Washington, D.C. office. Mr. Mason has served in senior public and government affairs roles in Washington, D.C., North Carolina, Florida, and Texas for more than 25 years. Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Mr. Mason served as the director of congressional relations for a major Republican presidential campaign in 2016, as well as the 2016 presidential transition team. In these roles, Mr. Mason was responsible for all congressional relations between the campaign and transition team and Republicans on Capitol Hill. Prior to joining the presidential campaign, Mr. Mason served as vice president of government affairs for Fortune 50 home improvement retailer Lowe's Companies Inc., leading the local, state and federal government affairs program from 2005 to 2015.

Mr. Rhett Dawson

Mr. Rhett Dawson is currently a Senior Advisor at Ervin Graves Strategy Group. He is formerly President and CEO of the Information Technology Council. In the Reagan White House, Mr. Dawson was Assistant to the President for Operations. Prior to joining the White House staff, Mr. Dawson was Director of the President's Special Review Board which investigated and reported detailed findings on the Iran-Contra affair. Mr. Dawson joined the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee serving as Staff Director and Chief Counsel under Chairman John Tower (R-TX). Trained as a counterintelligence officer, he was the chief legal officer of the Army military intelligence group headquartered in Munich. Mr. Dawson is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, which recognized him as the Alumnus of the Year in 2001. He earned his law degree at the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis and is a member of the Missouri Bar as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

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Dr. Robert Satloff

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*. Dr. Satloff has a PhD from the University of Oxford.

Ms. Robin Farber

Ms. Robin Farber is the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue Private Events and Operations Manager. She joined Sixth and I in 2012. Since joining the Sixth and I team, Ms. Faber has channeled her combined love for Judaism and people by coordinating private and public events including Not Your Bubbe's Sisterhood and Trivia Night. She graduated from Brandeis University in 2009.

Mr. Sameh Wahba

Mr. Sameh Wahba is the Regional Director for Sustainable Development at the Europe and Central Asia region in the World Bank. In this capacity, he oversees the formulation of the Bank's strategy and engagements, and all Bank lending, technical assistance, partnerships, and policy advisory work in sustainable development the region. Mr. Wahba has over 25 years' experience in urban development, land and housing, infrastructure, and sustainable development. Prior to this, he served as the Global Director of Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience and Land Global Practice. He held several director and manager level positions at the global level and in Africa and worked as Sustainable Development Sector Leader for Brazil, based in Brasilia, and as an urban specialist in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as the Middle East and North Africa Regions. Prior to joining the Bank in 2004, he worked at the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies in Rotterdam and at the Harvard Center for Urban Development Studies. Mr. Wahba holds a Ph.D. and Master's degree in urban planning from Harvard University, and a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Architectural Engineering from Cairo University.

Ms. Sarah Gamberini

Ms. Sarah Gamberini is a Senior Policy Fellow at the National Defense University (NDU) Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction (CSWMD). Ms. Gamberini coteaches the NDU Elective on WMD and Mass Media which provides a baseline understanding of WMD threats with an emphasis on media literacy in a post-truth world. Ms. Gamberini also chairs the monthly CSWMD Spotlight Speaker Series featuring thought leaders on a range of WMD topics. Prior to joining CSWMD, Gamberini was a Senior Policy Analyst with SAIC where she supported various WMD and arms control offices in the Department of Defense including the Defense Science Board. Ms. Gamberini holds a Master of Arts degree in International Relations and Contemporary War from King's College London and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies and Arabic from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat

Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat heads Covington & Burling's international practice. During a decade and a half of public service in three US administrations, Ambassador Eizenstat has held a number of key senior positions, including chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter (1977–1981); U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, and Deputy Secretary of the Treasury in the Clinton Administration (1993–2001). Ambassador Eizenstat has received eight honorary doctorate degrees from universities and academic institutions. He has been awarded high civilian awards from the governments of France (Legion of Honor), Germany, Austria, and Belgium. In 2007, he was named "The Leading Lawyer in International Trade" in Washington, DC by the Legal Times. Ambassador Eizenstat is a Phi Beta Kappa, cum laude graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and of Harvard Law School.

Dr. Susan Burns

Dr. Susan Burns serves as the President of the College of Mount Saint Vincent. Dr. Burns came to the College of Mount Saint Vincent from Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa, where she served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty. Prior to this position, Dr. Burns served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Morningside College. Dr. Burns has co-authored a textbook titled *Human Relations for the Educator: Meeting the Challenges of Today and Tomorrow*, and a textbook titled *Psychology of Sex and Gender*. Dr. Burns also served on many community and professional organizations, including the Association for Psychological Science and the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in experimental psychology from Emporia State University and her Ph.D. in social/personality psychology from Kansas State University.

Mr. Ted McKinney

Mr. Ted McKinney is the CEO of the National Association of State Department of Agriculture (NASDA), seeking policy solutions for food systems and expanding and deepening NASDA's partnerships. Prior to NASDA, he served as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs. He led the development and implementation of the department's trade policy, facilitated foreign market access and promoted opportunities for U.S. agriculture through various trade programs and high-level government negotiations. Prior to USDA, Mr. McKinney held the position of Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, and during his time as a NASDA member, he served on multiple committees for the NASDA Foundation.

