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# US Policy towards the Middle East under the Biden Administration

## Continuity and Change

Saturday 27 February 2021

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Online Registration



# Timetable

<p><b>16:00 – 17:30</b> (Doha time)</p> <p><b>8:00 – 9:30</b> (Washington time)</p>	<p><b>First Session</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Abdelwahab El-Affendi</b></p> <p><b>Marwan Kabalan:</b> Syria and the US: A New Approach or More of the Same?</p> <p><b>Haider Saeed:</b> Iraq in Biden's Foreign Policy</p> <p><b>Samir Salha:</b> Trends in US-Turkish Relations in the Biden Era</p>
<p><b>17:30-18:00</b> (Doha time)</p> <p><b>9:30-10:00</b> (Washington time)</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>18:00 – 19:30</b> (Doha time)</p> <p><b>10:00 – 11:30</b> (Washington time)</p>	<p><b>Second Session</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Khalil Jahshan</b></p> <p><b>Daniel Brumberg:</b> Biden Administration and the Iranian Challenge</p> <p><b>Imad Harb:</b> Trends in US-Saudi Relations under the Biden Administration</p> <p><b>Sama'a al-Hamdani:</b> Biden's Yemen Policy and the Limits of Change</p>

## Participants

<b>Daniel Brumberg</b>	Senior Non-Resident Fellow at the Arab Center Washington DC, and Professor of Political Science and Director of Democracy and Governance Studies at Georgetown University. He is also a Senior Non-Resident Fellow at the Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED).
<b>Haider Saeed</b>	Department Head at the Arab Center for Research and Studies and Editor-in-Chief of the journal <i>Siyasat Arabia</i> . He previously worked as a consultant to the Iraqi Center for Strategic Studies and to the Future Foundation in Amman (2010-2011). His written work has most recently featured in <i>The Islamic State Organization: "Daesh," Volume Two</i> , published by the Arab Center for Policy Studies.
<b>Imad Harb</b>	Director of Research and Analysis at Arab Center Washington DC. He is the Founder and Director of Quest for Middle East Analysis, and previously Adjunct Professor of Middle East Studies at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University. His published work focuses on civil-military relations, regional politics, and US policy in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Arab Gulf.
<b>Marwan Kabalan</b>	Associate Researcher at the Arab Center for Research and Studies and Head of the Political Studies Unit, previously Director of the Al-Sham Center for Studies and Research and Dean of the Faculty of International Relations at the University of Kalamoon in Syria. His published work focuses on foreign policy and international relations.
<b>Sama'a Al-Hamdani</b>	Founder and Executive Director of the Yemen Cultural Institute for Heritage and Arts (YCIHA). Previously a non-resident fellow at the Middle East Institute and visiting fellow at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University, her many political analyses have been widely published in Arab and western research institutes and media outlets.
<b>Samir Salha</b>	University Professor of Public International Law and International Relations, formerly at Dicle University in Diyarbakir and the University of Kocaeli (KOU), he founded the University of Gaziantep's Faculty of Law. He obtained his doctorate in political science from the University of Paris X and has published widely on Turkish foreign policy and international relations.

## Chairs

<b>Abdelwahab El-Affendi</b>	Acting President and Provost of the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (DI). Previously, he was Dean of DI's Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (2017-2020) and head of the institute's Political Science and International Relations Master's Program (2015-2017). In 1998 he founded the Islam and Democracy Program at the Democracy Studies Center at Westminster University in London, working as its coordinator until 2015. He has many published books and academic studies in both Arabic and English.
<b>Khalil Jahshan</b>	Executive Director of Arab Center Washington DC. He previously worked as a lecturer in international studies and languages at Pepperdine University in the United States, and as Executive Director of Pepperdine University's internship program. He has additionally held the post of Executive Vice President of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC).