

Round Table Discussion

Political Participation in Jordan from a Religious Perspective

Amman, Jordan

Saturday, 24 June 2023

Hilton Hotel Amman, Sky Ballroom

Concept

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Jordan Office, in cooperation with the Catholic Centre for Studies and Media (CCSM) in Amman, organizes a round table discussion on political participation in Jordan from a religious perspective. The event consists of two panels of Christian and Muslim experts and academics, with the third panel being reserved for the political participation of Jordanian youth. The speakers are invited to share their thoughts on religious social education in general and participation in political life in particular. This event comes in the context of Jordan's vision to promote political modernization and the active engagement of women and youth in political life. The event is held under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Abdel Raouf Rawabdeh, former Prime Minister of Jordan.

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09.00 – 09.30h

Registration: Sky Ballroom, Hilton Amman Hotel

09:30 – 10.00h

Welcome and Introduction

Presenter: Mariana Khoury

Welcome Remarks

Fr. Dr. Rifat Bader

Director, Catholic Centre for Studies and Media, Jordan

Dr. Edmund Ratka

Resident Representative, KAS Jordan Office

Short Film Presentation

10.00 – 11.00h

Panel 1: Religion and Political Participation in Jordan

Moderator:

Shahed Al Tarawneh

News Reporter, AlMamlaka TV, Jordan

Panelists:

Dr. Amer Al Hafi

Faculty of Sharia, Al al-Bayt University; Academic Advisor, the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, Jordan

“Political Participation from a Muslim Perspective”

Fr. Dr. Imad Alamat

General Secretary of the Latin Vicariate in Amman

“Political Participation from a Christian Perspective”

Rana Al Khamayseh

Journalist, specialized in electoral and parliamentary policies

“The Need to Participate in Political Life”

11.00 – 11.30h

Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30h

Panel 2: Making Political Life More Inclusive

Moderator:

Omar Abawi

Head of Programs, Caritas Jordan

Panelists:

Dr. Thelal Oweis

Dean of Student Affairs, German Jordanian University

“The Role of Youth in Political Life”

Dr. Marcelle Jweinat

Journalism Department, Yarmouk University

“The Role of Women in Political Life”

Dr. Fares Braizat

Chairman, NAMA Strategic Intelligence Solutions; Former Minister of Youth, Jordan

“Political Parties: How Do They Become Attractive?”

12.30 – 12.45h

Break

12.45 – 13.45h

Panel 3: How to Encourage Young People to Participate in Political Life

Moderator:

Asma Al Shelleh

Senior Program Officer, Al Thoria Studies Center, Jordan

Panelists:

Hassan Al Wer

Renewable Energy Engineer; interested in Jordanian politics

Lina Haddad

Social Activist; expert in youth and women empowerment programs

Mohammad Assaf

Political Activist; researcher and writer on international relations and political Islam

13.45 – 14.00h

Concluding Remarks

14.00h

Lunch

Arabic/English simultaneous interpretation will be available.

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