

Mobilisations in the Age of the Arab Uprisings: Perspectives from Lebanon and Iraq

26 January 2018 (4:00-7:00pm)
27 January 2018 (9:30am-5:30pm)
AUB, West Hall, Auditorium C

The **Lebanese Sociological Association (LSA)**, supported by the International Sociological Association), in collaboration with **Jadaliyya/ASI**, **Lebanon Support** and the **Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies Department at American University of Beirut (AUB)**, is organising a two-day workshop on the topic of social movements in the Arab region, with a special focus on two countries that did not directly witness the Arab Uprisings: Lebanon and Iraq.

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List of speakers and discussants:

- Dr. Faleh Abel Jabbar (Iraq Studies, Lebanon)
- Dr. Marie-Noëlle AbiYaghi (Lebanon Support/Institut Français du Proche Orient, Lebanon)
- Dr. Jassim Al Hilfi (Baghdad University, Iraq)
- Dr. Lea Bou Khater (ACSS / AUB, Lebanon)
- Dr. Chiara Calabrese (EHESS/CESOR, France)
- Dr. Dina El Khawaga (Asfari Institute, AUB, Lebanon)
- Dr. Nada Ghandour Dimiri (AUB and Jadaliyya/ASI, Lebanon)
- Moufida Hakim (Lebanese University, Lebanon)
- Carole Kerbage (ARIJ, Jordan)
- Mona Khneisser (AUB, Lebanon)
- Farah Kobaiyy (OXFAM, Lebanon)
- Dr. Rima Majed (AUB/LSA, Lebanon)
- Dr. Nadim Mansouri (Lebanese University, Lebanon)
- Dr. Ali Moussaoui (Lebanese University/LSA, Lebanon)
- Dr. Fuad Musallam (AUB, Lebanon)
- Dr. Mounir Saidani (Institut Supérieur des Sciences Humaines de Tunis, Tunisia)
- Dr. Maryze Younes (Lebanese University/LSA, Lebanon)



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While the literature on social movements in the Arab region has witnessed a surge since the "Arab uprisings," little attention has been given to countries in the region that have not directly witnessed those uprisings but that have been deeply affected by this revolutionary wave that swept through the region in 2011.

This workshop proposes to conceptually and methodologically revisit the study of social movements in the Arab region, while shedding special light on the effect of the Arab uprisings on the dynamics of contention across the region. Lebanon and Iraq are two countries that specifically stand out in the region given their remarkable similarities in terms of social and political dynamics (sectarianised societies, post-war context, etc.) and the important effect of the Arab uprisings on their repertoire of contention since 2011.

While most of the literature on those two countries is mainly focused on war, violence, sectarianism and terrorism; little studies have looked at social mobilisations and the dynamics of contention from below. Both Lebanon and Iraq have witnessed two main waves of mobilisation post-2011: the first in 2011 and the second in 2015.

The workshop will aim at exploring the dynamics of contention in the Arab region since 2011 and will bring together a small group of researchers interested in the question of contemporary social movements and mobilisations in the Arab region.

Friday 26 January 2018 (4:00-7:00pm)

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Opening remarks

5:00-7:00pm

The Arab uprisings and their aftermaths

Discussant: Dr. Maryze Younes (Lebanese University/LSA, Lebanon)

- الحركات الاحتجاجية في مصر قبل وبعد ثورة يناير 2011: أممات القضايا والفاعلين وربتورات الفعل
Dr. Dina El Khawaga (Asfari Institute, AUB, Lebanon)

- الثورات العربية بين المطامح والمطامع - Dr. Nadim Mansouri (Lebanese University, Lebanon)

- الثورة التونسية والحركات الاجتماعية التي أعقبها: أية علاقة؟
Dr. Mounir Saidani (Institut Supérieur des Sciences Humaines de Tunis, Tunisia)

Saturday 27 January 2018 (9:30am-5:30pm)

9:30-11:00am

The Labour Movement in Lebanon

Discussant: Dr. Ali Moussaoui (Lebanese University/LSA, Lebanon)

- الحركة النقابية بين تضامنين: طائفي وطبقي - Moufida Hakim (Lebanese University, Lebanon)

The 2012 Wage Hike and the 2017 Salary Scale: Means of Emancipation of the Workers' Movement - Dr. Lea Bou Khater (ACSS/AUB, Lebanon)

The Labour Movement from a Gendered Perspective - Farah Kobaiissy (OXFAM, Lebanon)

11:00-11:30am Coffee break

11:30am-1:30pm Lebanon's 2015 Hirak and its Aftermath

Discussant: Dr. Marie-Noëlle AbiYaghi (Lebanon Support/Institut Français du Proche Orient, Lebanon)

فاعلو الحراك المدني اللبناني: قضية مشتركة، خلفيات متناقضة - Dr. Maryze Younes (Lebanese University/LSA, Lebanon)

The Spectre of "Politics" and Antinomies of Collective Organisation: The Development of "Alternative" Collective Organisation & Action in Lebanon - Mona Khneisser (AUB, Lebanon)

السياسة بالصدفة: الحراك يواجه شعوبه - Carole Kerbage (ARIJ, Jordan)

1:00-2:00pm Lunch break

2:00-3:30pm Activism and Anti-sectarian Mobilisations in Lebanon

Discussant: Dr. Nada Ghandour Dimiri (AUB and Jadaliyya/ASI, Lebanon)

The Sectarian Ghost: Understanding anti-sectarian mobilisations and narratives in contemporary Lebanon - Dr. Marie-Noëlle AbiYaghi (Lebanon Support/Institut Français du Proche Orient, Lebanon)

Hay jil jdidi tali: **between secular cosmopolitanism and being an activist in Beirut** - Dr. Fuad Musallam (AUB, Lebanon)

Political commitment to Hezbollah in the Southern Suburbs of Beirut - Dr. Chiara Calabrese (EHESS/CESOR, France)

3:30-4:00pm Coffee break

4:30-5:30pm Understanding Iraq's Contemporary Protest Movements

Discussant: Dr. Rima Majed (AUB/LSA, Lebanon)

From Identity Politics to Issue Politics: The Iraqi Protest Movement: The End of Conformity, the Beginning of Accountability - Dr. Faleh Abel Jabbar (Iraq Studies, Lebanon)

الدور السياسي للحركة الاجتماعية في العراق - Dr. Jassim Al Hilfi (Baghdad University, Iraq)