

# MEAC SIG

## Faculty & Speakers List

*(alphabetical order)*

### Christine Arida

Christine Arida is Executive Director for Telecom Services Planning at National Telecom Regulatory Authority of Egypt. She has been working for the government of Egypt for over 20 years, in areas of Internet development and related public policies. In 2011, she has lead the drafting of Egypt's National Broadband Plan "eMisr" and has participated in establishing the "DNS Entrepreneurship Center for Africa and the Middle East" in 2014. From 2001 to 2006, she has worked for the Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, where she participated in drafting "Egypt's Telecommunication Master Plan" in 2004. Ms. Arida started her career at the Cabinet's Information and Decision Support Center, as part of the team, which introduced Internet services in Egypt in 1992. She is a founding member of AfriNIC and has participated in establishing the Arab IGF. She serves as chair of the Arab gTLDs Project Steering Committee at the League of Arab States and has been representing the Government of Egypt at the IGF MAG since 2007.



### Hadi Asghari

Dr. Hadi Asghari is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Technology, Policy, and Management at the Technology University of Delft in the Netherlands. Dr. Asghari's research focuses on the governance and economics of cybersecurity and privacy. He has co-authored papers and reports for the OECD, the Dutch Government, the European Commission, and presented at various academic and industry forums. In 2015 and 2016, he was a visiting research scholar at the Center for Information Technology Policy (CITP) at Princeton University.



### Tijani Ben Jemaa

Tijani Ben Jemaa is the Director of the Mediterranean Federation of Internet Associations (FMAI) (2007-); a member of the DotAfrica Steering Committee; the Vice Chair of AFRALO(2009-); a member of ICANN's ALAC and its Executive Committee (2011-); Vice President of the Federation of African Organizations of Engineers (2005-); and the Vice-Chair of the Committee of Affirmation and Communications for the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (2003-) and Member of the Tunisian Engineers Order (1982). Mr. Jemaa also works with AfriNIC, has been attending ICANN meetings since ICANN 32 in Paris, and has been a panelist at IGF workshops.



## Ian Brown

Ian Brown is Head of Research and Lifelong Learning, Digital Skills and Inclusion Team at the UK Government Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. Before that he was Professor and Associate Director of Oxford University's Cyber Security Centre and Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute until 2016. His work focuses on technology and public policy related to Internet privacy and security. He has worked as a consultant for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on their study of global cybercrime. For the OECD, he co-authored with Peter Sommer the 2010 report "Reducing Systemic Cybersecurity Risk". His most recent books are *Regulating Code: Good Governance and Better Regulation in the Information Age* (with Christopher T. Marsden) and *Research Handbook on Governance of the Internet*.



## Chafic Chaya

Chafic Chaya is the Regional Communications Manager for the Middle East region at the RIPE NCC. He has over 15 years of experience in communications, PR, business development, marketing, branding, and operation management related to Internet and Telecom activities. Chafic is a member of the Order of Engineers in Lebanon and member of the working group for the creation of Lebanese Internet Center – LINC. He is a former member of the Arab IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (2011-2013) and served as a chair of the Communication Group for the Arab Regional Working Party (ARWP) for the private sector at the International Telecommunication Union (2006-2010).



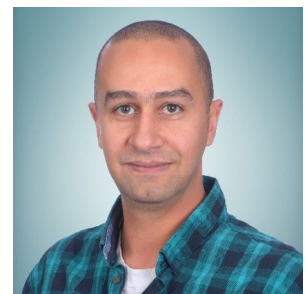
## Amr Elsadr

Amr Elsadr is a health information system design consultant. He has spent years working on information and communication technology services provided to the healthcare sector, both in and outside of Egypt.

Amr has also been involved with ICANN since 2009. A member of the Generic Name Supporting Organization's (GNSO) Noncommercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG), Amr has been involved in several efforts to develop policies at ICANN pertaining to generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs). Additionally, Amr served on the GNSO Council, responsible for managing the policy development process, as an elected representative of the NCSG.

In 2017, Amr also served as a Policy Manager on ICANN staff, supporting policy development in the GNSO.

Amr has a bachelor's degree in medicine, and a masters of science in telemedicine and e-health from the Arctic University of Norway.



## Baher Esmat

Baher Esmat is Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement, Middle East, at ICANN. He facilitates collaboration and dialogue between ICANN and the broader Internet community, supporting and promoting domain name system operations initiatives and capacity-building projects in the region. He joined ICANN in 2006 after a four-year tenure at the Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. He served in various positions at MCIT, most recently as Telecom Planning Manager, and he was responsible for communications infrastructure and service development projects. Baher is a former member of the WSIS Working Group on Internet Governance, and served as Chair of the Egyptian IPv6 Task Force until he joined ICANN. He is a former member of the Internet Governance Forum's Multistakeholder Advisory Group, and the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.



