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AGENDA

All Times EET/Beirut Local Time

16:00 – 16:05

Welcome and Introduction

- Moderator: **Susan Harada**, former CBC journalist and Carleton University
- **Elizabeth Ferris**, Vice President of Research, World Refugee & Migration Council

16:15 – 16:50

Panel Discussion: The Situation in Beirut and the Forcibly Displaced in Lebanon

- **Lama Mourad**, [Carleton University](https://www.carleton.ca/)
- **Marwan Muasher**, Vice President for Studies at [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](https://www.cepr.edu/) and WRMC member (Amman, Jordan)
- **Maha Shuayb**, Director, [Centre for Lebanese Studies](https://www.clebs.com/)
- **Maha Yahya**, Director, Carnegie [Middle East Center](https://www.cepr.edu/) (Beirut, Lebanon)

16:50 – 17:00

Q & A and Closing – Moderator **Susan Harada** & WRMC Chair **Lloyd Axworthy**

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PANELISTS



Lloyd Axworthy, Chair, World Refugee & Migration Council

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The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy is the chair of the World Refugee & Migration Council and one of Canada's leading voices on global migration and refugee protection. After a 27-year political career, where he served as Canada's minister of Foreign Affairs and minister of Employment and Immigration, among other postings, Mr. Axworthy has continued to work extensively on human security, refugee protection and human rights in Canada and abroad. He was presented with the Pearson Peace Medal by the Governor General of Canada in May 2017. In his term as president and vice-chancellor of the University of Winnipeg, Mr. Axworthy initiated innovative programs for migrant and aboriginal youth communities, and has also done a great deal of work on refugee reform as a Richard von Weizsäcker fellow at Germany's Robert Bosch Academy.



Elizabeth Ferris, Vice President of Research, World Refugee & Migration Council

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Elizabeth Ferris is a research professor with the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. She also serves as a non-resident senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution. From January to September 2016, she also served as senior adviser to the UN General Assembly's Summit for Refugees and Migrants in New York. She is an expert in the areas of migration, refugee protection and humanitarian assistance, and continues to conduct research and lead projects in these areas.



Susan Harada, Moderator

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Susan Harada is an Associate Professor of Journalism with Carleton University's School of Journalism and Communication, where she served for six years as the head of the Journalism program, first as Associate Director of the School and then as Interim Director. She is currently the Chair of J-Schools Canada / Écoles-J Canada, the national organization that brings together post-secondary journalism programs in Canada. She joined the School in 2003 after a long journalism career spent mainly with the CBC as a current affairs reporter, documentary journalist, Parliamentary correspondent, news anchor and host. She has written for The Walrus and Policy Options, contributed regularly to the Canadian Federal Election series, and produced chapters on a number of subjects, including the Supreme Court of Canada and its relationship with the media.



Lama Mourad, Assistant Professor, Carleton University

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Lama Mourad is an Assistant Professor at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University. Her research interests are focused on the intersection of forced migration, local governance, and the politics of borders, with a regional focus on the Middle East. Professor Mourad previously held fellowships at Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, and with the Middle East Initiative at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Her research has been supported by a number of institutions and agencies, including the Harvard Kennedy School's Middle East Initiative, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Her work has been published in both academic and public outlets, including the Journal of Refugee Studies, Middle East Law and Governance, Forced Migration Studies, the

European Journal of International Relations as well as The Atlantic, Lawfare, The Washington Post's Monkey Cage, and The Toronto Star.



Marwan Muasher, Vice President for Studies at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and WRMC member (Amman, Jordan)

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Marwan Muasher is vice president for studies at Carnegie, where he oversees research in Washington and Beirut on the Middle East. Muasher served as foreign minister (2002–2004) and deputy prime minister (2004–2005) of Jordan, and his career has spanned the areas of diplomacy, development, civil society, and communications. Muasher began his career as a journalist for the Jordan Times. He then served at the Ministry of Planning, at the prime minister's office as press adviser, and as director of the Jordan Information Bureau in Washington.

In 1995, Muasher opened Jordan's first embassy in Israel, and in 1996 he became minister of information and the government spokesperson. From 1997 to 2002, he served in Washington again as ambassador, negotiating the first free-trade agreement between the United States and an Arab nation. He then returned to Jordan to serve as foreign minister, where he played a central role in developing the Arab Peace Initiative and the Middle East roadmap.



Maha Shuayb, Director, Centre for Lebanese Studies

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Maha Shuayb is the director of the Centre for Lebanese Studies since 2012. Prior to that she was a Senior Fellow at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. Maha has a PhD in education from the University of Cambridge. Maha also teaches part-time at the Lebanese American University. She was a visiting scholar at various universities including University of Cambridge and the American University of Beirut. Maha's research focuses on the sociology and politics of education particularly equity and equality in education and the implications of the politicization of education particularly on marginalized groups.



Maha Yahya, Director, Carnegie Middle East Center (Beirut, Lebanon)

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Maha Yahya is director of the Carnegie Middle East Center, where her work focuses broadly on political violence and identity politics, pluralism, development and social justice after the Arab uprisings, the challenges of citizenship, and the political and socio-economic implications of the migration/refugee crisis.

Prior to joining Carnegie, Yahya led work on Participatory Development and Social Justice at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA). She was previously regional adviser on social and urban policies at UN-ESCWA and spearheaded strategic and inter-sectoral initiatives and policies in the Office of the Executive Secretary which addressed the challenges of democratic transitions in the Arab world. Yahya has also worked with the United Nations Development Program in Lebanon, where she was the director and principal author of The National Human Development Report 2008–2009: Toward a Citizen's State. She was also the founder and editor of the MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies.