

2022 Gabr Fellows at the National Gallery of Art in DC with Dr. Mary Morton, Curator and Head of the Department of French Paintings, December 2022

## Killing Trump

It was a beautiful sunny day, with clear skies and a light, cool breeze. I arrived at the home of Richard Sullivan, a very successful global real estate developer. Richard's home was on a cliff facing the ocean in the British Virgin Islands.

It was a seven-hour flight for me from London, but very much worth it as Richard, celebrating his 75th birthday, was inviting a small group of friends to his home for lunch and dinner. The reason was not to only celebrate his birthday, but also to celebrate global friendships across time and space. I was met at the entrance of Richard's beautiful home by his estate manager Paco who walked me to a beautiful cabana overlooking the ocean with its own plunge pool.

Paco advised me that Al Stevens, whom I knew as a major Democratic donor from New York and a fund manager, had arrived yesterday and was in the adjacent cabana with his wife Ruth, a very well-known entrepreneur and investor in start-up tech companies. As I was opening my overnight suitcase, Paco told me that Marielle Baker, Eric Pittenger and Michael Jones were also in attendance. I knew Marielle from the world of art. She was a very successful art collector (mainly

Renaissance art), and her home in Florida had amazing bronze sculptures. Pittenger was a political author and had multiple scoops in the media given his very close bipartisan friendships. Michael, I remembered from years ago, was a self-made billionaire and a very committed Republican with very strong views.

Paco, leaving me, said that lunch will be served at 1pm and there may be late arrivals. I relaxed in the small alcove outside the beautiful cabana across from the plunge pool. The view was extraordinary with sailing boats and yachts criss-crossing the ocean.

I slowly got up from my daze and changed into fresh clothes – a white linen shirt and navy linen trousers with navy Loro Piana suede loafers. I looked at my watch and saw that it was four minutes to 1pm, so I climbed slowly to the main house and as I arrived there was Richard, welcoming with open arms. It had almost been a year since we last met in New York. Standing in the cocktail area outside the dining room were the Stevens, Marielle Baker and Michael Jones plus two people I did not recognize. They were standing in a circle, sipping champagne and wine, although I noticed with interest

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that Marielle had a glass of orange juice in her left hand and was smoking a cigarillo that she was holding in her right hand. Al was dressed in a safari jacket and chinos with white sneakers. Ruth was in a long white linen dress and a red linen shawl around her shoulders. Both Al and Ruth were talking to Marielle whilst Michael was talking to the two people I did not recognize. Richard introduced me to the group. I shook hands with Al and Ruth whom I knew from New York, followed by Marielle whom I hugged. She was wearing a pink blouse, white skirt and pink high heel sandals.

Richard took me to meet Michael who was dressed in a striped T-shirt and navy jeans plus white sneakers. The other two were Sam Williams from Albuquerque, New Mexico and Bill Bernstein from Cleveland, Ohio. Richard motioned to all of us to move to the table for lunch and as we were taking our marked seats, in came Eric Pittenger in light-coloured shorts, blue T-shirt, long socks and sandals. He looked very much as if he just arrived from Bermuda. Our servers came in carrying starters with white gloves. The starter was an enormous salad with lettuce, grilled shrimp, avocado and figs. As the server was placing my salad in front of me, I asked him for an iced tea, which he showed up with in minutes.

