

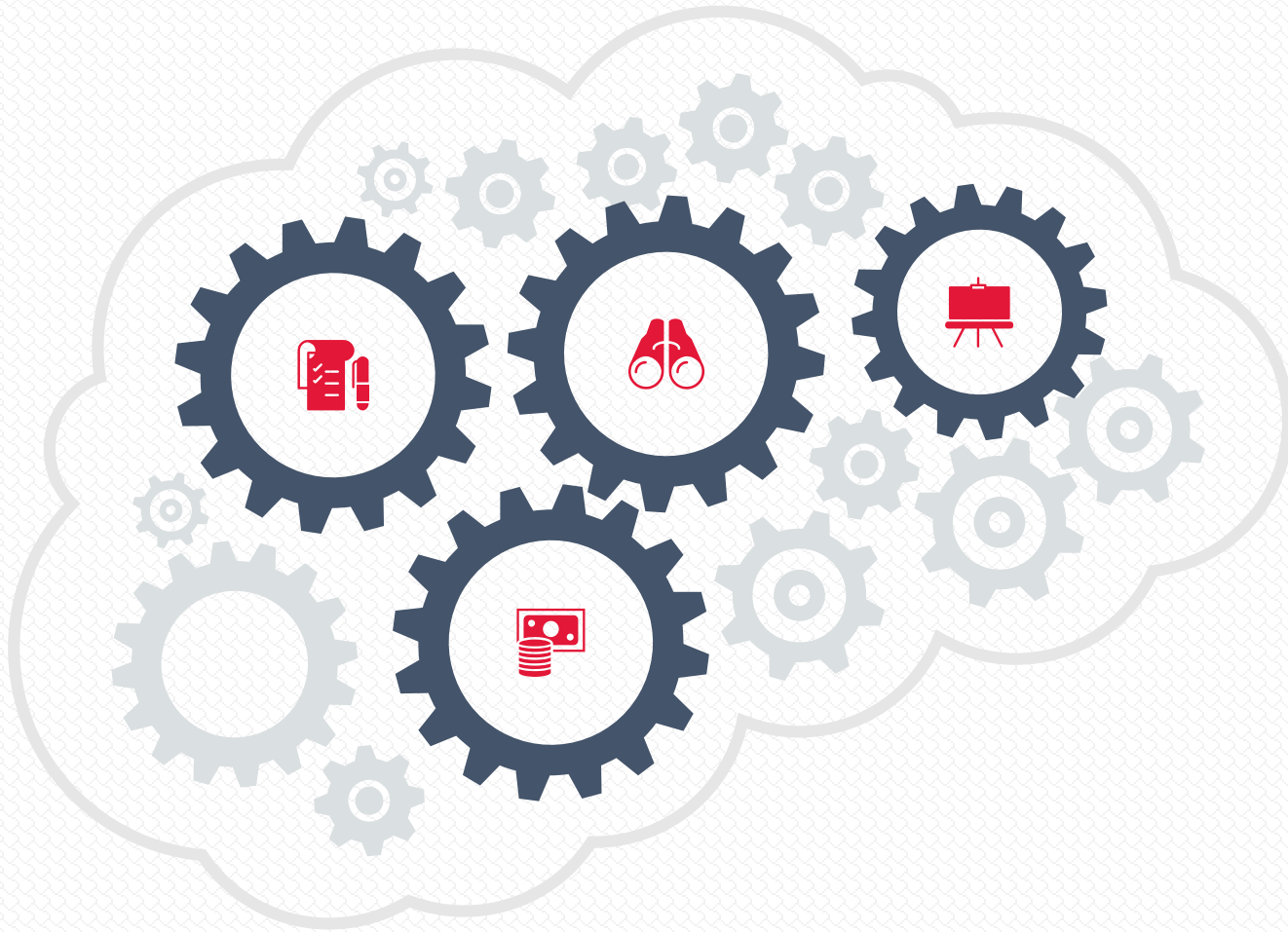


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Asfari Institute FEBRUARY 2019 Monthly Events Roundup



Monthly Events Roundup



The Monthly Events Roundup of the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship is a summary of :

- Events organized by the institute
- Events attended by team members
- Publications
- Interviews
- Papers and analysis pieces (co)authored by team members
- Research and projects updates
- New team members