Mr. Thomas Friedman

Mr. Thomas L. Friedman is an internationally renowned author, reporter, and, columnist. He is the recipient of three Pulitzer Prizes – two for international reporting from the Middle East and a third for his columns written about 9/11. He is the author of seven New York Times bestsellers — *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, *Longitudes and Attitudes*, *The World Is Flat*, *Hot Flat and Crowded*, *That Used To Be Us* and, most recently, *Thank You For Being Late*. Mr. Friedman earned his B.A. from Brandeis University and earned an M.Phil in Modern Middle East Studies from St. Antony's College, Oxford. He started his journalism career with London Bureau of United Press International (UPI) in 1978. After serving as a Beirut reporter for UPI for two years he was hired by the New York Times in 1981, where he served as the Beirut bureau chief, Jerusalem bureau chief, chief diplomatic correspondent, international economics correspondent and, since 1995, its foreign affairs columnist.

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Congressman Tom Graves

Congressman Tom Graves is CEO of Ervin Graves Strategy Group, a government relations firm in Washington, DC. He is an American businessman and politician who served as the U.S. Representative for Georgia's 14th congressional district from 2013 to 2020. Congressman Graves previously served one term as the U.S. Representative for Georgia's 9th congressional district from 2010 to 2013. He was a member of the United States House Committee on Appropriations. Before his election to Congress, Congressman Graves served as a Republican member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 2003 to 2010. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Georgia. After college, he bought a landscaping company before working in real estate investment.

Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler

Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler represents Missouri's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congresswoman Hartzler is a small business owner and a former public school teacher. She grew up on a farm in Cass County, graduated from Archie High School, then received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri. She later earned a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Central Missouri.

Mr. William "Skip" Miner

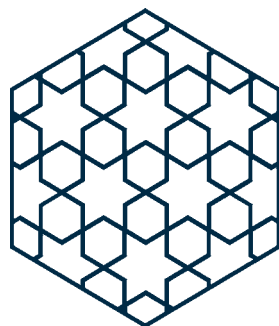
Mr. William "Skip" Miner is a politico-military expert and retired U.S. Navy Commander, currently Principal at Vanguard Government Strategies, LLC. He served in the Navy from 1967 to 1988. Since 1988, Mr. Miner has worked as a private-sector policy consultant to foreign governments, corporations, and other institutions. From 1991 to 2007, Mr. Miner worked at the foreign policy consulting firm of Bannerman and Associates. In the mid-1980s, He worked for Ambassador Armitage, then the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Mr. Miner also worked as a Strategic Planner on the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS). He earned a Master's degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School and accumulated over 3,900 flight hours as a naval aviator in the P-3C aircraft.

Mr. Zaid Zaid

Mr. Zaid A. Zaid is the Head of U.S. Public Policy at Cloudflare, and was previously the Head of North America on Strategic Response Policy at Meta. He served in the Obama Administration as Special Assistant to the President and Associate White House Counsel and before that as Senior Attorney Advisor to the General Counsel at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Before joining the Obama Administration, Mr. Zaid was in private practice at Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr (WilmerHale) in Washington, D.C. Mr. Zaid graduated from Columbia Law School in 2007. Prior to law school, he was a political officer in the Foreign Service. He served in Baghdad, at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, at U.S. Embassy in Cairo, and he studied Arabic at the Foreign Service Institute in Tunis. Zaid earned his MALD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy 1999 and his BSFS from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in 1997.

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Egyptian Program



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THE GABR FELLOWSHIP EGYPTIAN PROGRAM

October 9, 2022–October 18, 2022

Cairo | Ismailia | Suez Canal

The 2022 Gabr Fellowship Program has given extraordinary young leaders from the United States and Egypt a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to connect not only with one another but also with influential figures in business, technology, finance, and other fields from Egypt and the wider Middle Eastern region. Cross-cultural competence is essential for young leaders' future success in creating a more equitable and peaceful society in a world that is becoming more interconnected every second of the day.

The Gabr Foundation created a comprehensive program that provided a rigorous perspective of Egypt. The Fellows met with significant figures, where they had insightful roundtable discussions which provided the Fellows with new perspectives and in-depth knowledge. The Fellows met with a large number of leaders, including H. E. Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Ambassador Hossam Zaki, Assistant Secretary General of the Arab League; along with other senior politicians, where the Fellows learned about Egypt's role in the world, its foreign relations and policies. The Fellows also had the opportunity of a guided tour of the the New Administrative Capital, a large-scale project of a new capital city in Cairo that will become the new administrative and financial capital of Egypt. The Fellows also had a lively and interesting discussion with the US Charge d'Affaires to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Ambassador Daniel Rubinstein, and his counselors. During their visit to The American University in Cairo campus, the Fellows were addressed by President Ahmad Dallal and other senior professors, securing insights into educational trends in Egypt. The Fellows also had a unique experience at the Suez Canal Authority, where they had an exclusive cruise along the expanded Canal.

In addition, the 2022 Gabr Fellows met with experienced leaders in economics, media, art, politics, entrepreneurship and business. The program concluded with the 2022 Fellows discussing with their counterparts their action projects which aim to enhance the cultural understanding between the US and Egypt.

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Sunday, October 9

Cairo

- 11:00am** Welcome Remarks by **Chairman Shafik Gabr**
- 12:00pm–1:00pm** Egypt-US Bilateral Relations
Speaker: **Ambassador Karim Haggag**, Professor and Director of Middle East Studies at the American University in Cairo (AUC)
- 2:00pm–3:00pm** Art, Climate and Sustainability
Speaker: **Ms. Randa Fouad**, President of World Art Forum for Development Foundation, World Art Forum, and Sheranda World Art
- 3:15pm–4:15pm** Egypt: Towards a Tech Future
Speaker: **Dr. May ElBatran**, Economic, Political and Technology Foresight Expert
- 4:15pm–5:15pm** Egyptian Foreign Policy in a World of Turmoil
Speaker: **Dr. Mohamed Kamal**, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center of International Area Studies at Cairo University



Ambassador Karim Haggag addressing the 2022 Gabr Fellows



2022 Gabr Fellows with Dr. May ElBatran



Ms. Randa Fouad with the 2022 Gabr Fellows



2022 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Mohamed Kamal

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Monday, October 10

New Administrative Capital – Cairo

10:00am

The New Administrative Capital

Speaker: **Eng. Sherif El-Sherbini**, Head of the New Administrative Capital Development Authority

The New Administrative Capital is a large-scale project of a new capital city in Cairo that has been under construction since 2015. It will become the new administrative and financial capital of Egypt, housing the main government departments, ministries and foreign embassies. On 700 square kilometers (270 sq m) total area, it is expected to have a population of 6.5 million people. The major reason for the undertaking of the project was to relieve congestion in Cairo, which has reached the population of almost 24 million people.

