



Karim Emile Bitar's Biographical Notice

Karim Emile Bitar is Professor of International Relations and Director of the Institute of Political Science at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ), a Lecturer in Geopolitics, Diplomacy and Middle East Studies at Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS-Lyon), a Senior Fellow at the Institute for International and Strategic Relations in Paris (IRIS). He is an Associate Fellow at the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP), and a Non-Resident Scholar at Washington D.C.'s Middle East Institute (MEI).

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He is co-founder and member of the board of directors of 'Kulluna Irada', a leading lobbying and civic organization for political reform in Lebanon. He is Vice-President of the 'Cercle des Économistes Arabes', Secretary General of the 'Emile Bitar Foundation', the initiator of the 'Beirut Human Rights Week' and the co-organizer of the International Feminisms Festival.

He graduated from France's National School of Administration (ENA, promotion Cyrano de Bergerac 1997-1999) and from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po). He studied Law at the University of Paris Sorbonne, Economics and International Relations at McGill University. He spent his senior year at Harvard where he studied Government and specialized in Middle East Studies. The dissertation he wrote at the University of Paris 8 focused on "The Relations between Orient and Occident in public and intellectual debates."

He co-edited and co-wrote the collective books *Regards sur la France* (with Robert Fadel, Seuil, 2007, 640 pages), and *Le Cèdre et le Chêne, De Gaulle et le Liban* (with Clotilde de Fouchécour, Geuthner, 2015, 548 pages). He writes frequent Op-Eds in

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He has recently contributed a chapter on 'International Violence' to the SAGE Handbook of Political Science. He is the author of more than twenty book chapters and academic articles. He has supervised more than 65 master theses.

He started his career as a consultant in Management for Cap Gemini Ernst & Young Consulting, before working for five years at France's television channel CANAL+ (Vivendi Universal) as a manager in charge of strategic planning, business development and external relations. He later founded KB Consulting Group, a consulting firm in management, communication and public affairs

He gave conferences and keynote addresses in more than 25 countries. In the past 10 years, he has been quoted more than 1500 times in the international media (AFP, Reuters, Associated Press, The Christian Science Monitor, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Russia Today, Xinhua, Le Monde, Le Figaro, Libération, El Pais, The Guardian, Time...)

He frequently testifies before the Foreign Affairs Committees of the French and European Parliaments.

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