Our New Lebanon



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THE BUSINESS MODEL AT THE ROOT OF LEBANON'S ENDEMIC CORRUPTION

PROFILE

Mohanad Hage Ali is a resident fellow and Director of Communications at Carnegie Middle East Center, where his works focuses on militant Islam and the expanding Russian role in the Levant. Mohanad has taught politics and journalism at the Lebanese American University (LAU), and has an MSc. and a Ph.D. in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). His book, Nationalism, Transnationalism and Political Islam: Hizbullah's Institutional Identity was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2017. He was a Managing Editor of NOW Arabic website, and a political editor/reporter at al-Hayat newspaper in Beirut and London, where his work focused mostly on Iraq and militant Islam.

In this talk, Mohanad will discuss the Lebanese political parties' business model, and how the focus on clientelism and nepotism, expanded corruption country-wide. Today's new alternative movements are facing many challenges as they are working on organizing and mobilizing communities which are adept at being at the receiving end of these rentseeking relationship.

Q / A

Please prepare your questions in advance and send them to ferris@ournewlebanon.org no later than Saturday, April 24th at 10 pm.

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