Events Organized – Book Launch

بناء ونضال: من أرشيف الحركة النسوية المصرية



Program/ Project:

Civil Society, Law and Conflict

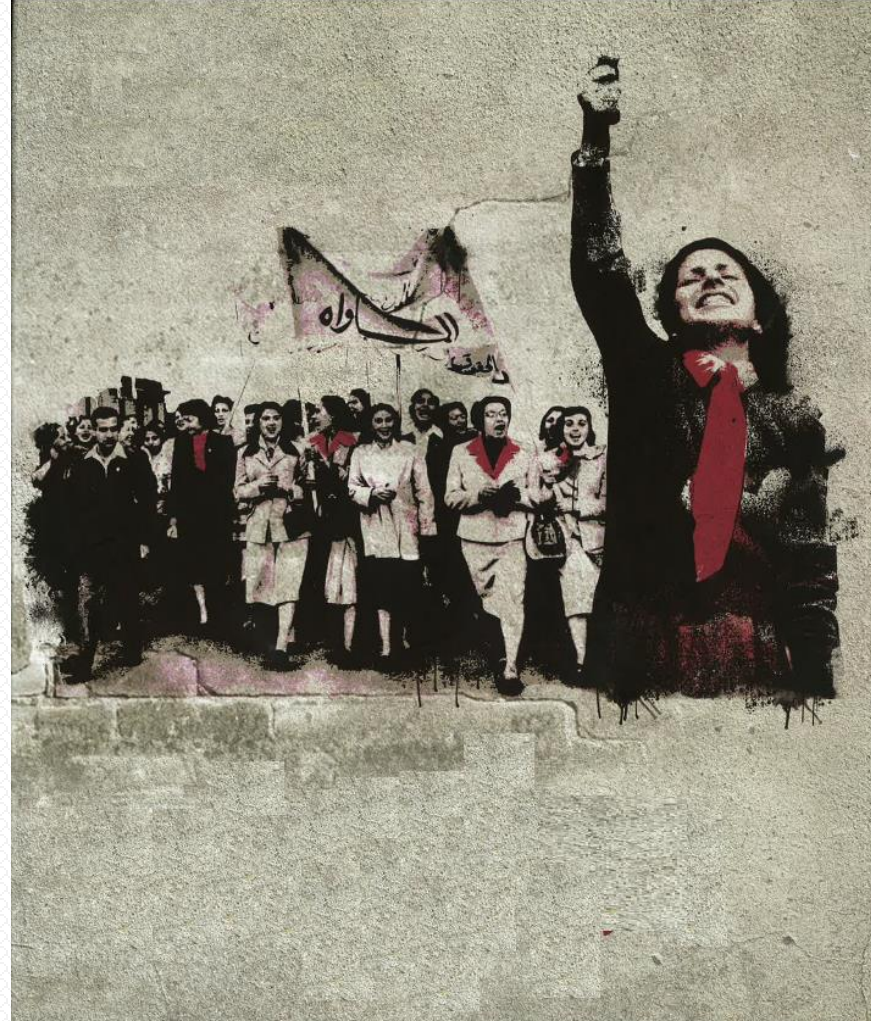


Date: 4 February



Location: IFI Auditorium - AUB

The book aims at documenting the Egyptian feminist movement through photos, posters, and articles published in newspapers and magazines. The book is divided into two parts: the first one sheds light on organizations and associations that were either formed by women or saw their participation; while the second part tackles some of the battles that women in Egypt fought.



Events Organized – Public Lecture

Policies for Naturalization of Foreign-Born Athletes: Qatar and Turkey in Comparison



Program/ Project:

Civil Society, Law and Conflict



Date: 4 February



Location: IFI Auditorium - AUB

Qatar and Turkey have recently been at the forefront of giving citizenship to migrant athletes. The lecture investigated why, how, and under which conditions, countries naturalize foreign-born athletes. It was presented by Dr Danyel Reiche, associate professor for Comparative Politics at AUB, and Dr Cem Tinaz, director of the school of Sports Sciences and Technology at Istanbul Bilgi University.



