



War and State (De)Formation in MENA

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The Arab Political Science Network (APSN), in collaboration with the Center for Economic, Legal, and Social Studies and Documentation (CEDEJ) and the Middle East Studies Program at the American University in Cairo (AUC) invite you to a webinar discussion on "War and State (De)Formation in MENA."

This is the first session in a six-part series titled Politics and War in MENA, that will bring together researchers and professionals to reflect on and discuss, using multi-disciplinary perspectives and experiences, critical themes from State (De)formation and War Economies to Researching War, Media and Disinformation, and Everyday Life under War.

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*Simultaneous interpretation to Arabic is available.

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Speakers

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Dr. Anderson served as President of the American University in Cairo for five years, from 2011-2016. Prior to her appointment as President, she was the University's provost, a position she had assumed in 2008. She is Dean Emerita of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia, where she led the school from 1997-2007. She was on the faculty of Columbia since 1986; prior to her appointment as Dean, she served as Chair of the Political Science Department and Director of Columbia's Middle East Institute. She has also taught at Princeton and Harvard Universities.

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Her research attempts to bring Middle East cases to debates within IR theory while surmounting the challenge to the study of state behaviour in the Middle East through theoretical lenses. Her research has appeared in internationally renowned journals, namely *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *the Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Democratization*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Global Discourse* and in volumes on the international relations of the Middle East. She is author of *Threats and Alliances in the Middle East: Saudi and Syrian Policies in a Turbulent Region* (Cambridge University Press, 2019). She is Principal Investigator of the Carnegie-funded project *Port Infrastructures, International Politics, and Everyday Life: From the Arabian Gulf to the Horn of Africa*.