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ARAB WORLD MAPPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW ECONOMIC NARRATIVE



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THE ARAB LIBERTY FESTIVAL

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The Arab world needs a renewed narrative around economic opportunity, one that recognizes the region's diversity, resources, and untapped potential. Across countries, public debate has extensively documented structural challenges, from unemployment and weak productivity to institutional constraints and social inequalities. Yet the identification of these challenges has rarely been matched by an equally rigorous effort to map existing opportunities and explore how they can generate sustainable economic growth.

The Winter University seeks to contribute to this shift in perspective by examining the specific opportunities available in different Arab countries. This means looking at local assets, emerging sectors, entrepreneurial initiatives, human capital, and institutional reforms that can create the conditions for economic dynamism. The objective is to move from broad diagnoses to concrete possibilities for action, grounded in the realities and potential of each national context.

Developing this narrative requires both intellectual ambition and practical thinking. It calls for fresh approaches to longstanding economic questions, greater attention to successful initiatives and promising ideas, and a willingness to explore how these can be translated into viable economic projects. Markets, entrepreneurship, innovation, and individual initiative offer important avenues for expanding opportunities, creating jobs, and improving living standards across the region.

The ambition is to build a credible vision of economic transformation for the Arab world: one that moves beyond pessimism without relying on abstract optimism. By connecting a clear understanding of regional realities with actionable ideas and country-specific opportunities, the Winter University aims to help develop a new generation of thinkers and practitioners capable of turning economic potential into tangible economic results.

Why Attend the Winter University 2027?

◆ **Access Exclusive Arab Liberty Festival Events**

By attending the winter university, you will also be attending other events of the Arab Liberty Forum:

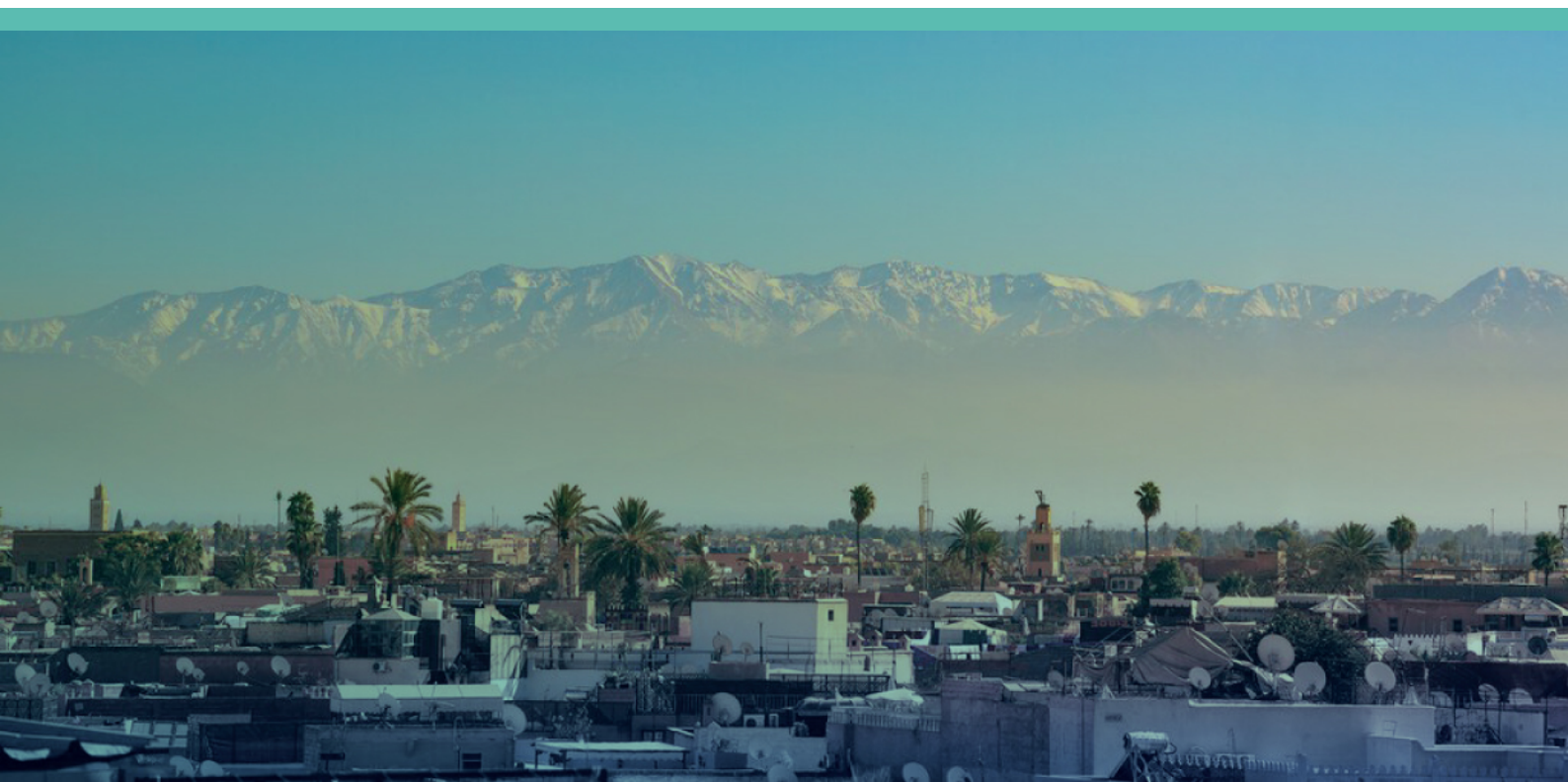
- **Advanced Training Sessions.**
- **Thematic breakfast.**
- **Networking Hall with regional and international partners.**
- **Connect with Experts & Liberals – Meet scholars, reformers, and civic leaders from across the Arab world.**

◆ **Join a Regional Network**

Become part of a vibrant community promoting open, democratic, and inclusive societies.

◆ **Exchange Ideas & Collaborate**

Engage in dialogue, share experiences, and develop joint initiatives on economic and democratic reform.



Application & Participation Details

Applications for the **Winter University 2027** are open for a limited time with a deadline set as of the 15th November with **places highly competitive due to strong regional demand**.

The **Arab Center for Research** offers three different grants to support promising candidates:

Gold Grant

Covers:

- ☒ Registration fees.
- ☒ Accommodation and winter university pass for the three days of the program.
- ☒ Extra night to attend the Arab Liberty Festival 2027 Closing event.

Silver Grant

Covers:

- ☒ Registration fees.
- ☒ Accommodation and winter university pass for the three days of the program.

Honours Grant

Covers:

- ☒ Registration fees.

Participants are responsible for purchasing their **own flight tickets**. Early applications are strongly encouraged.

To apply, participants should fill in the form :

APPLICATION FORM