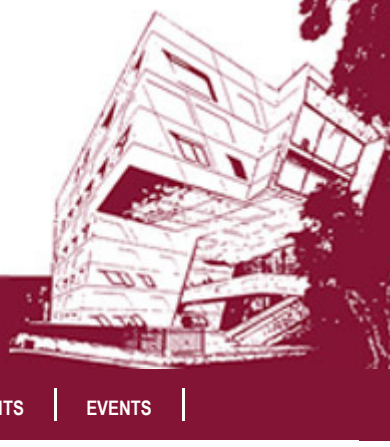




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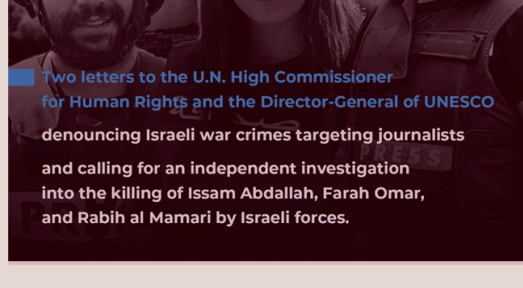
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MESA Membership

Our Institute is proud to announce its membership in the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). Established in 1966, MESA fosters the study of the Middle East with a dual focus on scholarship & advocacy.

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Two letters to the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Director-General of UNESCO denouncing Israeli war crimes targeting journalists and calling for an independent investigation into the killing of Issam Abdallah, Farah Omar, and Rabi Al Maamari by Israeli forces.

IFI Joins 120 Organizations in Condemning Israel's Attacks on Journalists

Our Institute is one of 120 local and international entities demanding an independent investigation into Israel's targeting of journalists and killing of Issam Abdallah, Farah Omar, and Rabi Al Maamari.

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SHAPEDEM-EU Project

As part of our work within the SHAPEDEM-EU consortium, IFI is leading the Working Package that aims to unpack EU's support for democratic politics in its Southern Neighbourhoods with a focus on Lebanon, Tunisia & Palestine.

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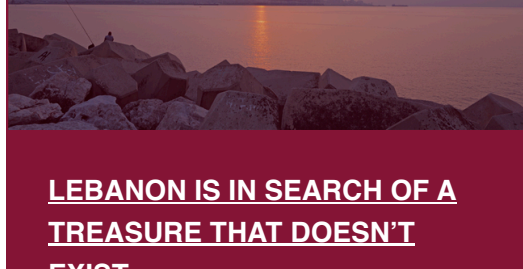
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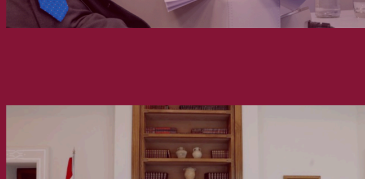


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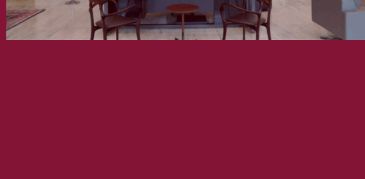
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"The war in Gaza is a golden opportunity for Russia to engage with Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Jordan in addressing a comprehensive peace deal to the Palestinian question."

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The Lebanese Presidential Election: A Key to Avoid Israel-Hezbollah Escalation?

"Without a legitimate Lebanese state to engage in negotiations with, Israel could deem more profitable, or even opportune, to continue extending the outreach of its military actions in Lebanon rather than engage in a diplomatic process."

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RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, LEILA SOLH

We are excited to announce Leila Solh as our new Research Development Manager.

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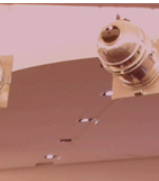
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Our Summer Internship Program is now accepting applications until April 5, 2024.

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JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND BEYOND

As part of AUB's Palestine Week, the panel explored the limitations and potentialities of leveraging law to address ongoing Israeli oppression, emphasizing the need for collective action and reappropriation of legal tools to challenge hegemonic structures and support Palestine.

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03/05/2024

WHITE PHOSPHORUS AMMUNITION IN SOUTH LEBANON: IMPACT, MANAGEMENT, AND POLICIES

The event highlighted the urgent need for thorough investigation, tailored management strategies, and legal action to address the health, environmental, and humanitarian devastation wrought by Israel's white phosphorus in South Lebanon.

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02/02/2024

BEIRUT SECURITY DEBATES 2024: THE GAZA WAR AND THE REGIONAL TURMOIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The IFI-FES BSD annual conference brought together scholars, experts, and policymakers to dissect critical security and geopolitical questions in the region. Speakers also discussed the implications of recent diplomatic shifts and the humanitarian crisis in both Lebanon and Gaza.

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02/29/2024

TAHAWOR SERIES: TAX REGULATION IN THE REAL ESTATE SECTOR

Our Institute and Adyan Foundation held a discussion session with Mona Fawaz about tax regulation in the real estate sector and reforms in Lebanon. This session falls within the framework of the third phase of the “Tahawor” series.



02/22/2024

BROWN BAG SESSION: CLIMATE CHANGE & VALDAI

IFI held its third brown bag session with Dr. Nadim Farajallah, former Director of Climate Change & Environment, and Yeghia Tashijian, International Affairs Cluster Coordinator. They discussed insights from COP28 and the 13th Middle East Conference of the Valdai Discussion Club in Moscow.

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