

# The Lebanese System:

## A Critical

## Reassessment

**A Two-day  
Conference**

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**Friday May 18, 2001**

**Welcoming Remarks**  
Professor Samir Khalaf  
President John Waterbury

**Opening Address**  
H.E. Professor Ghassan Salameh

**Session I: Introduction**  
Chair: Fouad Boutros

**Nadim Shehadi**  
"Michel Chiha and the Lebanese Political System"  
**Ahmad Baydoun**  
"Michel Chiha and Confessionalism"  
**Fares Sassine**  
"The Evolution of the Lebanese Idea"  
**Fawaz Trabulsi**  
"The Lebanese System Revisited"

**Session II: The Institutional Framework**  
Chair: Joe Issa El-Khoury

**Chibli Malat**  
"The Constitutions, The National Pact and The Ta'if Agreement: Continuities and Discrepancies"  
**Samir Franjeh**  
"The Ta'if Agreement: A Provisional Compromise or a New National Pact?"  
**Elizabeth Picard**  
"Is Consociational Democracy Reformable?"

**Session III: Politics, Society and Confessionalism**  
Chair: Camille Aboussouan

**Nawaf Salam**  
"Overcoming confessionalism: Towards a Lebanese Citizenship"  
**Farid El Khazen**  
"Political Parties in Post-war Lebanon"  
**Melhem Chaoul**  
"Ambivalence and Atypicality: Lebanese Society and Politics"

**Session IV: Morals, Ethics and Abuse of Authority**  
Chair: Samir Khalaf

**Reinoud Leenders**  
"Public Means for Private Ends: Power and State-building in Post-war Lebanon"  
**Antoine Khair**  
"Judicial Power and Political Power"  
**Adnan el-Amine**  
"Education and Civic Awareness in Lebanon"

**Saturday May 19, 2001**

**Session V: Lebanon's Economic System**  
Chair: Michel El Khoury

**Toufic Gaspard**  
"Decline and Fall of Laissez-faire: Lebanon's Economic Performance Since Independence"  
**Makram Sader**  
"The Lebanese Banking Sector and the Lebanese Economy"  
**Kamal Hamdan**  
"Lebanon's Post-war Economic Experience: Constraints and Opportunities"

**Session VI: Foreign and Regional Policy**  
Chair: H.E. Marwan Hamadé

**Samir Kassir**  
"Lebanon and the Peace Process: From No-War to No-Peace"  
**Fawaz Gerges**  
"Lebanon between East and West and in Arab Politics"  
**Volker Perthes**  
"Lebanon in its Arab and Mediterranean Environment"

**Session VII: Roundtable Discussion**  
"Perspectives and Prospects for Lebanon"  
Chair: Ghassan Tuani