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REFORM EGYPT NOW!

The First Undergraduate Conference on
"Reform in Egypt: Opportunities & Challenges"

18th & 19th of May 2005
Blue Room
9:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m
The Undergraduate Research Conference, supervised by both the Writing Program and the Office of Student Development, aims to promote excellence in undergraduate research and rhetoric. It is an opportunity for students to share in the social construction of knowledge, sharpen critical thinking and expression skills—written, oral and visual—and engage in interdisciplinary dialog. It is also exemplary of the effort to integrate the “curricular” and the “co-curricular” student learning experience into a holistic framework.

As an experiential learning project, the first Undergraduate Research Conference has been organized and managed by two classes of ECLT 322, “Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences.” The students have constructed the mission statement, designed the Call for Proposals, the Conference Evaluation Form and the letters of invitation to faculty guest speakers, created recruitment and promotional materials, vetted proposals and prepared their own research presentations from the different perspectives of their disciplines. The experience has been exciting and totally engaging.

Here are some extracts from their reflections on the experience:

“The conference offers us the chance to explore new realms and challenges with the feeling that finally, our research outcomes can be shared with an audience and not die off, or be thrown in the computer recycle bin. The process of organizing the conference put us in the place of many professionals who exert massive effort to spread their message. The task taught me a lot of skills such as teamwork and commitment. Furthermore, the very notion of organizing a conference put a huge responsibility on our shoulders so that we had to, together, actively work to reflect a decent image of us, “the undergraduates”, who can organize a conference as structured, reflective and informative as any graduate or professional conference.”

“Although I have always believed in reform and I have always hoped to take part in reforming my country, and, although I have taken part in a few conferences that support reform, I believe that this conference has given me the opportunity to be part of reform directly. I have always hoped for reform from far away, but now I am actively part of a conference that discusses several ways of reforming Egypt.”
“During my three years as an AUC student, I have rarely, if ever, been, if one could say, personally involved in a research project to the extent that I have been with this one. I took a very conscious pleasure in the research process itself, letting myself often thereby be carried away by whatever would interest me along the way, reading an entire journal article when all that was needed was a page or paragraph, an entire book when all that was required was a chapter.”

“I think putting the student in front of people to present the work of the course makes the student try to perfect in what he/she is doing. It is much more interesting as there is a visible target that each student is aiming to reach.”

“One of the main traits that I discovered in myself as a result of this activity is that I am a very active learner. I would like to apply what I learn to the real world. I may not necessarily be totally responsible for implementing it, but at least I can participate or contribute to its implementation.”

“Our papers are not just reports on “Reforms in Egypt,” but they are tools that we can use to add to the knowledge of other people who may attend the conference. Feeling that my work may add knowledge to the public is such a great motivator that encourages me to work harder.”

“I learned that convincing wide masses of people is not an easy task; organizing those convinced is even harder. Here various skills are needed and here is the area where all fields of scientific interest work together towards a common goal. I understood that to just write and express your own view is tremendously different and far from actually having to convey the meaning to a real audience, and even further from striving to produce change, initiating actions and making contributions to the society.”

“The experience enables me to combine between learning and how to implement such quality learning in the real world. The conference-organizing project reinforces the course content since it enriches me with something new, which will be useful in my professional career.”

“The conference gives value to presentation skills more than in-class presentations. Conference organizing helped students also to gain experience in how to contact different members of the community.”

Join us in celebrating their achievement,

The Writing Program
The Office of Student Development
# The Undergraduate Research Conference

**“Reform in Egypt: Opportunities and Challenges”**

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Student Presentations

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11:00 – 11:50 Politics/Economics

Nabila Al-ariki and Dalia Ibrahim
“The Egyptian Banking Reform”

Since the introduction of the new “Unified Banking Laws” in Egypt, many people have discussed their pros and cons extensively in order to know whether they will benefit the Egyptian economy or not. This presentation discusses how some of these laws help reform the Egyptian economy.

Nabila Al-ariki is an Economics major who wants to pursue her master’s degree in Economics as soon as she graduates in Fall 2005. She is very interested in both fields of economics and finance and she is willing to work in those fields. She is very interested too in organizing events at the American University in Cairo.

Dalia Ibrahim is a Business Administration student with a concentration in marketing and a minor in economics. She is interested in a variety of topics and sincerely has hopes to reform the Egyptian economy through pursuing a successful career related to her field of study.