The conversation around the table was quite active. I could hear Richard, Al and Eric speak about the Ukraine-Russia war. Marielle, Ruth and Sam were discussing the future of self-driving cars, self-flying planes and Chat GPT, whilst Michael and Bill, whom I could barely follow, were talking about the economy. I sipped my iced tea and was taking everything in, looking forward to a double espresso at the end of the meal, as I had flown in from London and was considering a nice siesta nap prior to the evening's events. The main dish was branzino with broccoli and roasted potatoes. It was followed by a choice of ice cream, sorbet or apple strudel. As we were digging into our selected dessert, Richard clinked a spoon against a glass. Silence ensued as we all looked at him. Richard said: "It's my birthday and I am very happy you are all here to spend the day and evening with me." He paused and continued: "I want each of you to speak out precisely who will be the next US President in 2025." Richard looked at Al. Al, without blinking, said: "Joe Biden". He added that the Republicans are a mess and if they nominate Trump, Joe will win easily. If it is DeSantis, he concluded, Joe will still win with a smaller margin. As Al continued to express his view, my thoughts went back to January 2016 and our "Expecting the Unexpected" dinner in Davos when I predicted Trump winning as I felt that Hillary, unlike Bill, was unelectable. In our 2020 dinner, the prediction was Biden, whatever Trump did. Our 2024 dinner was still some time away,

but so far the election predictions were foggy. As I turned back to the conversation at the table, Ruth was strongly forecasting a landslide win for Biden whilst Marielle and Michael, both ardent Republicans, were saying Trump will get the nomination and win the national vote and get the necessary 270 plus electoral votes. Sam joined Ruth and Al and in detail explained his view that if it is a Trump versus Biden election, the result will be Biden. "The country has had enough of Trump," he said. Bill, in a low, barely audible voice, explained that the Biden administration shamed America by its tragic evacuation of Afghanistan plus allowing Putin to invade Ukraine. Neither of these events would have happened under Trump's leadership. He forecasted a Trump win regardless of all the attempts to derail him. Richard looked at Eric who was loudly eating his dessert and wiping his mouth. Eric motioned, as if he was saying 'later'.

Richard, who remained silent about his political leaning looked at me. I put my spoon down and said: "Not being an American, I have no horse in this political race, but as an outside observer I was astonished at what is happening in the political presidential field." Richard asked what I meant. I repeated that I had no US political affiliation but observed that after Trump announced his nomination, an avalanche of indictments emerged, hitting him from every side, arrests, bail bonds, mug shots, and when that was not enough, indictments and arrests to his immediate supporters including his lawyers which was quite surprising. Michael interrupted, saying that he never saw the series Killing Eve nor Kill Bill but that he would not be surprised if a movie would be soon produced with a title "Killing Trump," either hypothetically or in reality, given the poisoned political environment.

Michael added: "If this was occurring in a third-world country I would not be surprised, so you can imagine my present shock, as well as that of millions of Americans, that it is happening in America." Several people around the table started to argue about what both Michael and I had said. Comments ranged from: "Shafik does not know what he is

talking about" to: "Listen carefully to what Michael said, it's hypocritical what was happening, and hurting America."

At this moment Richard intervened and asked Eric to wrap up the discussion. Eric burped, patted his belly and said: "Richard, this is a sad moment in America's political history." Motioning to the fingers on his left hand, he said that the American political scene is lacking in leadership, integrity and that there is huge division and divisiveness.

"Secondly, Biden could be impeached by the House of Representatives for the disastrous acts he played with his son Hunter. Even though it may not pass the Senate, it is another tarnish on the political system.

Third, "killing Trump" one way or another is not far-fetched given the unprecedented divisiveness. More incredible will be a lawsuit to declare Trump's presidential bid unconstitutional, and then it goes all the way to the Supreme Court and gets overturned. More political anguish.

Fourth, America is wrestling with so many issues, from gun control to climate, with immigration, the economy and abortion in the middle.

Fifth, we are our own worst enemy and we are lacking bipartisan leadership and diplomacy.

In brief, Trump will bleed until next summer and pull out. If not, the pressure will continue to escalate and drag in more supporters and maybe his family next.

Biden's in-government supporters will continue to have him jump hurdles and go for it. The Republicans may wake up next year and draft Glenn Youngkin or a similar candidate and win the election."

Eric went quiet. Richard smiled. Al raised his glass and said: "Happy birthday dear Richard." We all followed in a chorus. Richard thanked everyone and said: "We meet at 7pm."

As I walked back to my cabana, I felt the weight of the mess, not only in the US but the whole world, and hoped the US would wake up soon, as my eyes favoured a short nap.

