



Inauguration of AUC's
13th President
Ahmad Dallal



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About The American University in Cairo

Founded in 1919, The American University in Cairo is a leading English-language, U.S.-accredited institution of higher education. A crossroads for the world's cultures and a vibrant forum for reasoned argument and spirited debate, AUC is the center of the intellectual, social and cultural life of the Arab world. Its diverse community of students, faculty, alumni, trustees and generous supporters represents more than 60 countries.

The University offers 40 undergraduate, 52 master's and two PhD programs rooted in a liberal arts education that encourages students to think critically and find creative solutions to the challenges facing our region and the world. It also offers globally recognized professional, competency-based education in English to meet the needs of the dynamic Egyptian and broader regional economies.

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Ahmad Dallal Biography

AUC's 13th President Ahmad S. Dallal is an accomplished academic leader and renowned scholar with U.S. and regional higher education expertise.

Dallal is the former dean of Georgetown University in Qatar and served as provost at the American University of Beirut (AUB) from 2009 to 2015. A prominent scholar of Islamic studies, he has taught at AUB, Stanford University, Yale University, Smith College and Georgetown University, where he also served as chair of the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies.

Leading for Excellence

Dallal's leadership experience includes spearheading institutional transformations that have included everything from closing budget deficits and administrative process reforms to introducing key performance indicators and quality measures for academic programs and increasing scholarly production. Throughout his administrative experience, Dallal led the introduction of several dozen university policies, including overseeing Title IX compliance on discriminatory harassment. He also increased the socioeconomic diversity of the student body through scholarships and financial aid.

With several decades of teaching, research and leadership at some of the top universities in the United States, Dallal is a seasoned expert on U.S.-style liberal arts universities and how they operate.

Coupled with that is his extensive experience in the Middle East at both AUB and Georgetown University in Qatar.

An Art and a Science

An engineer by training, having earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from AUB, Dallal is well versed in STEM disciplines, particularly in the context of liberal arts education. Early in his career, Dallal worked in the aviation industry before going on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees in Islamic studies from Columbia University. This unique blend of both science and humanities gives Dallal a rare vantage point.

Dallal has written and lectured widely on learning in medieval and early modern Islamic societies, the development of traditional and exact Islamic sciences, medieval Islamic thought, the early modern evolution of Islamic revivalism and intellectual movements, Islamic law, and the causes and consequences of the September 11 attacks.

A prolific scholar, Dallal has written dozens of articles, book chapters and publications, as well as several books.

Dallal is fluent in English and Arabic and reads French, German and Persian. He earned his BE in mechanical engineering from AUB and his MA, MPhil and PhD in Islamic studies from Columbia University.



Speakers

Mark Turnage (ALU '82)

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Mark Turnage is the CEO of DarkOwl. Prior to DarkOwl, he was CEO and vice chairman of OpSec Security Group, a global provider of anti-counterfeiting technologies and online brand protection. Before his operating roles, Turnage was a consultant with McKinsey and Co. and a practicing attorney with Davis, Graham and Stubbs. Turnage is a graduate of Yale Law School, Oxford University and the University of Colorado, Boulder. He serves on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards and is a private investor in technology, software and manufacturing startup companies. He is also a senior adviser to the Colorado Impact Fund and a technology adviser to the Blackstone Entrepreneurs Network. Turnage speaks Spanish and Arabic, is married with four children and lives in Denver, Colorado.

His Excellency Dr. Khaled Abdel-Ghaffar

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Dr. Khaled Abdel-Ghaffar is currently a professor of oral medicine, oral diagnosis, oral radiology and periodontology at Ain Shams University. Previously, he served as clinical professor at the Medical College of Georgia, visiting professor at the University of Texas and vice president for postgraduate studies and research and dean of Ain Shams University's Faculty of Dentistry. His work in the field of dentistry contributed to enhancing medical research and practices in Egypt and abroad. He received various national and international awards and published numerous research papers in international peer-reviewed journals, publications and magazines. Abdel-Ghaffar received his PhD in dental surgery from the University of Texas after graduating from Cairo University's Faculty of Oral and Dental Medicine. He received an honorary doctorate from Hiroshima University in Japan for his significant contributions to the field of higher education and scientific research as well as an honorary fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Program

Inaugural Procession Commences

Trumpet Tune

Master of Ceremonies

Hanadi Salem '83, '87

Chair of the University Senate;

Professor and Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Welcome

Mark Turnage (ALU '82)

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Remarks

H.E. Khaled Abdel-Ghaffar

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Investiture of the President

Mark Turnage

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Inaugural Address

Ahmad Dallal

President

Recessional

AUC Song "We of AUC"

Campus Parade and Reception

Starting from Bassily Auditorium after the ceremony, the parade will go through the center of campus and end with a reception at Link Plaza.



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Hon LHD Honorary Degree

We of AUC

The Alma Mater Song

We of AUC forever,
Raise our voices now together;
Time and place shall never sever
We of AUC.

College days and mem'ry
Games, defeat or victory,
One and all emotions call
And bind our hearts in loyalty together,
Shoulder let us stand to shoulder
Pledge our love as life grows older,
Courage ever making bolder
We of AUC.

May thy torch eternal burning
Light for us the lamp of learning,
That our souls, the truth discerning,
Count for AUC.

We thy mem'ry treasure,
Strive to do thy pleasure,
Causing right to conquer might,
To give to thee our love in fullest measure,
Holding ever bright before us,
Those ideals our college bore us,
Raising up a mighty chorus,
To our AUC.