## Manal Ismail

Ms. Manal Ismail is Executive Director for International Technical Coordination at the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt. Prior to her work at the NTRA, she worked at the Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT). Ismail has been representing Egypt on the GAC for more than 10 years and was recently elected chair of the GAC. She has also served as vice chair of the first ICANN Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT1), member of the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG), co-chair of the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group (BGRI-WG), co-chair of the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group, and member of the ICANN Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG). She is an active member of the global Internet community, participating in meetings of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), the Arab Internet Governance Forum (Arab IGF), and the League of Arab States (LAS) Working Group on Domain Names and Internet Issues.



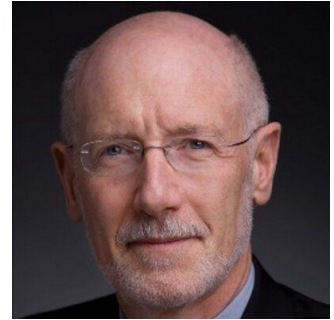
## Milton Mueller

Milton Mueller is Professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, USA) in the School of Public Policy. His books, *Will the Internet Fragment?* (Polity, 2017), *Networks and States: The global politics of Internet governance* (MIT Press, 2010) and *Ruling the Root: Internet Governance and the Taming of Cyberspace* (MIT Press, 2002) are acclaimed scholarly accounts of the global governance regime around the Internet. Dr. Mueller is the co-founder and director of the Internet Governance Project (IGP), which has played a prominent role in shaping global Internet policies and institutions such as ICANN and the Internet Governance Forum. He was co-founder of the Noncommercial Users Constituency in ICANN. From 2013-2016, he was an elected member of the Advisory Committee of the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN). In 2014 he represented noncommercial stakeholder on the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group.



## **Robert Pepper**

Robert Pepper leads Global Connectivity and Technology Policy at Facebook. He was formerly Vice President for Global Technology Policy at Cisco, having joined the company in 2005. He is responsible for the international aspects of the company's advanced technology policy, working in areas such as broadband, IP enabled services, wireless, security and privacy and ICT development. He was Chief of the Office of Plans and Policy at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC), where he worked on implementing telecommunications legislation, planning for the transition to digital television, and designing and implementing the first U.S. spectrum auctions. He has also been Acting Associate Administrator at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and initiator of a program on Computers, Communications and Information Policy at the National Science Foundation.



## **Kaveh Ranjbar**

Kaveh Ranjbar is the RIPE NCC's Chief Information Officer. He is responsible for the planning, operation and development of the RIPE NCC's global information services as well as its research and development activities. This includes the RIPE NCC's authoritative DNS services and K-root name server infrastructure, data collection and measurement networks such as RIPE Atlas and the Routing Information Service, data provisioning systems such as RIPEstat, and the RIPE – NCC's data analysis efforts. Kaveh has been with the RIPE NCC since 2008. Prior to that, he worked for more than 12 years in the Internet services and ISP sectors, mainly in senior technical management positions. He was the engineering founder of one of the largest Iranian ISPs and helped several IT start-ups with software and business process implementations. Kaveh received a M.Sc. in Software Engineering from the University of Oxford and has completed Lean Engineering and Agile Management training at MIT.



## **Charles Shaban**

Charles Shaban is an intellectual property attorney and Executive Director of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP). He chairs the ICT committee of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGOrg). He is experienced in Intellectual Property Services and Internet policy development and implementation strategies, with extensive technical and management experience in ICT, rich exposure to Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), generic and country code Domain Names, and (Multilingual) Internationalized Domain Name issues.



## **Salam Yamout**

Salam Yamout has been a professional in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for 25 years, is the Regional Director, Middle East, for the Internet Society since November 2016. Before that she was the National ICT Strategy Coordinator at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers handling the EU, innovation and ICT portfolios. Between 2005 and 2010, Salam worked for Cisco Systems where she was Program Manager for Corporate Social Responsibility. During her assignment as manager of the “Partnership for Lebanon” project, she set up the first Internet Exchange Point of Lebanon in 2008. Salam holds an MBA from ESCP-EAP, Paris / Ecole Supérieure des Affaires, Beirut in 2005 and an M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Arizona (Tucson, USA) in 1987.