**Shafik Gabr**



# FELLOWS NEWS AND UPDATES

## KELLIE QUINN, 2022 FELLOW



2022 Gabr Fellow Kellie Quinn moved to Morocco for a new job. She will be working as a Program Manager for an NGO called Project Soar which is based in Marrakesh, with programs in Syria and Uganda.

Project Soar was established in 2013. The organisation empowers Moroccan adolescent girls to continue their education by providing academic support and programmes that help girls recognise their strength, intelligence, capability, and worth. They empower teen girls through local workshops, projects and clubs.

By encouraging girls to stay in school, Project Soar is ensuring that they are less vulnerable to early marriage and early motherhood.

To learn more about Project Soar,



## SHEHAB FAROUK, 2014 FELLOW

2014 Gabr Fellow Shehab Farouk has recently been granted admission as a Fellow (FCI Arb) to the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). Achieving Fellowship is a significant accomplishment, as it represents the highest membership grade within CI Arb, and positions Shehab as a fellow of the most esteemed organization in the ADR (alternative dispute resolution) field worldwide.



## ALEXIS TAYLOR, 2016 FELLOW

2016 Gabr Fellow Alexis Taylor and her partner, Will, got married in Nantucket this summer.

Alexis focuses on driving environmental, social, and governance strategy for Indeed, addressing income inequality as an Aspen Institute fellow, and advising on the development of the Global Shapers Community.

Before this work, she spent a decade in various local and global social impact roles exploring how the public, private, and civil society sectors facilitate systems change.



# FELLOWS NEWS AND UPDATES



## BRYAN GRIFFIN, 2017 FELLOW

2017 Gabr Fellow Bryan Griffin, is currently working as Press Secretary for Governor Ron DeSantis's 2024 Presidential campaign.

Bryan has been working with Governor DeSantis since 2022, and is currently focused on the Republican primaries.

Prior to his work in the Governor's Office, Bryan held various roles with the London Center for Policy Research, the Maccabee Task Force, the Parliamentary Institute of Cambodia, and the Journal of International Affairs, where he served in various capacities spanning communications and media to field organization.

## YOUSSEF EL TOUKHY, 2016 FELLOW

2016 Gabr Fellow Youssef Eltoukhy has successfully graduated from his MBA at the Said Business School at Oxford to join the 2022-2023 class. Below is a short interview with Youssef:

How was your experience at Oxford?

Transformative and eye-opening to a community where 65 different nationalities and cultures co-exist and connect and a window to a world with unlimited opportunities and resources.

What are your forthcoming plans?

My plan is to stay in London for another year to leverage the connections, exposure, and friends that I have created over the past year while maintaining my commitment to transfer knowledge and create further opportunities for the Egyptian technology ecosystem.

Did being a Gabr Fellow assist in your Oxford experience?

The Gabr fellowship has opened my eyes to how one person can make a difference by leveraging networks and friends. That has manifested in my Oxford experience where I brought 100 MBAs to Egypt and established a connection between Oxford University and Egyptian startups and institutions.

Any advice to your fellow Gabr Fellows?

When we immerse ourselves in a community characterized by high intelligence, intellectual rigour, and unwavering efficiency, we naturally rise to the occasion, compelled to reach new heights of personal and professional growth.



## IBRAHIM HAMMOUDA, 2017 FELLOW

2017 Gabr Fellow Ibrahim Hammouda met with Ecuador's Ambassador in Cairo, Ambassador Denys Toscano Amores, where they discussed business opportunities in Egypt.

Working towards expanding his business, Ibrahim also recently met with the Hani Berzi, Chairman and CEO of Edita Food Industries.



# FELLOWS NEWS AND UPDATES

## ALLEN AMINI, 2022 FELLOW



2022 Gabr Fellow Alen Amini recently completed the Presidential Leadership Scholars program. As a Scholar, he and 59 other mid-career professionals explored lessons learned during the administrations of George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Lyndon B. Johnson and met with former Presidents Bush and Clinton to discuss their presidencies.

