

Nadim Makdisi

Memorial Fund Annual Lecture

COVERING THE ARAB SPRING: MYTHS, LIES AND TRUTHS

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Hani Shukrallah, born 1950, is managing editor of Egypt's top newspaper, the daily *Al-Ahram* and is the author of *Egypt, the Arabs and the World, reflections at the turn of the 21st century*, recently published in Cairo by the American University in Cairo Press. He is the Executive Director of the Cairo-based Heikal Foundation for Arab Journalism and the Chief Editor of *Al-Ahram* online, an English-language news website launched in 2010.

During 2008 and 2009 he was founding co-Chief Editor of the Egyptian daily, *Al-Shorouk* (first issued on 1 February, 2009), for which he also wrote a weekly column. He is former Managing Editor, then Chief Editor of the English language, *Al-Ahram Weekly* (1991-2005).

Shukrallah wrote a regular column for *Al-Ahram*

Weekly for more than 10 years; and has contributed articles to Britain's *The Guardian* newspaper, *Outlook* (India), *Al-Hayat* (London), and the *Journal of Palestine Studies*.

Shukrallah has also served as a consultant (2005-2008) with the Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, one of the leading think tanks in the Middle East, and was a visiting professor at the University of California, Berkeley, in the United States in 2006.

He is a founding member of the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Network for Human Rights Information, and a board member of the Center for Arab and African Studies in Cairo.

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About the Nadim Makdisi Memorial Annual Lecture

AUB-IFI received a generous endowment from the Makdisi family to honor the memory of Dr. Nadim A. Makdisi, one of Lebanon's accomplished journalists and publishers. Dr. Makdisi had a long and prolific professional career in media and mass communications which included working for Lebanese, Arab and American news media, including the Christian Science Monitor, the BBC, and TeleLiban in Lebanon. He created

the first business magazine to cover the Arab region, *Alam Attijara*.

Each year, AUB-IFI invites a leading journalist or expert in current affairs focusing on the Middle East to AUB to give the *Nadim Makdisi Memorial Lecture* to the AUB community, media practitioners, and the general public. The annual lecture is part of the Nadim Makdisi Memorial Fund, which also offers fellowships to graduate students to undertake research related to journalism, politics and public policy, the fields that defined Nadim Makdisi's professional life.

