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TRUMP AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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Donald Trump's presidency has added a new layer of complexity to the politics of the Middle East, and South and Central Asia. In withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal, moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem, defunding the UNRWA and endorsing Saudi efforts to isolate Qatar, the Trump administration has reversed key US policy conventions established in the region over decades. But many of these new threads in US politics are deeply familiar to the Middle East: as a bastion of populism and authoritarianism, the region is no stranger to erratic leadership and largescale public protest. It is in this context that the Middle East Studies Forum convenes its biennial conference in order to discuss recent developments and new trajectories in Middle East politics and International Relations.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Prof Fethi Mansouri (UNESCO Chair, ADI)

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