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In spite of the worldwide pandemic which has occupied the lives of most people in the world for at least half a year, the Middle East remains a region attracting the interest and concerns of world leaders, but also of its own inhabitants.

What is its future? For how long conflicts, poverty, and social confusion, will continue to hinder its brilliant potential for development?

This short series of discussions will take place on Tuesday July 21st, 5:00pm MET (4:00 CET) and will examine the contribution women can make in shaping the future of the Middle East. This first session will focus on youth, its needs and aspiration and the way women, as mothers and professionals, can shape the leaders of tomorrow.

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Meeting Info

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SPEAKERS



Dr. ABEER A. AL HOOLI, KUWAIT has a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Virginia, US. She has a long career as an educator in Kuwait, in other countries of the Middle East and in the United States. She specializes in Curriculum and Instruction and has devoted ten years of research on Education Reform in Kuwait and the GCC countries. Important experiences: she has worked as Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of Kuwait in Washington DC for four years and recently began working as a consultant in the Civil Service Commission which oversees the alignment of educational systems to meet the labor market. She is a professor at the College of The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) in Kuwait. Family: She is married and has four children and two grandchildren. The thing that make her experience with life so interesting and memorable is that she delivered her dissertation and then her new baby girl on the same day.

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**Carol Babikian** She is Greek-Lebanese or Armenian origin living with her husband and three children in Beirut, Lebanon. She has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the American University of Beirut. She is a dynamic community activist and an experienced mediator. She is the founding member and President of "Achrafieh 2020". It is an association that aims for a better quality of life for the inhabitants of Achrafieh Municipality, as well as the larger community of Beirut, providing social support and humanitarian aid. She is an Ambassador of Peace with the Universal Peace Federation and has participated to several sessions of WFWP's Women's Conference for

Peace in the Middle East. Politically she has been one of the candidates for the 2018 Parliamentary election. Her hobbies are sports and reading.



**Yafa Alshayeb, Jordan**

She is 25 years old. She is studying Pharmacy. She comes from a family of refugees of Palestinian origin. In 2010 she started working with civil society organizations as a volunteer, but her journey in life started in 2013, when she had to enroll to College as pharmaceutical assistant. The university fees were too high. Two years later, she applied to the University, but she had to be working while studying, to pay for her studies. She found life not easy in the Jordanian society, as a woman, wishing to follow her dreams.

When she met WFWP in Jordan, her dreams became bigger, more "public" than personal. As a hard working person, she now works hard also to develop her spirit, not only to finish her Bachelor's degree at the University. The WONMO scholarship she received alleviated her burden of school fees, although only for a short time. She is now at the end of a ten month stay in Romania as a volunteer worker. She finds this experience very useful for her future life.



**Joseph Ayoub is a Lebanese Armenian Architect**, born and raised in Dubai, U.A.E. He received his Bachelors in Architecture with Distinction from the Lebanese American University (LAU), in 2018. Joseph has been an **active volunteer** with several international and local NGOs, focusing on issues related to civic engagement, refugee camps aid, historic preservation, migrant workers' rights - antiracism movement, environmental protection, and peace making. Joseph took it upon himself to give several presentations encouraging his friends and classmates to participate in volunteer activities as a way to bring change to their community. **His hobbies** are horse riding, photography, hiking, and drawing. He currently lives in Yerevan, Armenia due to his work, however he continues to be engaged in any developmental projects, big or

small as a service to his community back home in Lebanon.



**Carolyn Handschin Moser, is Vice- President of WFWPI** ([www.wfwp.org](http://www.wfwp.org)) and Vice President of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women at the UN in Geneva. As Director of the United Nations Offices for WFWPI, she led their advocacy team at the United Nations in Geneva for 20 years, focusing on peace, education and human rights through the empowerment of women and girls and protection of the family. Her concern for youth led her to create the WFWPI-UN Internship program in Geneva in 2005, where she is still the Director. She has been engaged in the Women's Conferences for Peace in the Middle East since 2002. She has seven children, three granddaughters and a supportive husband who are a resource and inspiration for her work.



**Marilyn Angelucci was born in the United States** and educated there with a BA in Psychology and MA in Religious Education. She and her husband Umberto Angelucci have been working for over twenty years in various organizations in three different continents and seven different nations. She is now serving as President of Women's Federation for World Peace-Afghanistan, serving the Afghan women with skills and technical training programs. Marilyn and Umberto are living in Istanbul Turkey and are the proud parents of two wonderful sons and now have five young grandchildren.

**Dr. Zoe Bennett, Director WFWP Middle East**, is native of Greece and has spent most of her adult life abroad. She studied Psychology and Oriental



has spent most of her adult life abroad. She studied Psychology and Oriental Languages in France. She then travelled extensively in Europe, the United States, South Korea and the Middle East. She spent 11 years with her family in Cyprus, where she privately taught Greek and French to foreigners and oriental culture to those curious of the exotic Far East. The creation of WFWP in 1992 was a natural response to her passion of uplifting and empowering human beings of all cultures through service and education. She firmly believes that every human being has unique talents, useful to all, that can thrive in an environment of peace and justice.

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