



## "The Reform and Development of the Arab Regional Order" – Report Launch

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The Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship at AUB launched the final Report which constitutes the end product of its extensive 18-month research project on "The Reform and Development of the Arab Regional Order", on March 11, 2019.

This report includes a policy paper developed by the project's steering committee of experts in the field of Arab regional relations and the League of Arab States (LAS), a number of background papers written by researchers working on this topic, the reports of the several consultation workshops that the Asfari Institute has organized with its partners on different dimensions of the topic (including Arab joint action, Arab economic integration, cooperation with and among Arab media, and the role of the LAS in fulfilling the needs and expectations of Arab youth), and finally a report on the interviews that the experts' committee had conducted with current and former LAS officials as well as on their periodic meetings.

The launching event gathered the steering committee members and the working team of experts and researchers, along with a number of Arab ambassadors in Lebanon and various actors in the fields of political sociology and political economy, who are interested in or working on the topic in question, from academia, Arab media, and Arab NGOs/ research centers. The attendees were walked through the background information that framed the research work, including the challenges which have been facing the Arab systems and the LAS, the major findings and key messages of the report, the methodology and processes that led to them, and the main controversies that were noted during the consultancy workshops, roundups and interviews.

The event ended with a brief discussion which demonstrated the audience's interest in further understanding the in-depth analysis presented in the report, and their concern regarding the feasibility of the proposed policy recommendations amid the volatile political situation in the region.