The Presidential Leadership Scholars curriculum focuses on four core leadership skills: Vision and Communication, Decision Making, Persuasion and Influence, and Strategic Partnerships. Spread over six months, the sessions involve approximately 20 days of on-location instruction and interaction, coupled with pre- and post-module assignments and evaluations. In addition, Scholars form meaningful relationships with one another and learn from each other's divergent views and backgrounds.

## MURRAY ABELES, 2015 FELLOW

2015 Gabr Fellow Murray Abeles recently accepted an offer to join the Public Theater as their Chief Financial Officer. Public Theater is a highly regarded New York arts institution and has developed several well-known plays (most recently *Hamilton*).

The Public's wide breadth of programming includes an annual season of new work at its landmark home at Astor Place, Free Shakespeare in the Park at The Delacorte Theater in Central Park, the Mobile Unit touring throughout New York City's five boroughs, Public Works, Public Shakespeare Initiative, and Joe's Pub.

This next role builds Murray's work with NYC Kids RISE, where he ensured that all public school students in the city will have a financial asset towards higher education and vocational training. Murray will continue supporting NYC Kids RISE as a board member.



## NICK THOMAS, 2015 FELLOW

2015 Gabr Fellow Nick Thomas is moderating the screening of a new movie *Nandor Fodor and the Talking Mongoose* and a Q&A with its director at the Stanley Hotel in Colorado.

Nick flies out to LA at the end of September to screen his movie *An Egypt Affair* at the opening night of an LA Film Festival.



# INTERVIEW WITH....



## NOURHAN MOUSSA, 2014 GABR FELLOW

2014 Gabr Fellow Nourhan Moussa is a legal professional with over 15 years of experience in the Egyptian legal system as a law professor and legal advisor. She has also gained international experience by working on several international projects with UN Women, UNDP, UNFPA, EU, and USAID.

### 1) What are the 3 most important takeaways of your 2014 Gabr Fellowship experience?

- Global Perspective: the Gabr Fellowship expanded my global perspective, broadened my horizons and allowed me to see global issues from multiple viewpoints. This broader perspective has been instrumental in my work and decision-making.
- Networking: these connections have not only enriched my personal and professional life but have also opened doors for collaborative initiatives and partnerships.
- Public Diplomacy: fosters trust and understanding between countries and contributes to conflict prevention and resolution by promoting dialogue and tolerance.

### 2) Would you visit Egypt again?

- Indeed, and this year I took it upon myself to revive the US-Egypt dialogue in my network, aiming to exchange updates from the Egyptian viewpoint and actively stay informed about the American side. I plan to continue these efforts in order to strengthen communication and ensure that we as Fellows mutually benefit from sharing our knowledge.

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

- Understanding the characteristics and nature of each country is vital. One way to foster better understanding and bridge gaps is through public diplomacy. That is why I established the NextGen Egypt-US coalition – to facilitate these objectives.
- Enhanced trade partnerships can have a significant impact. By identifying opportunities in sectors like agriculture, technology, energy and infrastructure development, both countries can promote investment and trade for shared economic prosperity.
- Collaborating on mutual issues and security concerns. Whether it is counterterrorism efforts, peace initiatives, combating disinformation or humanitarian assistance, working together demonstrates a shared commitment that enhances trust.

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

- Without a doubt, I have acquired knowledge not only from being a Gabr Fellow in 2014, but also throughout the years by actively participating in meetings, forums, roundtable discussions, and having personal interactions with Mr. Gabr and Fellows from different backgrounds. This journey has provided me with a deeper understanding of both sides and has allowed me to discover many facts about my own country, Egypt. In addition to knowledge, I have also developed valuable skills. These experiences have fueled my unwavering dedication to the Gabr Fellowship program.

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

- Unique, erudite, prestigious.

