



# Our New Lebanon

## Speaker Series

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Date:

March 26, 2023

Time:

12 PM Pacific

3 PM Eastern

10 PM Beirut

Place: Zoom

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## LEBANON AND REFUGEE CRISIS: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

### PROFILE

A researcher on Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon and Peace Negotiations in the Middle East, on Syria Refugees, on Labor Policies and Social Protection. Steering Committee Advisory Member of the Lebanese – American Coordinating Committee (LACC). Expert – Member of the Political National Committee working on Palestinian Refugees' issues at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (October 2016 – March 2022). He was a Senior Policy Fellow at the Issam Fares Institute – IFI/AUB (December 2019 - December 2020). Member of ACT Alliance Peace and Human Security Reference Group-Geneva (November 2019 – December 2020). Policy Advisor in Adyan Foundation (2017-2019). Senior National Policy and Communication Advisor to the Ministry of State for Displaced Affairs (February 2017 - January 2019). Coordinator of "Better Lebanon Initiative" (December 2016 - December 2020). Policies and Communication Advisor to the Middle East Council of Churches – MECC (Sept 2018 - Dec 2020). Member of the Strategic Committee at the Maronite Center for Documentation and Research - MCDR (Sept 2018 – Sept 2021). Policy and Communication Advisor for the President of the Lebanese – Palestinian Dialogue Committee in the Lebanese Presidency of the Council of Ministers (2006 - 2009). He then was the Policy Advisor and Team Leader of the Lebanese Minister of Labor (January 2010 - June 2011) and the National Policy Advisor to the International Labor Organization – (ILO) (September 2011 - June 2013). He was also a Strategies Communication Advisor for the Middle East Council of Churches, the Syndicate of teachers in Lebanon, and the Health Establishment of the Druze Community. He has specialized studies in the Palestinian Refugees issue in Lebanon, Middle East Peace negotiations, Labor and Social Protection issues, and Syria Displaced. He published several articles and lectures on Public Policies, as refugees, Christian – Muslim Dialogue, Religious Freedom, Arab thinking, and Citizenship. He is publishing periodically in Annahar Newspaper, BeirutInsights, and ICIBeyrouth websites. Co-author of "We Choose Abundant Life: Christians in the Middle East: Towards Renewed Theological, Social, and Political Choices - 2021" and "October 17 Uprising: Squares and Testimonies" (Arab Center for Research and Policy Study 2022).

### Q/A

Please prepare your questions in advance and send them to [rania@ournewlebanon.org](mailto:rania@ournewlebanon.org) no later than Saturday, March 25th at 10 pm PST.