

## GEORGES FAHMI

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### CONTACT

**RESEARCH** Religion-State Relations in the Middle East- Democratization- Religious  
**INTERESTS** Minorities.

**CURRENT** Research director  
**POSITION** Arab Forum for Alternatives  
Beirut, Lebanon

<b>PROFESSIONEL AND ACADEMIC BACKGROUND</b>
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**2023- now** Research director at the Arab Forum for Alternatives in Beirut, Lebanon.

**2022- 2023** Part-time Assistant Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies in Florence, Italy.

**2016- now** Associate Fellow in the Middle East and North Africa Programme at Chatham House in London, UK.

**2016 - 21** Research Fellow at the Middle East Directions Programme at Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies in Florence, Italy.

**2014-16** Non-resident scholar at the Carnegie Middle East Centre in Beirut, Lebanon.

**2007-2013** PhD in Political Science  
European University Institute (Supervisor: Laszlo Bruszt)

Dissertation title: Institutionalizing Religion: Islamic religious authorities and support for democracy in the Middle East (comparing Egypt and Turkey).

**2005-2007** M.A. in Political Science (Cairo University)

**2003-2005** B.A. in Economics (Cairo University)

**1999-2003** B.A. in Political Science (Cairo University)

## GRANTS

**2013-2014** Research grant from the Arab Reform Initiative (ARI)  
Project: Religious actors and support for democratization in the Middle East.

**2009-2010** Research grant from the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute (DEDI)  
Project: De-radicalization experiences in Europe and the Middle East.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**June-August 2010** Boğaziçi University (Istanbul, Turkey)  
Course: Comparative Politics of the Middle East.

## LANGUAGES

ARABIC – Mother tongue

ENGLISH – Very Good

FRENCH – Good

ITALIAN – Intermediate

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **EDITED BOOKS**

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The Governance of Islam and Violent Radicalization: Causes and Consequences (with Tina Magazzini), Routledge (forthcoming).

De-radicalization Coalition Building: Lessons from the Past and Future Challenges, (with Lasse Lindekilde), Al-Ahram Centre for Strategic Studies, Cairo, 2011.

### **SELECTED RESEARCH PAPERS**

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Resilience against Violent Radicalisation: why haven't more Islamists taken up arms in Egypt since 2013?, EUI RSCAS, 2020/17, Middle East Directions (MED), 2020.

The debate over the use of violence within the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt after 2013, EUI RSCAS PP; 2018/01; Middle East Directions (MED), 2018.

The future of Syrian Christians after the Arab Spring, Middle East Directions (MED); 2018/04, 2018.

What is the future of Christians in the Middle East?, Policy Briefs; 2017/07; Middle East Directions (MED), 2017.

Market for Jihad: Radicalization in Tunisia (With Hamza Meddeb), Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut, October 2015.

Al-Azhar and democratic transition in Egypt (Al-Azhar wal tahawul al-dimocratie fi Masr), AlAhram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Cairo, April 2013.

Egypt presidential election 2012: the survival of the July 1952 regime, Arab Reform Initiative, Paris, July 2012.

## ARTICLES

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Colin Powers, Erik Skare, Georges Fahmi, Nouran Ahmed, Ahmad Mhidi, Myriam Ababsa and Olivier Roy (2023). Why Individuals and Communities Do Not Turn to Violent Extremism. *Perspectives on Terrorism*, Volume XVII, Issue I, 1-17.

Georges Fahmi & Mehdi Lahlou (2022). Negotiating religion-state relations in the MENA region: actors' dynamics, modes, and norms, *Religion. State and Society*, 50:4, 436 451, DOI: [10.1080/09637494.2022.2135350](https://doi.org/10.1080/09637494.2022.2135350)

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

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Tunisia: Governing the Religious Sphere After 2011, in Anna Triandafyllidou and Tina Magazzini (editors), *Routledge Handbook on the Governance of Religious Diversity*, London: Routledge, 2021.

Dialogue as tool for addressing religious tensions: containing the violence, or true conflict resolution? In Pernille Rieker and Henrik Thune (editors), *Dialogue and Conflict Resolution: Potential and Limits*, Surrey, England; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2015.

The Copts and political activism (Al-aqbat wal nashat al-siyasi), in Mohammad Agati (editor), *nontraditional patters of youth participation in Egypt*, Cairo: Arab Forum for Alternatives, 2012.