# ACTION PROJECT UPDATE

## KATHLEEN HAGAN, 2022 GABR FELLOW



2022 American Gabr Fellow Kathleen Hagan, working together with 2022 Egyptian Gabr Fellows (Assem Bolbol, Aya Aly, Esraa El Zokem, and Layla Galal) is developing a research-based initiative that promotes the use of decarbonization rebates within the maritime industry, with a focus on vessels transiting through the Suez Canal.

The project was conceptualized with the support of The Shafik Gabr Foundation, as part of the Art of Dialogue initiative, and actively supports Egypt's commitment per UNDP to "reducing emissions in the transport sector by 7% by 2030".

This July, Kathleen secured a virtual meeting between the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) and a leading global maritime organization to present a proposal for future research and initiate exploratory discussions. The joint call was attended by participants in the US, UK, Egypt, UAE, and Switzerland. The discussions yielded interest and in late August SCA's leadership agreed to proceed with the initial research study—the results of which will be considered at a later date.

The research study is expected to take 6 weeks and is anticipated to start before the end of September. The research is being conducted by the leading provider of classification and compliance to the global maritime community and will evaluate the current environment, potential rebate structure, and feasibility assessment. The research will also address recommendations regarding how this initiative aligns with Egypt's wider infrastructure development projects and vision for future fuels. The research project is supported by the Shafik Gabr Foundation and FHG Marine Engineering, Inc.

As the primary shipping link between Africa and Asia, the Suez Canal brings over \$7B in annual revenue to Egypt. Support of this initial research showcases how the Suez Canal Authority is innovating sustainability solutions and Egypt's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

# SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

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

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

**Corporate patron** - Corporations can nominate Fellows for participation in the Fellowship Foundation and sponsor their participation on a company-wide level. The company will be listed in all publications, the logo will be presented on the Foundation's homepage and be given visibility at all events in the United States and Egypt.

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

To support the Foundation, visit

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## HALCYON FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Are you building a startup solving some of the world's biggest problems? Accelerate your growth with Halcyon's fellowship programs. DC-based Halcyon supports for-profit impact-driven startups building Climate, Health, and EquityTech solutions.

Fellows from across the US and world receive training in investment readiness, business fundamentals, impact, and leadership and are equipped with the tools and relationships they need to achieve scalable, lasting impact.

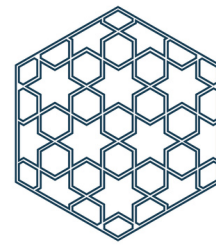
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# PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE - SECURITY FORUM RECEPTION



Keynote speeches by Congressman Robert Pittenger and Malak Gabr

On 31 August 2023, The Shafik Gabr Foundation hosted a reception in honour of the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum. The event took place at the Reform Club in London.

The keynote speeches were made by Congressman Robert Pittenger, Chairman of the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum, and Ms Malak Gabr representing the Foundation. In attendance was also David Guhl, a 2022 Gabr Fellow.

The Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum hosts regular fora for international Parliamentarians and government officials to learn from preeminent experts regarding counter-terrorism financing, cyber security, predatory foreign investments, intelligence sharing, 5G, AI, and other relevant topics.

Forum discussions offer working knowledge for legislative initiatives as well as technology tools that enhance stronger collaboration with United States' allies to successfully eradicate terrorist capabilities and capacities. To date, the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum has hosted 24 in person global fora with over 1,700 Parliamentarians and government officials in attendance representing 96 countries. During 2020-2021 PI-SF has hosted 14 webinars with 9,800 Parliamentarians participating from over 100 countries.

During the London meeting in August, 243 Parliamentarians from 52 countries gathered at the London Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum at Central Hall Westminster on 31 August-1 September, hosted by Hon. Alicia Kearns, Chair of the UK Foreign Affairs Committee.

# QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH: A PULSE OF THE GABR FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY

As the Gabr Fellows enter into leadership roles—in business, diplomacy, government, finance, and more—they will continue to grapple with significant challenges, magnified by an increased pace in technological advancement, the potential for ramped up global inequalities, and changes in governance and economic structures. To better understand the pulse of the Gabr Fellowship community and to begin to articulate substantive dialogue, the Foundation polls the Fellows each month on the key issues facing their respective countries and the global community at large.