Samy Asfour
“Egypt’s Opposition Parties: A ‘Loyal’ Opposition”

Since the establishment of the multi-party system in Egypt, opposition parties have been either co-opted or attempted to have an advisory function rather than making an effort to alter Government’s policy. However, their weakness cannot only be explained by the restrictions of their activities under the current authoritarian regime, but can be traced back to the origins of the multi-party system and the defective party structures. This paper tries to look at the opposition parties from another perspective, so that they are shown as being inefficient and incapable of forming an alternative policy to the ruling party.

Samy Asfour is an undergraduate senior political science student at the American University in Cairo. His current research focuses on the motives and potential of political forces in Egypt and the degree to which they can play a vital role in Egypt’s political reform initiatives.

Moderator: Iraj Sheidaee
12:00 – 01:15      Media reform

Ali Atef
“Living Room Wars: Power Relations and TV”

This presentation examines how television can be utilized to analyze the different manifestations of power between family members in order to understand the discourse of power relations within the “upper-middle” class of Egyptian society.

Ali Atef is an Anthropology and Political Science Major. He is currently living in Egypt after traveling to Malaysia, Russia, and Turkey.

Salma El Boraie
“Arab Video Clips: Liberalization or Shame”

Over the past few years the Arab video clips have leaned towards the western style of clips. This has caused a lot of controversy among Egyptians. People are calling for liberalization, yet when the channels have become more liberalized, people are not satisfied because of reasons varying from culture, to traditions, to religious reasons. Therefore, the question still remains: How can equilibrium be reached in this issue?

Salma El Boraie is a 21 year old broadcasting senior who will hopefully graduate this semester. She was living in Saudi Arabia and came back to Egypt only eight years ago. The specific topic that she chose is video clips broadcast in the new private Egyptian channels. It is very interesting to her because she is interested in broadcasting and also because it is a topic that she thinks interests a lot of Egyptians.

Reham Rashad & Jacqueline El Boghdadi
“Egyptian Television: Politics in the Red Zone”

This research is about the content of the political programs on the Egyptian Television. Whether on the domestic channels or even the new private satellite channels; it is quite clear that those programs need a lot of reform. This study looks for the areas of reform that should be done in those programs. It concentrates on the areas that the viewers complain of, or consider them weaker than other international and regional channels.

Reham Rashad is a Broadcasting Journalism graduating senior, with a double minor in film making and visual art. She is already working as a programs organizer in the Center of Contemporary Image in Cairo. She hopes to work in the broadcasting field and proceed with her master's degree.

Jacqueline El Boghdadi is a Broadcasting Graduating Senior, working already in the media Planning Field as a part-time job along with her academic work. Jacqueline is looking forward working in the media production and advertising field after graduating this June. She hopes to graduate with honors from the American university in Cairo and she feels that the field in Egypt needs a lot of reform.

Moderator: Bahaa Ezzelarab
Haidy Melika
“React and Change: Awareness Raising Campaigns”

This presentation begins by discussing the water shortage problem that will face Egypt in the coming years, and how we can try to avoid that catastrophe or lessen its impacts. The paper’s main aim is formulating a water awareness raising campaign targeting the AUC community. After the analysis of several awareness campaigns, a set of elements were chosen to be utilized in the AUC campaign that would appeal to its students to take action concerning the water problem and be liable to change their attitudes.

Haidy Melika is a 22 year old graduating senior studying Journalism and mass communication, and specializing in marketing and advertising. She loves traveling a lot, especially to discover places she has never been to before. Her hobbies are reading romantic novels, comic books, and drawing.

Yasmin Nazmy
“Modern Egyptian Literature and Social Reform”

This presentation examines the extent to which modern Egyptian literature acts as a vehicle for social change, in light of its content, accessibility and capacity to create controversy. It questions the extent to which absence of a central figure in Egyptian literature is beneficial/ harmful to both the development of literature and society. In discussing this Naguib Mahfouz’s *Miramar* is looked at to examine the ways in which Egyptian literature can be reformed.

Mayada Abdel Rehim
“Public and Private Universities in Egypt”

Today there is a wide gap between public and private universities in Egypt, which are supposed to prepare students to get the job. Employers are looking to hire only competitive, well prepared employees who will benefit their companies. Having just a certificate no longer helps those who are looking for a job to get the job.

Mayada Abdel Rehim, aged 24 is majoring in Mass Communication. She is very interested in social sciences and reforms especially in her country. She would like to work in NGOs in Egypt after graduation to participate in developing her country. Therefore, she intends to write her research paper in educational reform in Egypt to contribute in changing her country to the better.

Moderator: Aida Mohamed
Thursday 19th May

09:00 – 09:50   Economic reform

Nevine Fahmy

“Rural to Urban Migration”

The objective of this research paper is to study the main reasons behind rural to urban migration. This phenomenon has been taking place for a long time in Egypt, however little study has been done to determine the reasons which force people to leave their home villages and go to the city. Moreover, this paper will focus on the effect of urbanization on some aspects of the economy, such as unemployment.

