



Our New Lebanon

Speaker Series

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Date:

March 28, 2021

Time:

12:00 PM Pacific

11:00 PM Beirut

Place: Zoom

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PROFILE

Ayman Mhanna is the Executive Director of the Samir Kassir Foundation (since September 2011), named after Lebanese journalist Samir Kassir, who was assassinated in Beirut in June 2005. The Foundation has grown to become the largest freedom of expression and media development organization in the MENA region, monitoring violations targeting media professionals, providing assistance to journalists at risk, and supporting the emergence of independent, quality journalism. He also served as Executive Director of the Global Forum for Media Development (January 2016-February 2017), a network of 200 international media assistance and press freedom organizations. He is a visiting professor at the College of Europe in Natolin-Warsaw, Poland, leading a course on new challenges for press freedom. He taught public policy development and communication at the Faculty of Economic Sciences of Saint-Joseph University in Beirut (September 2011-December 2015) and previously held the position of Senior Program Officer at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (March 2007-August 2011). He holds a BA in Economics from Saint-Joseph University in Beirut and a Master's in International Affairs and Development from the Institute of Political Studies – Sciences Po in Paris.

Q/A

Please prepare your questions in advance and send them to rania@ournewlebanon.org no later than Saturday, March 27th at 10 pm.

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