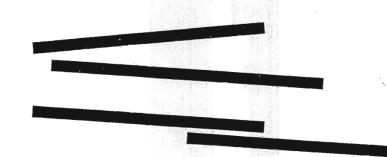
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Nadim Shehadi

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Fawaz Trabulsi

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Chibli Malat

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Samir Franjieh

*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

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Farid El Khazen

"Political Parties in Post-war Lebanon"

Melhem Chaoul

Ambivalence and Atypicality: Lebanese Society and

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Reinoud Leenders

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Antoine Khair

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Adnan el-Amine

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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"

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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 Tueni