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4:00-6:00 pm

Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy
and International Affairs
Conference Room (4th Floor)
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TALK

What is a "Bill of Rights" and can it help Lebanon rise again?

Wissam Yafi

Lebanese American technologist, international development practitioner, and author



As part of the Dialogue Series on the October 2019 Uprising in Lebanon launched by the AUB Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, we are pleased to host Wissam Yafi for a talk on his latest research. Wissam Yafi is a technologist, international development practitioner, and author. A Harvard scholar, he has written books on democracy in Lebanon and the Middle East, including "Inevitable Democracy in the Arab World" published by Palgrave MacMillan.

His latest research focuses on how a bill of rights can serve as a counterweight to correct dysfunctional constitutions in the Middle East. In this talk, he will present a comparative discussion on the relevance of a bill of rights and its potential effects on Lebanon's political structure, sectarianism, economic development, and social justice. Yafi will field questions on the instrument itself, its history around the world, and its potential regarding the ongoing uprising. He will also share an open draft that was initiated by a group of Harvard scholars.

This event will be in English.



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