



Research and Teaching during War

Date & Time

April 28, 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 "Research and Teaching during War."

This session will look at how different researchers and faculty members conduct research and teach during times of war and conflict, especially if these atrocities are taking place in their countries of origin or their case studies.

This is the fourth session in a five-part series titled Politics and War in MENA, that brings together researchers and professionals to reflect on, discuss and share their expertise using multi-disciplinary perspectives and experiences.

You can watch previous sessions here: <https://www.arabpsn.org/events/politics-and-war-seminar-series>

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*Simultaneous interpretation to Arabic is available.

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Speakers

- Ghada Almadbouh

Assistant Professor-Birzeit University, Palestine

Ghada Almadbouh is an assistant professor and chair of the department of political science at Birzeit University. She holds a PhD in Comparative Politics from the University of Maryland/College Park. Her research interests include social and Islamist movements, democratic transformations, and Islamist political thought.

- **Alexandra Kassir**

Assistant Professor - American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Alexandra Kassir is an assistant professor of sociology at the American University of Beirut. She holds a PhD in sociology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris. Her main areas of research are social movements and migration studies. She examined the anti-sectarian movement in post-war Lebanon and its reconfigurations, the mobilisations against the headscarf ban in France and more recently the trajectories and experiences of young Palestinians and Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

- **Khalid Medani**

Associate Professor of Political Science and Chair of the African Studies Program-McGill University

Dr. Khalid Mustafa Medani is Associate Professor of Political Science and Islamic Studies where he is also the Director of the Institute of Islamic Studies and Chair of the African Studies Program at McGill University. He has also taught at Oberlin College and Stanford University in the United States.

His research focuses on globalization, and the political economy of Islamist and Ethnic Politics in Africa and the Middle East with a special focus on Sudan, Egypt, and Somalia. Dr. Medani is the author of *Black Markets and Militants: Informal Networks in the Middle East and Africa*, which received in 2022 the American Political Science Association's Best Book award in MENA Politics by a senior scholar.