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Memorandum of Understanding with the Lebanese Army's Research and Strategic Studies Center

This memorandum aims to pave the way for the exchange of academic expertise and research between IFI and the Lebanese Armed Forces in fields of mutual interest, as well as to organize joint events for this purpose.

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Joint Fellowship Program with the Middle East Council on Global Affairs

IFI launched a joint fellowship with the Middle East Council on Global Affairs. Candidates with a focus in Public Policy and International Affairs are
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Economic and Financial Experts' Meeting

In collaboration with Kulluna Irada, IFI held a closed experts and stakeholders' meeting to discuss the economic and financial crisis in Lebanon, including an overview of the current state of affairs and the prospects for an IMF program.

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Lebanon's Foreign Policy & Diplomacy Meeting

In preparation of a soon-to-be-launched Institute project on Lebanon's Foreign Policy, IFI hosted a select group of veteran Lebanese diplomats for a first round of discussions on the subject.

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Launching of the RANS-MENA Platform

The MENA Statelessness Platform is a unique knowledge hub that consolidates a wide range of resources on statelessness in the MENA region, including reports, papers, conventions, and guides from various organizations and experts.

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IFI Joins the SHAPEDEM-EU Research Consortium

IFI announced that it is one of 12 academic, think tank and civil society institutions that form part of the SHAPEDEM-EU's multi-national and multifaceted research consortium based in Europe and the Southern and Eastern neighborhoods.

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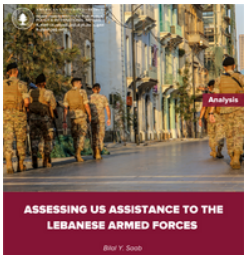

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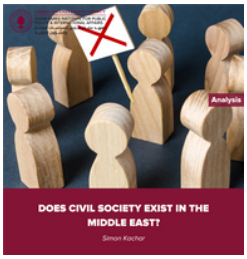

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04/12/2023

Citizenship, Nationality and Stateless Issues in Morocco

The webinar shared findings on current research and challenges faced by refugee and migrant populations in obtaining or retaining nationality or citizenship in Morocco.

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04/18/2023

Conversations from Beirut

The discussion focused on the domestic implications for Lebanon of the Regional Rehabilitation of Assad's Syria and the Saudi- Iranian Rapprochement.

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05/02/2023

05/03/2023

The Economic and Political Crises and Nation Building

The event featured co-author of "Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty," James Robinson discussing complex dynamics between economic prosperity, political power, and nation building.

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Power and Hegemony in Water Conflicts in Western Asia

The lecture explored various forms and dimensions of power, emphasized the significance of awareness of rights and protective policies, highlighted the role of consent in water conflicts, and discussed the commodification of water and its impact on conflicts.

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Challenging Ideas on Asylum and Refuge in Forced Migration

The discussion highlighted the historical context and shift in the humanitarian response to forced migration, emphasizing the need for a holistic approach that combines duty-based traditions of hospitality with rights-based mechanisms.

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05/09/2023

The Environmental and Policy Implications of Solar Energy

Panelists explored the far-reaching effects of the widespread adoption of solar energy in Lebanon and the pressing need for a comprehensive national policy plan, as well as the drafting of appropriate laws for the recycling of solar panels and batteries.

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