**1.) Do you expect former President Trump to be the Republican nominee for the 2024 Presidential election?**

Yes - 71%

No - 22%

I don't know - 7%

**2.) Is Egypt joining the BRICS a positive move?**

Yes - 58%

No - 17%

I don't know - 25%

**3.) Five US Senators are urging to cut Egypt's AID program. Do you think this is a positive step?**

Yes - 12%

No - 74%

I don't know - 14%

**4.) Are Egypt-US joint military exercises in Egypt a positive aspect of the Egypt-US bilateral relationship?**



Yes - 86%

No - 6%

I don't know - 8%

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

# The AI Power Paradox

By Ian Bremmer and Mustafa Suleyman

*Foreign Affairs*, August 2023

It's 2035, and artificial intelligence is everywhere. AI systems run hospitals, operate airlines, and battle each other in the courtroom. Productivity has spiked to unprecedented levels, and countless previously unimaginable businesses have scaled at blistering speed, generating immense advances in well-being. New products, cures, and innovations hit the market daily, as science and technology kick into overdrive. And yet the world is growing both more unpredictable and more fragile, as terrorists find new ways to menace societies with intelligent, evolving cyberweapons and white-collar workers lose their jobs en masse.

Just a year ago, that scenario would have seemed purely fictional; today, it seems nearly inevitable. Generative AI systems can already write more clearly and persuasively than most humans and can produce original images, art, and even computer code based on simple language prompts. And generative AI is only the tip of the iceberg. Its arrival marks a Big Bang moment, the beginning of a world-changing technological revolution that will remake politics, economies, and societies.

Like past technological waves, AI will pair extraordinary growth and opportunity with immense disruption and risk. But unlike previous waves, it will also initiate a seismic shift in the structure and balance of global power as it threatens the status of nation-states as the world's primary geopolitical actors. Whether they

admit it or not, AI's creators are themselves geopolitical actors, and their sovereignty over AI further entrenches the emerging "technopolar" order—one in which technology companies wield the kind of power in their domains once reserved for nation-states. For the past decade, big technology firms have effectively become independent, sovereign actors in the digital realms they have created. AI accelerates this trend and extends it far beyond the digital world. The technology's complexity and the speed of its advancement will make it almost impossible for governments to make relevant rules at a reasonable pace. If governments do not catch up soon, it is possible they never will.

Thankfully, policymakers around the world have begun to wake up to the challenges posed by AI and wrestle with how to govern it. In May 2023, the G-7 launched the "Hiroshima AI process," a forum devoted to harmonizing AI governance. In June, the European Parliament passed a draft of the EU's AI Act, the first comprehensive attempt by the European Union to erect safeguards around the AI industry. And in July, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for the establishment of a global AI regulatory watchdog. Meanwhile, in the United States, politicians on both sides of the aisle are calling for regulatory action. But many agree with Ted Cruz, the Republican senator from Texas, who concluded in June that Congress "doesn't know what the hell it's doing."

Unfortunately, too much of the debate about AI governance remains trapped in a dangerous false dilemma: leverage artificial intelligence to expand national power or stifle it to avoid its risks.

Even those who accurately diagnose the problem are trying to solve it by shoehorning AI into existing or historical governance frameworks. Yet AI cannot be governed like any previous technology, and it is already shifting traditional notions of geopolitical power.

The challenge is clear: to design a new governance framework for this unique technology. If global governance of AI is to become possible, the international system must move past traditional conceptions of sovereignty and welcome technology companies to the table. These actors may not derive legitimacy from a social contract, democracy, or the provision of public goods, but without them, effective AI governance will not stand a chance. This is one example of how the international community will need to rethink basic assumptions about the geopolitical order. But it is not the only one.