Nevine Fahmy, majors in economics and is graduating this semester. She is glad to take part in this conference as it gives her the chance to discuss some of the problems Egypt faces and find solutions for them.

Sherihan Aref

“Egypt’s Skilled Labor: A Card for IT Outsourcing”

As part of its economic reform, Egypt has been focusing on improving the practical and technical education in the field of information technology (IT). Egypt is on its way of building a mass of skilled technical professionals. Due to reforming its IT workforce, Egypt is now able to attract and possibly achieve success in IT outsourcing, an opportunity for Egypt to compete in the global economy.

Sherihan Aref was born in Alexandria in 1985. Currently, she attends the American University in Cairo to receive her degree in Mass Communication, hoping for a successful future and for benefitting her country through her career.

Inji El-Haddad

“The Informal Sector: Blessing or Curse?”

The informal sector in Egypt is not formally registered but still constitutes a huge bulk of the total economic activities and absorbs high rates of labor. The research is unveiling many obscure details about the advantages, disadvantages, scale, causes and reasons attached to the continuous expansion of this sector.

Inji El Haddad is a graduating senior at AUC. Her major is political economy, which is a field combining both politics and economics. She is very much interested in earning a master’s degree in political economy.

Moderator: Lama Fares
10:00 – 10:50 Political Islam

Ayatallah El Okda
“The Muslim Brotherhood Debate”

This paper will examine the Muslim Brotherhood movement in Egypt including background information on its structure and ideology. The Muslim Brotherhood is one of the most attractive and popular organizations among the Egyptian masses. However, the Muslim Brothers since its establishment has been continuously fought by the government and remains until the present day banned as a political party by the government. The main issue in the paper debates whether such a popular organization that comes from the grass roots and represents a big sector of the Egyptian society should be banned from participating in politics.

Aya El Okda is 22 years old. She went to the American International School in Cairo. Her major is Middle East Politics.

Hanya El Bahar
“Islamic Movements in Political Reform”

This paper focuses on the political implications and effects of inclusion of Islamist movements in the political process in Egypt in light of the debate over the issue of democratization in the Middle East in general. The purpose of the paper will be to prove that inclusion indeed fosters moderation among proponents of political Islam and allows for a more constructive relation with the state that fosters pluralism and advances democracy.

Hanya El Bahar is a graduating senior who majors in Economics and minors in Middle East Politics.

Lama Fares
“Islam and Democracy in the Reform of Egypt”

Islamic ideologies and democratization are not always claimed to be compatible. Islam’s ideology is one of the import issues for reform in the Middle East, and Egypt in particular. Islam is not just a practiced religion, but it plays an important role in culture, beliefs, social cohesion, and political system. Therefore, when reform discussions are brought up, Islam’s ideology and Islamic participants play an important role in the process of democratization.

This is Lama’s last semester at AUC. Her Interests are in Human Rights, Women Right, terrorism, and democratization and social concerns.

Moderator: Nevine Fahmy
It has been apparent among Egyptian youth that there is a degree of ignorance when it comes to the topic of sex education. This is due to various reasons like religion, culture, norms, and sex itself being a taboo in our society. However, after distributing a questionnaire to AUC students, the majority strongly agreed to incorporate sex education in school curricula. This shows how students are eager to learn more about sex education and to overcome this barrier.

Basma Gazzaz is a 23 year old, from Saudi Arabia, who has been living in Egypt for 8 years. She is hopefully graduating this semester from psychology and she would love to continue her graduate studies so she would be able to work as a clinical psychologist.

Nevin Gaied, who is 23 years old, has been living in Egypt for 7 years because she used to live in Qatar. She was in the French school (Lycée Francais du Caire). She is also a psychology major graduating in summer. Her dream is to work with special needs children.

Education is a vital asset to economic, cultural and social development in a nation. A country’s development depends almost entirely on its human resource. This human resource in part depends on the education provided by the state to its citizens. This paper attempts an in-depth study of pre-university education in Egypt, its role, with a hint for reforms.

Jacinta Obegolu is a Junior student who majors in accounting.

The research looks at the attitudes of AUC students towards Ürfi marriage since the phenomenon is gaining popularity among university students. The government being aware of the trend is moving towards recognizing it and accommodating those who choose Ürfi being the most convenient and sometimes the only available option for being together.

