



Our New Lebanon

Speaker Series

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Date:

October 3, 2021

Time:

12:00 PM Pacific

3:00 PM Eastern

10:00 PM Beirut

Place: Zoom

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Why Lebanon Needs an Independent Election Management Body (EMB)

PROFILE

Amal Hamdan is an electoral systems, governance and legal framework expert. Her PhD research, conducted at the Political Economy Department of King's College London, focuses on the process of electoral system reforms within institutional contexts where the Constitution assigns extensive powers favouring the executive branch at the expense of the legislative, using the process of electoral reforms in Lebanon from 1922 as a case study. Previously, before electoral systems and their potential for inclusive and democratic governance captivated her, Hamdan was a Middle East based-senior news and program producer with Aljazeera Television where she spent 12 years covering political developments in the Middle East and active conflict in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq, before embarking on a PhD to change careers. Hamdan is currently a senior electoral system and legal framework consultant with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), working on Sudan and its transition. She has also consulted with IFES on Lebanon's 2017 electoral law and was the lead author of a policy paper examining de-Baathification in Iraq; this drew on comparative analysis of legal frameworks for "vetting" processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Afghanistan to demonstrate that the candidate vetting process in Iraq fails to meet international best practices.

Q/A

Please prepare your questions in advance and send them to ferris@ournewlebanon.org no later than Saturday, October 2 at 10 pm.

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