10:10am–10:30am Presentation of the New Project and Development Plan

10:45am–11:30am Tour of the Central Business District and Visit of the Iconic Tower

11:30am–12:15pm Visit to the Green River Park

12:15pm–12:30pm Visit to the New Cathedral of the Nativity of Christ

12:30pm–1:00pm Visit to the New Cabinet Headquarters and Government District

1:00pm–1:15pm Visit to the Memorial Site and the People's Garden

1:15pm–1:40pm Visit to the New Egyptian Parliament

1:40pm–2:30pm Tour of the New Third Residential Area

2:30pm–3:30pm Lunch at the Regency Almasa Hotel

5:00pm–6:00pm Visit to Khan El Khalily Market

6:30pm–8:30pm Visit to the historic El Moez Street



Eng. El Sherbini addressing the 2022 Gabr Fellows



2022 Gabr Fellows with Eng. Sherif El Sherbini in front of the Iconic Tower, New Administrative Capital

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Tuesday, October 11 Cairo

- 9:00am–10:00am** Egyptian Human Rights: Fiction and Facts
Speaker: **Dr. Noha Bakr**, Member of the National Council of Human Rights and Member of the Supreme Council of Culture
- 10:00am–11:00am** Vision of Egypt 2030
Speaker: **Dr. Hossam Badrawi**, Politician, Physician, Author, and Painter
- 11:00am–12:00pm** The Regional Picture: An Egyptian Perspective
Speaker: **Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem**, Coordinator of the Working Group on the United Nations at the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA)
- 1:00pm–3:00pm** The Tech Ecosystem in Egypt
Speaker: **Mr. Ahmed El Alfi**, Founder and Chairman, Sawari Ventures
- 3:30pm–4:30pm** Trending Hashtags
Speaker: **Dr. Ahmed Darwish**, Former Minister of State for Administrative Development, and Former Chairman of the General Authority of Suez Canal Economic Zone
- 4:45pm–5:45pm** The 2043 Project for a Better Future
Speaker: **Mr. Ziad Ali**, Chairman and CEO, Peacock Holding
- 6:00pm–7:00pm** US-Egypt Bridge Building
Speaker: **Dr. Mona Makram Ebeid**, Former Member of Parliament and Senator of Egypt, and Distinguished Lecturer at AUC



Dr. Noha Bakr's discussion with the 2022 Gabr Fellows



2022 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Hossam Badrawi



2022 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Ahmed El Alfi

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Wednesday, October 12

Cairo

- 9:00am–10:00am** Conversation on Higher Education in Egypt
Dr. Ahmad Dallal, President, The American University in Cairo
With:
Dr. Ehab Abdel-Rahman, Provost, AUC
Dr. Noha El-Mikawy, Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, AUC
Dr. John Meloy, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, AUC
Dr. Ahmed Abdel Meguid, Associate Provost for Strategic Enrolment Management, AUC
- 10:00am–10:45am** Conversation on Islamic Art and Architecture
Speaker: **Dr. Ellen Kenney**, Associate Professor and Chair, Arab and Islamic Civilizations Department, The American University in Cairo
- 1:00pm–2:00pm** Youth in the Political Arena
Speaker: **Dr. Adel Adawy**, Director of the Economics and Political Science Program of Galala University
- 3:00pm–4:00pm** Open Discussion with H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs
Speaker: **H.E. Minister Sameh Shoukry**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt
- 4:30pm–5:30pm** Navigating A Turbulent Global Economic Environment
Speaker: **Mr. Hisham El-Khazindar**, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Al Qalaa Holdings
- 5:45pm–6:30pm** Tourism in Egypt
Speaker: **Mr. Ahmed Tarek Adel**, Marketing Executive, Abercrombie & Kent
- 7:00pm–9:00pm** Dinner and Cruise on the Nile



2022 Gabr Fellows with H.E Minister Sameh Shoukry



A group photo with Mr. Hisham El-Khazindar



2022 Gabr Fellows in a discussion with Dr. Adel Adawy



Dr. Ahmad Dallal with the 2022 Gabr Fellows at the American University in Cairo

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Thursday, October 13

Cairo

- 9:00am–10:00am** The Treasure of Egypt
Speaker: **Dr. Marianne Azer**, Former Member of the Egyptian Parliament and Board Member Financial Regulatory Authority
- 10:30am–11:30am** Introduction to the Arab League in the Present Regional Context
Speaker: **Ambassador Hossam Zaki**, Assistant Secretary-General and Chief of Staff at the Arab League
- 12:00pm–1:00pm** Two Sides...One Coin
Speaker: **Mr. Karim El Shakankiry**, Founder and CEO, Mind Coach Academy
- 2:30pm–2:45pm** Introduction to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization
Speaker: **Dr. Ahmed Ghoneim**, Managing Executive Director of the Authority of the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization
- 2:45pm–4:30pm** Guided Tour of the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization
- 6:30pm–7:00pm** Egyptian Media
Speaker: **Ms. Heba Helmy**, Editor of Egypt Independent