Yulia Akinfieva graduated from the Russian Embassy School. She has been living in Egypt since 1989, originally Russian. During her academic years she conducted several research studies: beauty concepts among Egyptians, pre-marital sexual relations in Egyptian culture, attitudes towards female circumcision and others.
Curriculum development

Hatem Youssef, Yasmin Saad, Nadine Abdou & Mina Thabet
“A Liberal Arts Appreciation Course at AUC”

This presentation proposes the introduction of a non-credit, pass/fail, core compulsory course that has to be taken in the freshman year. The course aims at creating appreciation and understanding of liberal arts education. The course shall enable students to learn more of the core curriculum of the university as well as several of the key components of any liberal arts educational system such as presentation and teamwork skills.

Throughout his three years at the university, Hatem Alaa has been a member of the Student Union where he organized and headed several major events and projects. Lately, he was the Marketing Director of the 2005 Carnival featuring Amr Diab. He managed to raise L.E. 190,000 from sponsors. Other than extracurricular activities, his main area of interest is film, which is why he decided to minor in that area.

Yasmin Ragy, a graduating senior in the American University in Cairo, majors in Journalism and Mass Communication, specializes in Marketing. She has a double minor in Psychology and Theatre. Her expected date of graduation is June 2005. Her hobbies are working in graphic design, and creating print advertisements. She also loves extra-curricular activities because she is really interested in meeting new people.

Nadine Adel Abdou Youssef majors in Mass Communication, specialized in broadcasting. She has Business Administration and Psychology as minors. She is interested in traveling abroad and knowing about different cultures. She likes learning new languages to make it easier to communicate with different peoples. Working as a jeweler and learning more about diamonds and gold is one of the things she is proud of.

Mina Thabet is a graduating senior student, majoring in business administration with a concentration in finance and a minor in economics. He has joined a couple of activities on campus, one at a business association club and the other was the International Conference on Global Economy (ICGE). He had work experience on campus for one semester with the Career Advising and Placement Services office (CAPS).

Iraj Sheidaee
“Egyptian Culture and the Role of AUC”

Edward Said quite often lamented the reception of his book Orientalism in the Arab world, saying that it was not as deeply understood there as elsewhere, in India, in Europe, in Japan. Indeed, Arab intellectual life appears to be in a crisis. What is this crisis? How does this crisis bring to bear upon teaching and learning at AUC? How can we define AUC’s unique position within the cultural and intellectual landscape of Egypt and the Arab world, and its reform?

Iraj Sheidaee was born in Australia of mixed Iranian and Indonesian cultural heritage. He spent his childhood moving between countries, continents, and cultures, having lived also in Europe, in North America, and various parts of South East Asia and East Asia. Having begun his undergraduate studies in Western Canada, he transferred to AUC in order to study Arabic and to begin exploring the intellectual and cultural background of his parents, and thus his heritage, to which he feels strong ties.

Moderator: Mohsen El Tonsy
Political awareness

Nermine Mohammed
“Political Awareness Programs for Children”

The goal of this study is to instill interest in politics among children, in order to breed a new generation of politically active adults. This is necessary if we are really heading towards a more democratic future in Egypt. This paper examines political awareness programs in other countries, specifically at Kids Voting USA, which is a political socialization program that aims to increase the political participation of children, and assess its applicability in Egypt.

*Nermine Mohamed lived all her life in Egypt. She went to Dar El Tarbiah School, IGCSE. She is a double major, Political Economy and Journalism and Mass Communication, with specialization in broadcasting. She is very interested in politics, foreign affairs, and development issues.*

Ahmed Mahmoud
“Political Awareness for Egyptian Youth”

This research includes an identification of the means by which the level of political awareness among Egyptian youth can be enhanced. In addition, the research includes the roles of the various institutions in promoting political awareness among Egyptian youth. Interviews with AUC faculty members are included.

*Ahmed Mahmoud is a political science junior at the American University in Cairo. His field of specialization is international relations. He is interested in issues of global governance and international organization. In the future, He would like to be a diplomat.*

Aida Mohamed
“Political Awareness for Egyptian Women”

Raising political awareness amongst women would help in the political reform of Egypt. The focus of the paper will be on the educated working Egyptian women. It will discuss the causes for the lack of the political awareness among Egyptian women and propose solutions to solve this problem.

*Aida Mohamed is a Political Science Graduating Senior at AUC and is interested in International Relations. She is interested in issues concerned with International Security and conflict analysis. In the future, she is looking forward to working in the United Nations or the Foreign Ministry.*
Economic development

Mohsen El Tonsy
“Wheat Policy Reform in Egypt: Bread Subsidies”

The bread problem in Egypt is never ending; it has been since the 1977 bread riots. Attempts were made by the World Bank and the IMF in 1991 to try to solve the problem by recommending Structural Adjustment Programmes, yet still today the problems exist. Bread subsidies are becoming a heavier burden on the country, and the bread situation is getting worse.

