

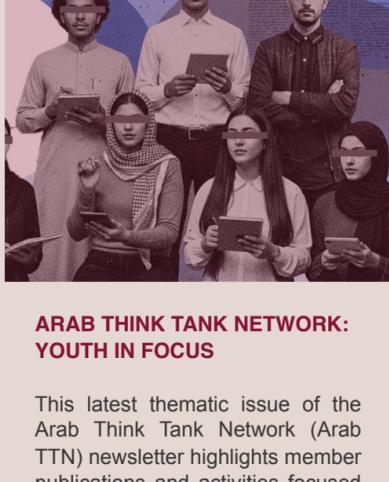


# IFI NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS



### ARAB THINK TANK NETWORK: YOUTH IN FOCUS

This latest thematic issue of the Arab Think Tank Network (Arab TTN) newsletter highlights member publications and activities focused on youth in the Arab region, exploring both the challenges young people face and the spaces they are creating for action.

The Arab TTN was launched as a joint initiative by our Institute and the Middle East Council on Global Affairs during the MENA Think Tank Forum held in Doha, Qatar, in September 2024.

Subscribe to the Arab TTN newsletter [here](#).

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### INSTITUTE IN ACTION

During the past two months, our Institute has been actively engaged with and taking part in numerous regional and international policy forums. These include: the [Mediterranean Advisory Group meeting](#) in Italy, the Climate Change – Health – Migration Forum, and an [IOM-WHO-UNDRR workshop](#) on climate-induced migration in Beirut. In addition, the Institute took part in [the 12th Annual Conference on International Studies](#) in Lisbon and [the ELIAMEP-ACG Summer Academy](#) in Greece.

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### INSTITUTE INSIGHTS SERIES

Institute Insights is a short series where we ask three questions to experts, informing policy choices & providing a nuanced perspective to our world's complexities.

Stay tuned for the last episode of season one. In the meantime, you can watch all the previous episodes on our [YouTube page here](#).



### THE INSTITUTE AND ICTJ SIGN MoU

The Institute, led by our Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Regional Hub, and the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) are pleased to announce the signing of an MoU aimed at fostering knowledge exchange, capacity building, and collaboration on transitional justice and peace-building.

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## PUBLICATIONS



### TOWARDS A SOCIO-TECHNICAL AND RESPONSIBLE AI TRANSFORMATION IN LEBANON

FATIMA ABU SALEM  
WISSAM SAADE



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## POLICY BLOG



### In a World of Uncertainty and Chaos, is there a Future for International Relations?

"The future may not lie in classical textbook theories or frameworks, but in new models of diplomacy, grassroots activism, climate cooperation, and tech or AI-driven peacebuilding. In a chaotic world such as this, international relations does not become obsolete – it should become indispensable for conflict resolution and prevention."

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### Türkiye and the Iran-Israel War

"Türkiye cannot remain indifferent to regional developments due to its geopolitical position and endeavours to sustain a balanced and pragmatic foreign policy. Whilst maintaining a critical stance towards Israel, Türkiye refrains from overtly aligning with or distancing itself from Iran."

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### The Role of the Media in Erasing Arab Contributions to Science, Medicine, and Culture

"the erasure and appropriation of Arab contributions are not merely historical inaccuracies; they shape contemporary power dynamics and cultural memory. By reclaiming and celebrating these innovations such as mathematical concepts, scholarly traditions, culinary practices, and artisanal products, we resist reductive narratives and restore the rightful place of Arab civilization at the heart of global heritage."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### NEW ASSOCIATE FELLOW ZEDOUN ALZOUBI

Our Institute is pleased to welcome Zedoun Alzoubi as an Associate Fellow, joining as an expert on Syria, the MENA region, Peacebuilding and Conflict Studies, Local Governance and Decentralization, Identity/National Identity, Civil Society and Community Empowerment, Gender and Inclusive Development.

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### CALL FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

- ▶ **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PROJECT**  
DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
- ▶ **THE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SIOUFI GARDEN PROJECT**  
DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

The Sustainability and Inclusive Development Cluster at the Institute is seeking to hire Research Assistants for the Stormwater Management Strategy Project and the Operational Management and Maintenance of Sioufi Garden Project.

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## EVENTS

07/04/2025

### "SOVEREIGNTY RECONSTRUCTION, & REFORM: ASSESSING THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRESS & LOOKING AHEAD"

The Institute hosted a closed roundtable on "Sovereignty, Reconstruction, & Reform: Assessing the Government's Progress & Looking Ahead," a discussion organized by a collective of policy institutes. The discussion tackled the government's actions and policy direction to date, how Lebanon should approach the procurement of aid, reform priorities and challenges, as well as challenges related to policy implementation and governance.

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For a roundup and summary of the Institute's events, visit [Events at IFI](#).