2022 Gabr Fellows at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization



2022 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Marianne Azer



Ambassador Hossam Zaki with the 2022 Gabr Fellows



Mr. Karim El Shakankiry with the 2022 Gabr Fellows

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Friday, October 14

Cairo

9:00am–11:00pm Guided Tour of the Religious Complex:

Mohamed Ali Mosque at the Citadel

Sultan Hassan Mosque

Refaie Mosque

The Hanging Church

Church of St. Sergius

12:00pm–1:00pm Guided Tour of the Pyramids

3:00pm–4:30pm Guided Tour at the Sakkara Pyramids

5:30pm–7:00pm Torathna Exhibition Visit

The Torathna (Heritage) exhibition at the Egypt International Exhibition Center in New Cairo is the largest organized exhibition in Egypt, specialized in heritage products and handicrafts, showcasing products from the villages that are part of the Decent Life presidential initiative, a countryside-focused initiative to improve living conditions.

The event is a gathering that brings together artisans, innovators, artists and entrepreneurs from Egypt and many other Arab countries.



2022 Gabr Fellows at the Cairo Citadel



2022 Gabr Fellows at the Giza Pyramids

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Saturday, October 15

Ismailia – Cairo

10:00am–2:30pm Visit of the Suez Canal with **Major General Khaled El Azazy**, Advisor to the Chairman of Suez Canal Public Relations:
Cruise along the expanded Suez Canal
Presentation on the New Suez Canal at the 'Marina' building
Visit along the Ismailia New Tunnel crossing
Visit to the Ajat Church

5:30pm–6:30pm Egyptian Supreme National Policy
Speaker: **Dr. Abdel Moneim Saied**, Chairman of Al-Masri Al-Youm

7:00pm–9:00pm Dinner Reception "Ten Years of the Gabr Fellowship" at the ARTOC Group Headquarters



2022 Gabr Fellows on a cruise at the Suez Canal



2022 Gabr Fellows with Major General Khaled El Azazy



Chairman and Mrs Shafik Gabr with Malak Gabr welcoming Ambassador Daniel Rubinstein



Chairman Shafik Gabr and Malak Gabr with the Gabr Fellows at the Dinner Reception

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Sunday, October 16

Cairo

- 9:00am–10:00am** Art Spirit
Speaker: **Dr. Farid Fadel**, Ophthalmologist, and Famous Egyptian Painter
- 10:00am–11:00am** Empowering Egyptian Youth
Speaker: **Ms. Dina El Mofty**, Regional Ambassador at Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization, Founder and Former Board Member at Injaz Egypt
- 11:30am–12:30pm** Guided Tour of the Adly Synagogue
- 3:00pm–4:00pm** Visit to the US Embassy in Cairo with **Ambassador Daniel Rubinstein**, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America
- Open Discussion with:
Ms. Lauren Lovelace, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs
Ms. Christine Lawson, Minister Counselor for Political Affairs
Ms. Julia Fendrick, Cultural Attaché
- 4:30pm–5:30pm** Egypt in a Changing World
Speaker: **Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 6:00pm–7:00pm** Digital Rights in Cyberspace vs. Cybersecurity
Speaker: **Dr. Nourhan Moussa**, Legal Consultant, Intercontinental Semiramis



Ambassador Daniel Rubinstein with the 2022 Gabr Fellows



Dr. Farid Fadel with the 2022 Gabr Fellows



2022 Gabr Fellows with Ms. Dina El Mofty



2022 Gabr Fellows with Ambassador Mohamed El Orabi

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Egyptian Program Schedule

Monday, October 17

Cairo

- 9:00am–10:00am** Open Discussion on US-Egypt Bilateral Relations
Speaker: **Dr. Karim Darwish**, Member of the Egyptian House of Representatives and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee
- 11:00–12 :00pm** Egypt-US Military Cooperation
Speaker: **General (Retired) Mohamed El Keshky**, Former Assistant Minister of Defense
- 12:30–2:00pm** Concluding Meeting – Open Discussion with Chairman Shafik Gabr
Brainstorming Action Projects and Future Activities
- 4:00–5:00pm** Open Discussion with 2012–2021 Gabr Fellows
- 8:00–9:00pm** Closing Dinner



Chairman Shafik Gabr with 2012–2021 Gabr Fellows during the open discussion with the 2022 Fellows



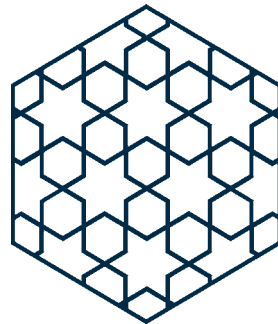
General (Retired) Mohamed El Keshky with the 2022 Gabr Fellows



2022 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Karim Darwish

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THE GABR FELLOWSHIP UNITED STATES PROGRAM

November 27, 2022–December 8, 2022

New York | Washington, DC

The U.S. portion of the Gabr Fellowship began in New York City with a cruise around Manhattan. The Fellows were joined by former Fellows Fabrice Guerrier (2018), Daniel Lansberg-Rodriguez (2013), and Murray Abeles (2015). They took in the views, including that of the Statue of Liberty. This auspicious start foreshadowed a whirlwind time in the city, which included a visit to the United Nations, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and NASDAQ. The evening of November 29th, the Fellows departed the city to complete the rest of their program in Washington, DC.