Events Organized – Discussion Panel

Women and Radicalization in the Arab region



Program/ Project:

Civil Society, Law and Conflict



Date: 15 February



Location: College Hall - AUB

The ESCWA Centre for Women in partnership with the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship at the American University in Beirut (AUB) organized a discussion panel on “Women and Radicalization in the Arab Region” as part of its Gender Discussion Series. The Discussion Panel discussed the issue of women between victimhood and agency of violent extremism while referring to some countries’ experiences in radicalization and deradicalization from the region.

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► **Title:**

[Hosni Mubarak Was Overthrown Eight Years Ago. Should Egypt Miss Him?](#)



Author(s):

Dina El Khawaga (Asfari) / Michael Young (Carnegie)



Publishing Entity:

Carnegie Middle East Center



Summary:

Nowadays, Egyptians miss Mubarak because the country finds itself in a much direr situation than the one in 2011. Citizens have lost a considerable part of their purchasing power, the government has adopted an unprecedented currency devaluation, and the gap between rich and poor (or between social classes) has widened immeasurably.



Co-Authored by Asfari Institute's Researchers



Title:

[Lebanon: From the 1984 Intifada to the 3rd Republic](#)



Author(s):

Bachar El Halabi (Asfari) / Rabih Jamil (University of Montreal)



Publishing Entity:

Istituto per gli studi di politica internazionale (ISPI)



Summary:

Following the parliamentary election in May 2018 and after 9 months of negotiations, designated Prime Minister Saad Hariri was able to form a government in Lebanon. To better understand the process this government took to be formed, we need to understand the transition the Lebanese political power-sharing arrangement has undergone through the years.



In the pipeline – Training Workshop

الفاعلية الثقافية - كيف نبني مبادرة في الحقل الثقافي



Program/ Project:

Culture as Resistance



Date: 25 – 28 March

This month, the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship announced the opening of the registration of the training workshop titled “الفاعلية الثقافية - كيف نبني مبادرة في الحقل الثقافي” (Cultural Activism – How to Build a Cultural Initiative). The workshop aims at training activists from around the Arab World on means of producing culture as resistance.



In the pipeline – Training Program

دعم الناشطة العربية (بدنا)

ASAP - Arab Social Activism Program



Program/ Project:

Civil Society, Law and Conflict



Date: 16 June – 6 July

The Asfari Institute's ASAP - Arab Social Activism Program is back for its second year. Calls for application for the 20-day program is now out. The main aim behind the program is providing Arab youths with the necessary skills and knowledge in order to build effective initiatives and campaigns in the civil society.



Events Attended

The Middle East: Thinking About and Beyond Security and Stability



Organizing Entity:
Issam Fares Institute



Date: 7 – 8 February



Location: Seminar Room, IFI - AUB

An international conference organized by the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the Issam Fares Institute. Several leading scholars gathered to address a number of security-related issues, all connected to the meaning of (in)security from the perspective of people living in the Middle East and North Africa. In doing so, they shed light on the contours of a stable and legitimate order that responds to the needs of the peoples in the region, on what history tells us about the ongoing debates on security and stability in the region, and, on “human security”.



Events Attended

Unpacking Return: Syrian Refugees' Conditions and Concerns



Organizing Entity:

Issam Fares Institute

SAWA for Development and Aid



Date: 13 February



Location: IFI Auditorium - AUB

This event was to launch SAWA's latest report, “Unpacking Return: Syrian Refugees' Conditions and Concerns”. Policy debates surrounding return often tend to lose sight of the concrete human stakes of return, instead focusing on state-level actors and political institutions. This report seeks to bring this debate back to the ground, carving out space for the experiences, concerns, and recommendations of the people most directly affected by the crisis: displaced Syrians themselves.



Events Attended

Syria's War Economy and Its Impact on Lebanon



Organizing Entity:

Jad Chaaban (AUB faculty)



Date: 27 February



Location: Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences - AUB

In this lecture, Syrian economist Samir Aita presented the current economic activities in Syria, including the shifting trade dynamics. Aita explained how the shifting price of labor from pre-war to post-war denotes how much money foreign actors were pumping into Syria. Aita's research concludes that Lebanese officials are excited about the reconstruction in Syria since they claim that Lebanon might be a hub for imports, consulting services and might have some product to export to Syria.

