



War, Media and Disinformation Campaigns

Date & Time

Feb 24, 2025 03:00 PM (Cairo time)

Zoom link registration: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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

Wesam Amer

CARA/SRF Fellow and Visiting Professor at University of Cambridge

Dr Wesam Amer is a CARA/SRF fellow and visiting professor at Cambridge. Since 2020, Dr Amer has been Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Languages at Gaza University. He was a Fulbright scholar and researcher at Harvard University's Centre for Middle Eastern Studies in 2022. He was a Marie Curie fellow at Newcastle University from 2017 to 2020. Dr. Amer obtained his Ph.D. from Hamburg University in 2015. His interests in teaching and research center around political

communication, violent language, warfare, and contemporary geopolitics, with a specific focus on terrorism, security, and radicalization. He has published several papers on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Islamist movements in the Middle East and Islamophobia.

Khaled Ezzelarab

Associate Professor of Practice and Director of Middle East Studies Program-[American University in Cairo](#)

Khaled Ezzelarab is a Associate Professor of Practice and Director of Middle East Studies Program at the American University in Cairo. He is a seasoned journalist, who covered since 2003, numerous major stories in the Middle East such as the Egyptian uprising and the wars in Gaza, Syria, and Yemen for international and regional news organizations.

Khaled continues to publish in Egyptian and Arab media and his work, particularly long-form documentaries, won a number of awards in Egypt and the United Kingdom.

Hamid Khalafallah

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Hamid Khalafallah is a development practitioner, researcher and policy analyst. He is currently a PhD researcher at the Global Development Institute of the University of Manchester, researching grassroots movements and political transitions in Africa. Before that, Hamid worked for various international organizations in Sudan, focusing on governance and development issues. He holds a master's degree in International Development from the University of Bradford, where his dissertation on the role of NGOs in authoritarian contexts was awarded the Development Studies Association (DSA) dissertation prize. Moreover, Hamid is a former fellow of the Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy (TIMEP) in the US, and an alumnus of the Young African Leaders' Programme at the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute (EUI) in Italy. Hamid's research interests include participatory governance, democracy and democratisation processes, citizen-state engagement and inclusive development. He writes regularly for various online policy platforms.

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Dr. Katty Alhayek is an Assistant Professor in the School of Professional Communication at Toronto Metropolitan University in Canada. Alhayek's research centers around themes of marginality, media, audiences, gender, intersectionality,

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