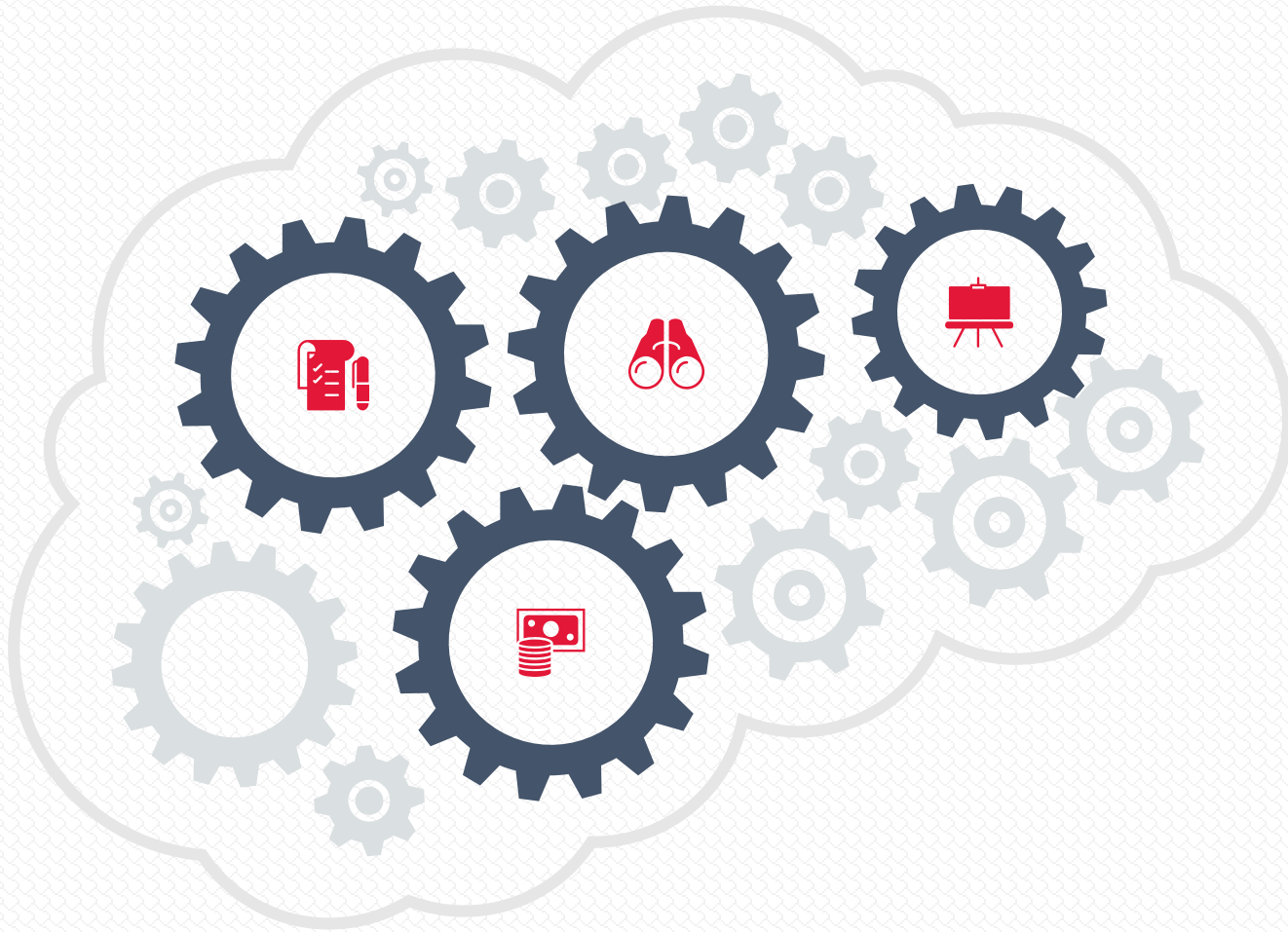




# Asfari Institute JUNE 2019 Monthly Events Roundup



# MONTHLY ROUNDUP



The monthly 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
- Research and projects updates
- New team members

# Events Organized – Conference

رصد وتوثيق تجارب الدراسات الجندرية في الجامعات والمراكز البحثية العربية



**Program/ Project:** *Civil Society, Law and Governance*



**Date:** 13-14 June



**Location:**

West Hall – Auditorium B, AUB / Crowne Plaza  
(Libertie Room)

The seminar was organized in collaboration with the initiative for Women & Gender Studies at AUB and the Lebanese Association of Women Researchers – Bahithat. Around 40 academics, researchers, and civil and rights activists from Lebanon and 11 Arab countries were present at the seminar during which 13 experts took the mic to showcase their experiences on teaching gender at their respective universities, or their attempt to include the subject in the curriculum.