In DC, they began with a day on Capitol Hill. Members of Congress covered topics ranging from women in politics to climate and energy priorities to foreign policy. The day ended with a reception in coordination with the Congressional Friends of Egypt Caucus. The rest of the week included robust discussions with government officials and private sector and non-profit leaders. Highlights included speaking with Matt Wollman of the R10 Organization on the topic of finding their passions; Dr. Christopher Chivvis at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on the topic of the U.S. military strategies; and Ambassador John Negroponte on the topic of geopolitics. The Fellows went to the Pentagon, U.S. Department of State, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund for meetings.

During the weekend, they visited the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum, the National Cathedral, Planet Word, and the National Gallery of Art.

Overall, the Fellows ended the program with a better understanding of the U.S.-Egypt relationship, U.S. politics, and U.S. policy priorities. They forged relationships with leaders and gained new resources that will help them in accomplishing their professional goals. Most importantly, the cohort grew closer, building lifelong friendships.

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US Program Schedule

Sunday, November 27
New York City

2:50pm Egypt Fellows Arrive in New York City

7:00pm Dinner and Cruise Around Manhattan with Former Fellows and introduction to the US Program

Daniel Lansberg-Rodriguez2013 Gabr Fellow

Murray Abeles 2015 Gabr Fellow

Fabrice Guerrier 2018 Gabr Fellow



2022 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Brian Sullivan of CNBC



2022 Gabr Fellows at the United Nations

2022 Gabr Fellowship

US Program Schedule

Monday, November 28

New York City

- 9:00am–12:30pm** Tour of the United Nations and session on the topic of the Role of Regional Organizations in Achieving International Peace and Security
Speakers: **Ambassador Maged Abdelaziz**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, The League of Arab States to the United Nations, and **Ms. Nihal Saad**, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for the High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- 1:45pm–2:15pm** Visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral with **Mr. Robert Meyer**, Executive Director of Development, St Patrick's Cathedral
- 2:45pm–4:15pm** Mechanics of the Stock Market and Global Implications & NASDAQ Market Technology at NASDAQ and Closing Bell Ceremony
Speakers: **Mr. Jameel Johnson**, Associate Vice President of Government Relations, NASDAQ, and **Mr. David Wicks**, Vice President, NASDAQ
- 4:30pm–5:30pm** What is the American Dream?
Speaker: **Mr. Brian Sullivan**, News Anchor and Business Journalist at CNBC
- 5:30pm–6:30pm** The Importance of Interfaith Dialogues
Speaker: **Dr. Jonathan Golden**, Director of the Center of Religion, Culture, and Conflict at Drew University
- 7:30pm–9:00pm** Reception at the home of **Ambassador Georgette Mosbacher**, Former United States Ambassador to Poland



The 2022 Gabr Fellows at NASDAQ



2022 Gabr Fellows at the UN with Ambassador Maged Abdelaziz

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US Program Schedule

Tuesday, November 29
New York City

- 8:30am–9:30am** The Importance of Psychology in Leadership, at Mount Saint Vincent College
Speaker: **Dr. Susan Burns**, President of Mount Saint Vincent College
- 10:30am–11:30am** The American Film and Entertainment Industry
Speaker: **Mr. Matt Leipzig**, Partner and Founder of Original Artists
- 1:30pm–3:30pm** Visit to The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Speaker: **Dr. Diana Patch**, Lila Acheson Wallace Curator in Charge
- 4:30pm–5:30pm** The Convergence of Creativity, Technology, and Business
Speaker: **Mr. Richard Blackstone**, CEO and Founder of Blackstone Entertainment



2022 Fellows with the President of Mount Saint Vincent College, Dr. Susan Burns



2022 Fellows with Dr. Diana Patch at the Temple of Dendur at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

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US Program Schedule

Wednesday, November 30

Washington, DC

- 8:30am–9:30am** Women in Politics
Speakers: **Congresswoman Barbara Comstock** (former VA-10) and Congresswoman **Kathleen Rice** (NY-4)
- 9:30am–10:00am** Climate and Congress
Speaker: **Congresswoman Debbie Lesko** (AZ-08)
- 10:30am–11:30am** Conversation with **Congressman Darrell Issa** (CA-48)
- 11:30am–12:30pm** Congressional Impressions of Egypt
Speakers: **Congressman Chuck Fleischmann** (TN-03), **Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler** (MO-04), and **Congressman Michael McCaul** (TX-10)
- 1:30pm–2:30pm** Tour of the Capitol
- 3:00pm–4:00pm** Advising the President: The U.S. Response to COVID-19
Speaker: **Dr. Bob Kadlec**, Senior Advisor to Senator Richard Burr, Former Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services
- 4:00pm–5:00pm** National Security in the Face of New Technology
Speaker: **Mr. Moon Sulfab**, Administrator of Information Technology at the office of U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell
- 5:30pm–6:30pm** U.S. Elections
Speakers: **Congressman Tom Graves** (former GA-14), and **Congressman Bart Gordon** (former TN-6)
- 6:30pm–8:30pm** Congressional Friends of Egypt Caucus Reception
With Remarks from **Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart** (FL-26) and **Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger** (MD-02)



2022 Fellows speak with Congressman Darrell Issa



2022 Fellows speak with Congresswoman Debbie Lesko



Chairman Shafik Gabr with Congressman Michael McCaul and Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, addressing the 2022 Gabr Fellows

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US Program Schedule

Thursday, December 1
Washington, DC

- 8:30am–9:30am** Security Challenges in the Middle East and Europe
Speaker: **Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt**, former Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs
- 10:00am–10:30am** Visit to the Sixth and I Synagogue
Tour with **Mr. Robin Farber**, Operations Manager
- 11:00am–12:00pm** U.S. Interventions: The Failures of U.S. Military Efforts in the Middle East
Speaker: **Dr. Christopher Chivvis**, Senior Fellow and Director of the American Statecraft Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- 1:30pm–3:00pm** The Future of the Middle East
Speakers: **Dr. Paul Salem**, President of the Middle East Institute, and Ms. Mirette Mabrouk, Founding Director of the Egypt Program, Middle East Institute
- 3:30pm–4:30pm** Evolution of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East
Speaker: **Dr. Robert Satloff**, Executive Director of the Washington Institute of Near East Policy
- 5:00pm–6:00pm** Geopolitics from the U.S. Perspective
Speaker: **Ambassador John Negroponte**, former Director of National Intelligence and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State