A challenge as unusual and pressing as AI demands an original solution. Before policymakers can begin to hash out an appropriate regulatory structure, they will need to agree on basic principles for how to govern AI. For starters, any governance framework will need to be precautionary, agile, inclusive, impermeable, and targeted.

To read the full article,

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# ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

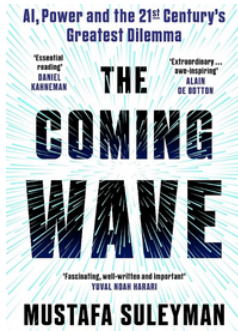


Gabr Fellows with Major General Mohamed El Keshky, Egypt's Former Assistant Minister of Defense



Gabr Fellows take on the Pyramids

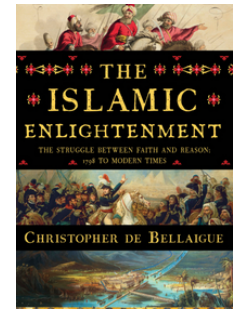
# Gabr Foundation Book Corner



The Foundation Book Corner encourages Fellows to critique the books that have been recommended to them in each issue. For this issue, Mr. Gabr recommends *The Coming Wave: Technology, Power, and the Twenty-first Century's Greatest Dilemma* by Mustafa Suleyman and *The Islamic Enlightenment: The Modern Struggle Between Faith and Reason* by Christopher de Bellaigue.

In *The Coming Wave*, Suleyman, co-founder of the pioneering AI company DeepMind, argues that the coming decade will be defined by a wave of powerful, fast-proliferating new technologies. These forces will create immense prosperity but also threaten the nation-state, the foundation of global order. He establishes “the containment problem”—the task of maintaining control over powerful technologies—as the essential challenge of our age.

In *The Islamic Enlightenment*, beginning with the dramatic collision of East and West following Napoleon’s arrival in Egypt, and taking us through 200 tumultuous years of Middle Eastern history, Christopher de Bellaigue introduces us to key figures and reformers of the Islamic Enlightenment.



## Gabr Foundation Movie and Documentary Corner

Each month, the Gabr Foundation Movie and Documentary corner will be recommending two feature films, and two documentaries. For the feature films, Mr Gabr recommends *The Mauritanian* (a 2021 legal drama film based on the memoir of Mohamedou Ould Slahi, a Mauritanian man who was held from 2002 to 2016 without charge in the Guantanamo Bay detention camp) and *Fair Game* (a 2010 biographical political drama film where a CIA operative investigates the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and her cover is blown after her husband writes a controversial article about the sale of uranium).

*Dopesick*, an American drama miniseries, focuses on the epicenter of America's struggle with opioid addiction across the US, on how individuals and families are affected by it, on the alleged conflicts of interest involving Purdue Pharma and various government agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration and the United States Department of Justice, and finally, on the legal case against Purdue Pharma and their development, testing and marketing of the drug OxyContin.

From a college dropout to the co-founder of one of the most influential technology companies in the world, Steve Jobs’s life was a rollercoaster of highs and lows. His legacy is an inspiring story of grit, determination and innovation. *History of Steve Jobs* is the story behind his rise to success, and how he left behind one of the greatest legacies of our time.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SEPTEMBER FELLOWS!



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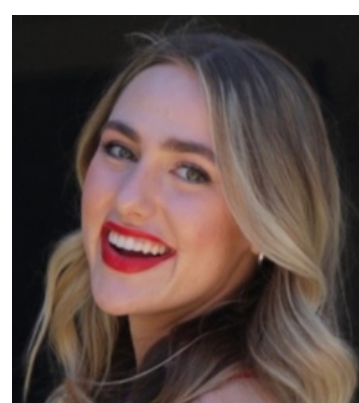
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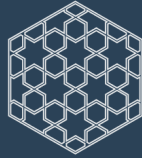


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Charles Vacher, *Bedouin encampment before the Temple of Hathor at Dendera, Egypt*, 1867

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