



## **AUC TO HOLD A SERIES OF ACADEMIC PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

### **AS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY'S 13<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION**

#### **WHAT**

The American University in Cairo (AUC) will hold a series of academic panel discussions as part of the inauguration of Ahmad S. Dallal as the 13th president of the University on Sunday, October 24; from 1 to 5:45 pm. The three- part series discussions will take place at Moataz Al Alfi Hall, AUC New Cairo campus and via Zoom from 1:00 to 5:45 pm. For the detailed program of the panel discussions, please click [here](#).

Panelists will address some of the most pressing issues of our time from data science and Artificial Intelligence to meeting the challenges of sustainability, global health and human ecology, and migration and refugees in our region.

The first panel, “**Sustainability, Global Health and Human Ecology**,” will be held from 1:00 to 2:15 pm. Speakers are Hoda Rashad, professor and director of AUC’s Social Research Center; Hassan El-Fawal, professor of biomedical sciences at AUC; and Khaled Tarabieh, associate professor of architecture at AUC. It will be moderated by Hassan Azzazy, distinguished university professor and chairman of AUC’s Department of Chemistry.

The panel will discuss several interrelated themes, including how COVID-19 is a lesson for the future in meeting the challenges of sustainable development; climate change; opportunities and challenges of technology in diagnostics, mitigation and prevention; and impact of social equity, environmental protection and responsible sustainability.

The second panel, “**Migration and Refugees - A Regional Perspective**,” will be held from 3:00 to 4:15 pm. Speakers are Ibrahim Awad, professor of practice of global affairs and director of AUC’s Center for Migration and Refugee Studies; Maysa Ayoub, associate director of AUC’s Center for Migration and Refugee Studies; and Sara Sadek, adjunct faculty at AUC’s Center for Migration and Refugee Studies. It will be moderated by Nabil Fahmy, dean of AUC’s School of Global Affairs and Public Policy and Egypt’s former foreign minister.

The panel will discuss the settlement of the conflicts that produced refugee flows, as the international community has recently seen a surge in the number of refugees and forced migrants especially in the Middle East. It will also discuss the importance of international cooperation in enabling host countries to ensure decent livelihoods for the refugees they host.

The third panel, “**Data Science and Artificial Intelligence,**” will be held from 4:30 to 5:45 pm. Speakers are Mirna Arif, general manager of Microsoft Egypt; Nourhan Sakr, assistant professor of computer science and engineering; and Mohamed Moustafa, associate professor of computer science and engineering. It will be moderated by Sherif Aly, professor and chair of AUC’s Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

The panel will discuss the contributions and applications of artificial Intelligence and data science, highlight some of the wow factors of each of them, and a glimpse of how AUC is helping shape the future in its own way.

***MEDIA COVERAGE***

*Media interested in attending the event should contact Nahla El Gendy at +2.012.2243.6313, Nahla.elgendy@aucegypt.edu. RSVP required and the press will be required to present valid credentials.*

***To ensure the safety of the AUC community and our guests, we will be enforcing all COVID safety precautions, including mandatory wearing of face masks, social distancing and limited capacity in the hall and meeting spaces. For our collective safety, all guests must be vaccinated.***