

# Newsletter

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*The quarterly newsletter of ECEB aims to present the main cultural activities and events that were organized during the past three months. It also highlights the latest news and announcements that could be of interest to the academic community.*

## Opening of the Egyptian Cultural Educational Bureau after Renovation



Ambassador Motaz Zahran praised the efforts of the Ministry of Higher Education to enhance cooperation between Egypt and the United States and the role of the Cultural Educational Bureau in consolidating the cultural relations between the two countries. In his words, Dr. Sherif Saleh highlighted the importance of investing in human capital and the keen efforts of the ministry to consolidate internationalization.

The event witnessed the inauguration of the newly added museum that exhibits a collection of replicas of ancient Egyptian masterpieces and presents an overview of Egyptian civilization.

Under the auspices of HE, Dr. Mohamad Ayman Ashour, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and with the presence of Ambassador Motaz Zahran, Ambassador of Egypt to the United States Of America, and Dr. Sherif Saleh, Head of the Sector of Cultural Affairs and Missions, the official opening of Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau was held on January 4th, 2024 after the completion the building's renovation.



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Friday 10 November at 6 pm EST  
1303 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington DC

## THE POWER OF STAMPS

PEOPLE, PLACES AND UNTOLD  
STORIES

On the 10th of November, ECEB organized an exhibition titled "The Power of Stamps". An Introductory lecture was presented by Danial Pizza, the chief curator at the National Post Museum in Washington DC, who shed light on the importance of the Collection of Egyptian stamps at the National Post Museum. Dr. Heba Saad the Cultural Attaché presented an overview of the history of Post in Egypt and the development of the Egyptian stamps.



The exhibition highlighted the importance of the Egyptian stamps as an archive of the history of Egypt by commemorating its political, scientific, cultural, and sportive events.



## Meeting of Washington Educational and Cultural Attaché Association (WECAA)

Dr. Heba Saad, the Cultural Attache and Director of ECEB attended the meeting of WECAA on 7 December. The meeting highlighted the importance of music diplomacy and its role in enhancing cultural ties between nations.







On 14 December, ECEB welcomed a visit of a group of high school students from Parkmont School to complement their study of Comparative Government Class. The students were interested in learning about Egypt and discussing topics related to their study. The cultural attaché Dr. Heba Saad presented an overview of Egypt's history, traditions, customs, and heritage and invited the students to visit the museum which exhibits replicas of ancient Egyptian masterpieces.



**Parkmont  
High  
School  
Students  
Visit ECEB**

## Arabic Language on Every Tongue

Celebrating World Arabic Language Day, on 20 December, ECEB organized an online lecture about the Arabic Language presented by Zehad Sabri, the Arabic instructor at TAFL and Study Abroad Coordinator at the University of Oslo who highlighted the importance of Arabic, its uniqueness as a language and its influence on other languages. The audience was engaged with the new interactive methods used for teaching Arabic to foreign students.



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## ARABIC LANGUAGE ON EVERY TONGUE

Celebrating World Arabic Language Day, ECEB invites you to an online lecture about the role of Arabic in shaping modern languages presented by:

**Yasser Kashef**  
Academic Director of CLS Spark (Arabic) Program  
TAFL Center- AU

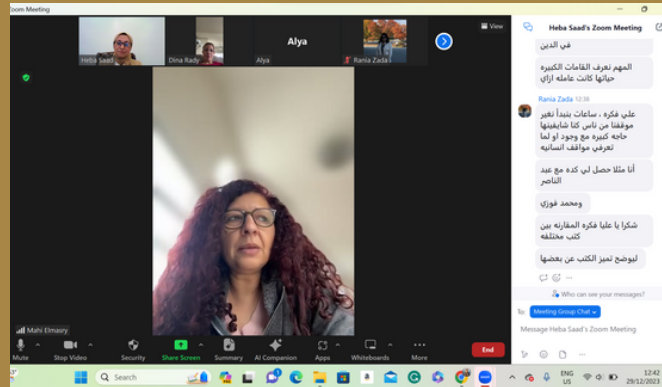
Wednesday, 20 December at 6 PM (EST)

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## ECEB Book Club



The Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau organized the first meeting of the newly inaugurated book club on 29 December. The book club aims to present the Egyptian culture through reading and discussing Egyptian books of various fields. In the first meeting, the members enjoyed reading and discussing the book of Sanaa al-Beisy "Siret al-Habayeb" which presents 50 political, artistic, and cultural Egyptian figures.



## Ancient Egyptian Women Moving Beyond Gender Bias

ECEB organized in collaboration with The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) on the 12th of January a lecture titled "Ancient Egyptian Women: Moving Beyond Gender Bias". The lecture was presented by Dr. Mariam Ayad, Associate Professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo who discussed a corrective, evidence-based view of ancient Egyptian women and highlighted their role in society. The large audience that attended the lecture praised the topic and enjoyed the discussions.







## Johns Hopkins Science, Policy and Diplomacy Group at ECEB

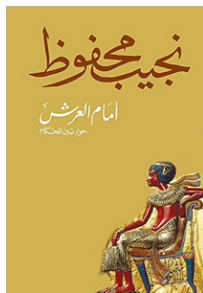
A group of 30 graduates, researchers and faculty of the Johns Hopkins Science, Policy, and Diplomacy Group visited ECEB on 26 January. The visit aimed to learn more about Egypt, and its relationship with the US in the field of Education, science, policy and climate change.



The members of JHSPDG had an engaging discussion and showed great interest in Egypt's culture and civilization.

## ECEB Book Club

The second meeting of the book club was held on 26 January at ECEB's library. Echoing with the theme of the month- the Ancient Egyptian Civilization- the members of the book club enjoyed discussing the novel of Nagib Mahfouz "In Front of the Throne: a Dialogue between Rulers".



## Conference

The Director of ECEB participated in:

- The conference of the Association for the Studies of the Middle East and Africa which was held in DC on 4 and 5 November.
- The "International Education Week" organized by the American University on 14 November.
- The 50th conference and Golden Jubilee of the Association of Egyptian-American Scholars held in AUC on 26-28 December.



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## Upcoming Events

- Book Club Meeting: The Era of Science (Ahmed Zewil)
- Lectures Celebrating World Women's Day
- Workshop for children: Write Your Name In Hieroglyphics
- Special Event: Ramadan in Egypt.

## Stay Tuned

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