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# Events Organized – Panel Discussion

## *Protesting Lebanon's Regime*



**Program/ Project:** *Civil Society, Law and Governance*



**Date:** 10 June



**Location:** Auditorium B1 – College Hall, AUB

The Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, in collaboration with the Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, at AUB, organized the panel discussion that sought to address three main questions: What strategies does the Lebanese system employ to co-opt protests and protestors? How do politicians devise and use counter-narratives to discredit demands for change? What types of repression and violence have been used against protestors? The workshop also aimed at looking into the external factors behind the failure of the protest movements in Lebanon, at a time when studies on the subject matter have examined the internal factors.



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# Collaboration in Events and Conferences

## *“Alternative Economies” Conference*



**Organizing Entity:** *Kohl Journal*



**Date:** 21 - 22 June



**Location:** Mansion

Kohl Journal brought young scholars and activists from the Arab region and the world together and provided them with a space to present their research work and exchange their thoughts and experiences on a wide array of infrequently visited topics which they address from a gender lens. The Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship contributed to this conference with a panel presentation that delved into critiquing neo-liberal policies and norms, while focusing on their impacts on women’s rights, among the rights of other vulnerable social groups, from a social-economic perspective. AI’s presentation, delivered by Farah Al Shami, program officer at the institute, mainly underlined a case study that is reflective enough of the channels through which neoliberalism accentuates gender discrimination. .



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# Collaboration in Events and Conferences

*Dr. Hassan Abbas' lectures and workshops in Italy*



**Date:** 14 June



**Location:** Rome

At the invitation of Contemporeaneo Mediteraneo, Dr. Hassan Abbas, program director at the Asfari Institute, gave a lecture on Syrian artists and resistance at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Rome.



**Date:** 17 June



**Location:** Sardinia

At the invitation of four civil organizations, Dr. Hassan Abbas gave a lecture on the conditions that Syrian workers in Lebanon live under. The movie, "Taste of Cement" was screened and discussed. Also at the invitation of the cultural association CAROVANA S.M.I, Dr. Hassan Abbas gave a workshop on "Cultural Differences".



**Date:** 18 June



**Location:** Sardinia

Dr Hassan Abbas took part in the valuation of 12 cultural projects prepared by refugees in Sardinia.



**Date:** 22 and 23 June



**Location:** Sardinia

Dr. Hassan Abbas gave a workshop on "The Syrian Identity and its Transformations, and the Modern Syrian History", organized by Mobaderoon.

# Events Attended – Panel Discussion

*Options of Transformations towards Inclusive State Institutions*



**Organizing Entity:** *Syrian Center for Policy Research*



**Date:** 9 and 10 June

The panel gathered 15 experts to discuss mainly the role of the state in violence, as well the possible role that institutions can play to surpass economies of violence. The panel also examined the modality of transition from authoritarianism to democracy through changing the role that state institutions play.



# Events Attended – **Work Day**

*State Dynamics in Syria*



**Organizing Entity:** *Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs & Chatham House*

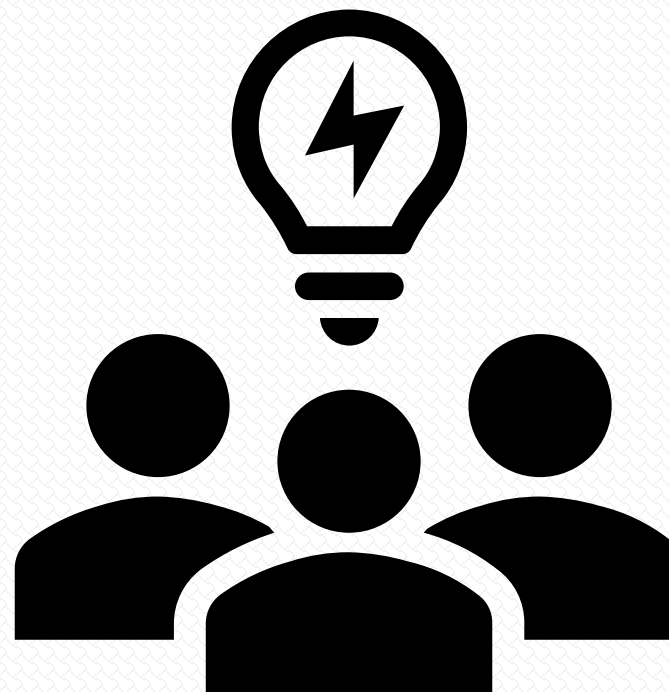


**Date:** 12 June



**Location:** IFI, AUB

The workshop aimed at conceptualizing a new approach to understand state in Syria by focusing on interactions within different state functions: service provision and economic/social policy making. Dr. Hassan Abbas, program director at the Asfari Institute, was among the speakers.





