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The Druze in their Adopted Lands” between the American University of Beirut and Georgetown University

The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS) at Georgetown University, in partnership with the American Druze Foundation (ADF) and the Department of History and Archeology at the American University of Beirut, are pleased to present an international conference which brings together leading researchers who have contributed to the field of middle eastern studies with particular reference to the Druze. The conference will focus exclusively on the political, social, and cultural evolution and political role of the Druze both in their countries of origin as well as in the diaspora.

The two-day conference will be held at Georgetown University on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, 2023, and will also be live streamed online. The conference will open on Friday, April 14, at 5 pm Washington time / midnight Beirut time, with a lecture by Professor Michael Provence, titled: "Druze Migrants, Near and Far Hawran and the Druze Towns, Villages, and Families."

The conference will resume on Saturday, starting at 9 pm Washington time / 4 pm Beirut time.

Link to Friday’s live stream: <https://youtube.com/live/At7z23yu3II?feature=share>

Link to Saturday's live stream: <https://youtube.com/live/Cv2xRsCMGSo?feature=share>

The conference program can be viewed via the following link:

https://www.georgetown.edu/event/the-druze-in-their-adopted-lands/#_ga=2.258719497.2059445887.1681133174-125746760.1676907184

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