*Mohsen El Tonsy is interested in Economic and Political Development, and issues concerned with theories of reform. He looks forward to doing his MA in International Economic Development.*

Mai Taha
“Egyptian-Chinese Economic Relations”

The presenter will discuss the impact on the Egyptian economy of the new economic order, namely the rise of China as an economic power in the international arena. The presentation will analyze the current Egyptian-Chinese economic relations and the reasons behind the sluggish improvement in those ties.

*Mai Taha is currently an Economics student at AUC; she is hoping to pursue her master's degree in political economy. She has participated in extra-curricular activities, the Model United Nations and the Model Arab League.*

Gehan Goubran & Rosette Nicola
“Egyptian Trade Reforms in the New Cabinet’s Era”

This presentation compares between the past trade policies and restrictions and the new ones being implemented by the new government. It examines the impact of the new trade agreements between Egypt and different countries such as the USA and the EU.

*Gehan Goubran is a business administration major, graduating this semester. She spent 2 years in the university involved in student union activities committee and would like to work in the field of advertising.*

*Rosette Nicola is a business administration major, graduating this semester. She spent this year involved in the student union activities committee and would like to work as a marketing executive in a respectable organization.*

Moderator: Ahmed Dardir
Dina Mourad  
“The Road to Legal Reforms in Egypt”  

This paper will present the recent constitutional reform that took place in February 2005 advancing the course of democracy and giving the chance to several candidates to run for elections and the public freedom to choose. The amendments made and the changes that need to be made to achieve true democracy will be highlighted.

*Dina Mourad is interested in law, especially in “Arbitration” and wishes to complete her Masters and PhD in her field of interest and be a university professor or work as a consultant in a multinational company in the UAE.*

Ahmed Dardir  
“Patterns of Democratization and State Controlled Pluralism”  

Free elections, reform of the constitution, reform initiatives, political prisons, emergency law: the usual ingredients of the Egyptian political scene. Does all this lead to a process of democratization? While the regime is widening, can democracy work without mass participation? Is democracy a procedure or a nation wide project? Can democratization work under emergency laws? Can democratization work from above?

*Ahmed Dardir is a Political Science Major. He has participated in various activities including Model United Nations (MUN) and Model Arab League (MAL). He is currently the director of a council in the MAL that discusses change in Egypt.*

Bahaa Ezzelarab  
“KEFAYA – An Egyptian Movement for Change”  

KEFAYA is a word Egyptians might get accustomed to in the coming period. Everyone agrees that Reform is desirable and necessary, yet almost everyone disagrees about what should be reformed and how reform should occur. This paper deals more with domestic calls for reform, focusing on Gamal Mubarak as the bet of the Egyptian government and the Egyptian Movement for Change –a.k.a. KEFAYA- as the representative of other reform-seekers. Through comparing them both, the paper will assess which party intends or has better chances of achieving desired levels of reform.

*Bahaa Ezzelarab is an AUC student who graduated from the German School in Cairo. He is interested in the human aspect of politics, or in the effect of politics on the day-to-day lives of people.*

Moderator: Ahmed Mahmoud
04:00 – 04:30  Reception

04:30 - 05:45  Faculty panel

Dr. Salah El Haggar, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Dr. Tarek Selim, Department of Economics
Dr. Heba Kotb, Department of Psychology
Dr. Mohamed Abou Zeid, Department of Construction Engineering

Moderator: Dr. Mahmoud Farag
Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Research

05:45 – 06:00  Closing:
Deanna Blevins and Amani Elshimi  The Writing Program
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SUBMISSIONS TO THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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- Submission Deadline: May 26th, 2005
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1. All submissions to The Undergraduate Research Conference Proceedings should include a contact information sheet with a full mailing address, a telephone number and an email address.
2. Submissions should be double-spaced, Times New Roman, font 12, processed on Microsoft Word.
3. Page formatting: 1 inch (2.5 cm) margins
4. When incorporating citations, students should use a format acceptable to their discipline (APA, Chicago, MLA, etc.). Only citations referred to in the manuscript should be listed in the references. Check all references before mailing the manuscript to ensure that all sources cited in the text appear in the references and vice versa, and that all references are accurate and complete.
5. All tables, graphs, figures and quotation should be labeled and appropriately documented
6. A research paper might include the following: abstract, introduction, literature review, materials and methods, results, discussion, references.
7. Avoid footnotes. ExTRANeous information should be provided in endnotes.

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- copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
- copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not

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