2022 Gabr Fellows with Ambassador John Negroponte

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US Program Schedule

Friday, December 2
Washington, DC

- 11:00am–12:00pm** International Cooperation in Agriculture
Speaker: **Mr. Ted McKinney**, CEO of NASDA and former Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs
- 12:00pm–1:30pm** World Bank Operations & World Bank Activities in Egypt
Speakers: **Mr. Sameh Wahba**, Regional Director Sustainable Development, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank, and **Ms. Ayat Soliman**, Regional Director, Sustainable Development, Eastern and Southern Africa, The World Bank
- 3:30pm–5:30pm** National Defense University and Ft. McNair
Training the Next Generation of Strategic Leaders
Speaker: **Lieutenant General Michael Plehn**, President of NDU
War Gaming
Speaker: **Lieutenant Colonel Adam Christenson**, Weapons Officer, United States Navy Disinformation
Speaker: **Ms. Sarah Gamberini**, Senior Policy Fellow, Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction



2022 Gabr Fellows at the National Defense University with the NDU's President, Lt. Gen. Michael Plehn

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US Program Schedule

Saturday, December 3
Washington, DC

- 9:00am–10:00am** Blockchain Application in International Trade and Future Regulation
Speaker: **Dr. Ignacio DeLeon**, CEO of Kozolchyk National Law Center
- 10:00am–11:00am** The Evolution of U.S. Financial Markets
Speaker: **Mr. Alfred Berkeley**, Former President of NASDAQ and Chairman of Princeton Capital Management
- 11:30am–12:30pm** The Future of Education
Speaker: **Dr. Mark Wrighton**, President of George Washington University
- 2:00pm–3:00pm** Tour of the National Gallery of Art
With **Dr. Mary Morton**, Curator and Head of the Department of French Paintings
- 3:30pm–5:00pm** Tour of the Planet Word Museum



Dr. Mark Wrighton addressing the 2022 Gabr Fellows



2022 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Mary Morton at the National Gallery of Art

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US Program Schedule

Sunday, December 4

Washington, DC and Chantilly, VA

10:00am–11:30am Tour of the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum with **Docent Paul Triplett**

2:00pm–3:00pm Visit to the National Cathedral

3:30pm–6:00pm Tour of the Historic Georgetown Neighborhood



2022 Gabr Fellows at the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum



2022 Gabr Fellows in front of the National Cathedral

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US Program Schedule

Monday, December 5

Washington, DC

- 9:00am–10:00am** Following Your Passions
Speaker: **Mr. Matt Wollman**, Chairman of the R10 Organization
- 10:30am–12:00pm** A Look at Official U.S. Policy Towards Egypt
Speaker: **Mr. Josh Harris**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Egypt and North Africa, U.S. Department of State
- 12:30pm–1:30pm** Global Military Risks and U.S.-Egypt Cooperation
Speaker: **Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman**, Emeritus Chair in Strategy, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- 1:30pm–2:15pm** The New Education Debate in the United States
Speaker: **Mr. Emmanuel A. Guillory**, Director of Student and Institutional Aid Policy, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU)
- 3:00pm–4:00pm** Climate Policy Challenges in the United States
Speaker: **Senator Ed Markey** of Massachusetts
- 4:30pm–5:15pm** A Brighter Future for the Middle East
Speaker: **Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat**, Former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Senior Counsel at Covington and Burling
- 5:15pm–6:00pm** What the Tunisian Revolution Taught Me About Diplomacy
Speaker: **Ambassador Gordon Gray**, Former U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress
- 6:30pm** Reception Hosted by **Ambassador Motaz Zahran**, Egypt's Ambassador to the United States



2022 Gabr Fellows with Chariman and Mrs Gabr and Dr. Ghada Waly, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, hosted by Ambassador and Mrs Motaz Zahran, Egypt's Ambassador to the US

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US Program Schedule

Tuesday, December 6
Washington, DC

- 8:30am–9:15am** U.S. Investments in Climate Projects Abroad
Speakers: **Mr. Jake Levine**, Chief Climate Officer, U.S. Development Finance Corporation, and **Mr. Carlos DeJuana**, Regional Leader for MENA, U.S. Development Finance Corporation
- 9:45am–10:30am** Development Services in Egypt: The Perspective of a Small U.S. NGO
Speaker: **Mr. William “Skip” Miner**, Principal at Vanguard Government Strategies and Former United States Navy Commander
- 10:30am–11:30am** Religious Intolerance Challenges in the United States Today
Speaker: **Mr. George Selim**, Senior Vice President for National Affairs at the Anti-Defamation League
- 12:30pm–2:00pm** Pentagon Visit
With: **Ms. Dana Stroul**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East, and **Ms. Liz Dent**, Gulf Director, US Department of Defense
- 2:15pm–4:00pm** The Workings of the International Monetary Fund & Projects in Egypt
Speakers: **Dr. Nisreen Farhan**, Chief of the Public Affairs Division, International Monetary Fund, and **Ms. Ivanna Vladkova Hollar**, Assistant Director and Mission Chief for Egypt, International Monetary Fund
- 6:00pm–8:00pm** Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum Reception, Hosted by the Shafik Gabr Foundation in Coordination with Congressman **Robert Pittenger**, Chairman of the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum



2022 Gabr Fellows with Mr. George Selim



2022 Gabr Fellows at the U.S. Development Finance Corporation

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Wednesday, December 7

Washington, DC

- 9:30am–10:30am** U.S. Political Landscape After the Mid-Term Elections
Speaker: **Mr. Scott Mason**, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland and Knight
- 10:30am–11:30am** 21st Century Sustainability Practices
Speaker: **Mr. Peter Wright**, former Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Land and Emergency Management
- 11:30am–12:30pm** U.S.-Egypt Relations from President Nasser to Today
Speaker: **Dr. Graeme Bannerman**, Founder of Bannerman Associates and Non-Resident Scholar at the Middle East Institute
- 12:30pm–1:30pm** The U.S.-Egypt Security Relationship: Challenges and Opportunities
Speaker: **Lieutenant General Charles Hooper**, Former Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency
- 1:30pm–2:30pm** Advising the White House: Effective Strategies for Governing
Speaker: **Mr. Zaid Zaid**, Head of U.S. Public Policy at Cloudflare and former Obama White House Counsel, former Meta Counsel
- 2:30pm–3:30pm** Personal Stories of World Paradigm Shifts
Speaker: **Mr. Rhett Dawson**, Senior Policy Advisor, Ervin Graves Strategy Group
- 3:30pm–4:30pm** Opinions Shaped from Globalization
Speaker: **Mr. Thomas Friedman**, Political Commentator and Author
- 4:30pm–5:30pm** The Importance of Middle Eastern Stories
Speaker: **Dr. Aaron Lobel**, Founder and President, America Abroad Media
- 5:30pm–6:30pm** Broken News: Why the Media Rage Machine Divides America and How to Fight Back
Speaker: **Mr. Chris Stirewalt**, Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI)
- 8:00pm** Closing Dinner with Chairman and Mrs Shafik Gabr at the I Ricchi Restaurant



2022 Gabr Fellows with Dr. Graeme Bannerman and Lieutenant General Charles Hooper



2022 Gabr Fellows with Mr. Thomas Friedman

Impressions from the 2022 Gabr Fellows



Alen Amini

"The Fellowship experience reinforced that people can more easily overcome cultural misunderstandings through shared experiences and candid, respectful dialogue. I learned a lot from the other Fellows, genuinely appreciated the immense hospitality of our Egyptian counterparts, and appreciated hearing perspectives from Egyptian speakers and officials that differed from US media and sources. Most importantly, I forged lifelong, meaningful friendships, and I look forward to continuing our thoughtful discussions."



Amr Hesham

"A rich experience, we get to interact closely with the Fellows, and the selection of speakers is incredibly dynamic."



Assem Bolbol

"A thoroughly significant program. It was not only about meeting and networking with the successful speakers but also communicating and connecting with our counterpart fellows, observing their different points of views and perspectives which brought up new business ideas."



Aya Aly

"This Fellowship shows the power of communication and humanitarian interaction between the Fellows, and how we all have the same basic needs despite our differences."



Crawford Horan

"This experience changed my perspective on how to approach what is unfamiliar in this world, encouraging me to be more open. I've learned that when working to relate to others, listening well is essential to an empathetic dialogue and the key to progress. While it will take me some time to process everything we experienced during the program, I look forward to continuing to learn and grow from Fellows and speakers alike."

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David Guhl

"This was a fantastic Fellowship. I learned so much about Egypt's culture and history from the cohort and speakers."



Esraa El Zokem

"My experience was unlike any other, and when I say it was a major turning point, I'm not exaggerating. New life experiences are gained, and new mind cells are enlightened."



Harley Adsit

"This was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am very glad I did it. I made connections and friends that will last a lifetime. The speakers were phenomenal, the fellows were engaged, and I am grateful to the Foudation for this opportunity."



Jack Lincoln

"The in-person interaction and the relationships built among the Fellows. The exposure to these sensitivities and complexities of the US foreign policy and Egyptian national policy."



Jeremy Pesner

"This is certainly a tremendous experience and opportunity, and I'm grateful for everyone I've met and everything I've learned. There seems to be no limits to the rooms and audiences that Shafik Gabr and his Foundation can help arrange for us, and that's a privilege I don't take lightly. I also recognize that there is an element of trial by fire to this experience, and that the Fellowship serves as a test for our intelligence, endurance and social connection."

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Kathleen Hagan

“Wonderful unparalleled access to Egypt’s greatest thinkers and leaders. I was honored to meet with the Fellows who will be lifelong friends.”



Kellie Quinn

“This Fellowship is lifechanging. It sparked a hunger for more knowledge about different aspects of the world outside of my normal disciplines. I was able to learn more about Egypt and the United States that have shaped how I approach various tasks, discussions, conflict, etc. I have also been able to make lifelong friends. I can’t wait to continue being active in the alumni network and growing friendships.”



Lukas Wenz

“I had the objective to return back and say ‘Why do we have bilateral relations with Egypt’ but I’m going back thinking that now the relationship needs to be re-calibrated and renewed. I plan to go home and think of the ways to achieve this.”



Layla Galal

“I’m impressed with the choice of the Fellows, how different and similar we all are. I’m grateful to the opportunity of interacting with different speakers and deep conversations with the US Fellows.”

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Marielle Becker

"The relationships formed among Fellows showed me how soft power can make lasting change. The Fellowship exposed me to some of the incredible work that is already being done to create cultural connections and highlighted areas for growth. I learned that a robust East-West dialogue means asking probing questions, but more importantly, listening with intent. I saw the impact of this seemingly small activity repeat over and over at every stop, among fellows and with speakers, in casual and formal settings. Finding different perspectives and yet commonalities became the energy of the Fellowship in Egypt and the US."