# Events Attended – Conference and Launch

## *Palestinian Oral History Archive (POHA)*



**Organizing Entity:** *Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs*

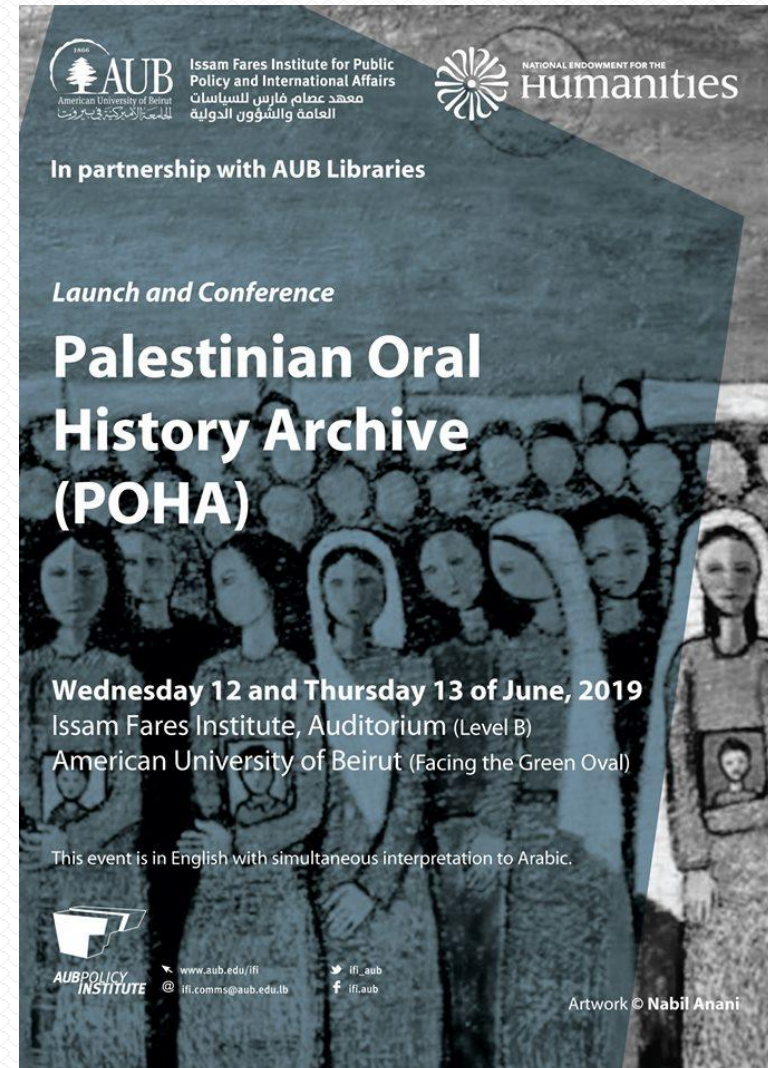


**Date:** 12 and 13 June



**Location:** Auditorium – IFI, AUB

The Culture as Resistance program was present at the conference to launch the Palestinian Oral History Archive (POHA). The two-day international conference was organized by Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, in collaboration with the project partners: The AUB Libraries, the Nakba Archive, and the Arab Resource Center for Popular Arts (AL-JANA). More than twenty scholars from different countries took part in this event and presented their research covering various themes.



# Publications

## ► Title:

تصدّع في جدار النظام

حركة أمناء وأفراد الشرطة كحركة اجتماعية

## 👤 Author(s):

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## 📄 Summary:

عقب تنحي الرئيس الأسبق حسني مبارك بعد اشتعال ثورة يناير 2011، بدأت حركة أمناء الشرطة بالتشكل والبروز على الساحة السياسية في مصر. نالت الحركة الكثير من الاهتمام الاعلامي والسياسي، ولكنها لم تُدرس حتى الآن ولم يتم توثيق فعاليتها ومعاركها المختلفة. وهو ما تسعى هذه الورقة لدراسته، فتهدف إلى فهم حركة أمناء الشرطة كحركة اجتماعية وتوثيق فاعليتها وتاريخها. شهدت الحركة ذروتها من منتصف 2011 إلى 2013، حيث تشكلت قيادة لها ودخلت في ما يعرف بالسياسة التنزاعية، ودارت عدة معارك بين الحركة ووزارة الداخلية. كما انقسمت الحركة على نفسها عدة مرات في هذه الفترة، وشهدت معارك داخلية عنيفة بين أعضائها حتى تشكلت جبهتان للحركة؛ الأولى تمثلت في النادي العام المنتخب والثانية في اتحاد أمناء الشرطة. وسعت الداخلية نفسها لتوحيدهما وحسم الخلاف والتأسيس لكيان ونسق قانوني لها.



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