“Civil Society Revisited: Researching Associational Life in Comparative Perspective”
Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship
American University of Beirut
Beirut, Lebanon – May 16-20, 2016

WORKSHOP READING LIST

Monday, May 16, 2016

Introductions, Expectations, Overview (APSA staff and co-leaders)
No Required Readings

Session 1: A 20-year Retrospective on Civil Society in the Middle East (Norton)

Session 2: Current Debates on Civil Society (Azzam)
• Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, 2016. Literature Review on ‘Perceptions of Civil Society in the Arab Region.’

Small Groups: Research Design (individual co-leaders)
Research Design Exercise

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Session 3: Case Studies: Egypt – Civil Society ‘Then and Now’ (Sullivan)


Guest Speaker: Informal Forms of Associational Life
No Required Readings

Small Groups: Research Design (individual co-leaders)
Research Design Exercise

Wednesday, 18, 2016

Session 5: Case Studies: Jordan (Lori)


Guest Speaker: The Relevance of Civil Society
No Required Readings

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Session 6: Case Studies: Palestine (Azzam)


Session 7: Civil Society, International Organizations, and Refugees (Lori)


**Session 8: Fieldwork in Conflict Situations (Gamblin)**

**Small Groups: Research Design (individual co-leaders)**
Research Design Exercise

**Friday, May 20, 2016**

**Session 9: NGO Governance and Laws of Association (Azzam and Sullivan)**

**Session 10: What Elections Mean: The Case of Egypt (Gamblin)**

**Guest Speaker: Funding for Associations**
No Required Readings

**Wrap up Session: Looking ahead to Cairo (APSA Staff and co-leaders)**
No Required Readings