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On Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 11am at CEDEJ, **Hania Sobhy** will present her research: "Teachers and Educational Transformation in Egypt".

In this talk, I present preliminary reflections from my current project on the transformations in pre-university education in Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia. The study focuses on teachers in particular and goes beyond the urban and the capital to understand variations in the reach and implications of the major trends shaping education in the region: defunding, privatization, protest and migration. My talk will focus on my fieldwork in Egypt, providing background on the condition of education and details of the interviews conducted with teachers in 2023 and 2024. I reflect on how teachers discussed the key questions of inequality, privatization, recent education reforms and their trajectories and conditions as teachers.

Hania Sobhy is a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute MPI MMG in Gottingen, Germany. She works on education, citizenship and contentious politics, with special reference to the Middle East. Her first book, *Schooling the Nation: Education and Everyday Politics in Egypt*, was published with Cambridge University Press in 2023. Her work has appeared in World Development, Compare, Nations and Nationalism, Globalisation, Societies and Education and Cogent Social Sciences. Her current project focuses on teachers, inequality and protest in Egyptian, Lebanese and Tunisian education. She studied political science and economics at McGill University in Montreal and the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. She was previously based in Aix-en-Provence, Berlin, Cairo and Beirut. She has worked in education development since 2004 and contributes to the *Egyptian Daily al-Shorouk*.