Menna El Touny

"An eye- and mind-opener! I became interested in subjects I never thought would be of interest to me. I was able to challenge myself and develop so many skills. Getting to meet and befriend these beautiful souls enlightened my path and definitely added to my journey. If only I could live it again."



Mohamed Hassan

"I am truly grateful for this Fellowship opportunity because it has given me the chance to pursue my passions and further my professional career in a way that would not have been possible without it."



Omar Raafat

"I'm grateful to each day I spent in the program. Everyone is friendly with outstanding personalities and careers. I have been part of many international programs; however, this is the most professional program I have attended, especially in regards to the timeline, preparations and logistics. Moreover, the Foundation provides a direct mentorship of the Fellows in addition to the support for their action projects. Thank you for making this happen."

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Pascal Rathle

"The program animated cooperation, conflict and misunderstanding. Fellows intentionally selected the benefits and returns of the compromising spirit. I observed and engaged with blooms of peace and possibility. I am thrilled and grateful for the knowledge gained, relationships unlocked, and opportunities offered by the Foundation."



Samer Kirolos

"This was an inspiring experience and changed my perspective about a lot of things. Thanks to Mr. Gabr for his amazing vision."



Wessam Baher

"An eye-opener, having all those speakers who have been chosen wisely to cover all the fields and interests. Matching the Fellows was done with a lot of thought. We all got along without making much effort. Connecting with each other effectively, discussing diverse subjects. For me the "F" letter doesn't mean just Fellows, it also means friends."



Yomna El-Awamri

"I am grateful for the experience. I learned a lot and met a lot of people that I wouldn't otherwise be able to. I am also grateful for the opportunity to represent my country and exchange more ideas about policy, climate change, education, and more."

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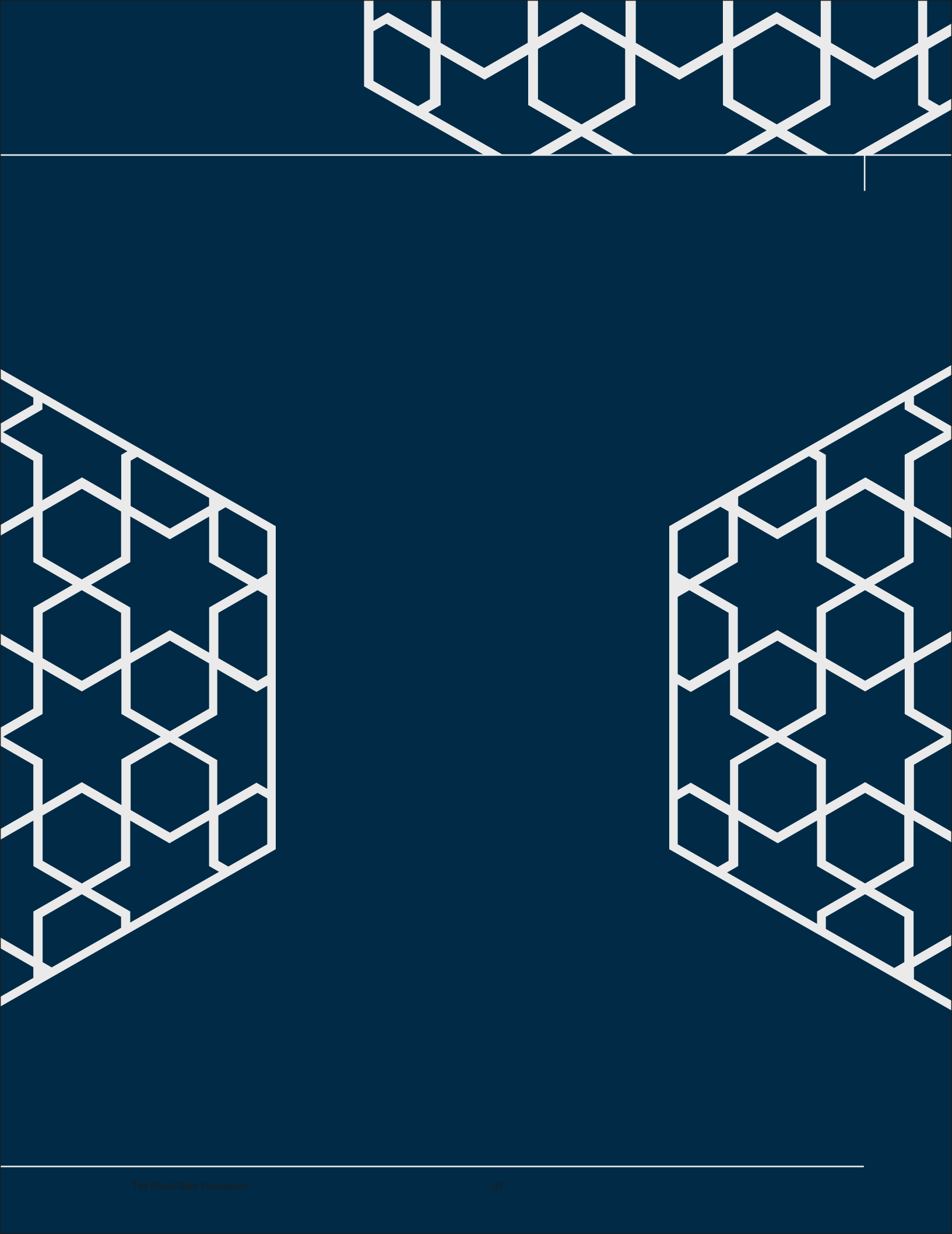
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