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Educating Through Upheaval: Marketization, Mobilization and Migration in the Post-Uprising Middle East.

This talk analyzes key dimensions of the transformation of pre-university education in the Middle East during a period of upheaval and crisis. It examines three central themes: marketization and inequality, teacher mobilization, and diversity and migration. Drawing on qualitative research conducted with teachers and other stakeholders in Egypt, Lebanon, and Tunisia since 2022, the talk approaches these transformations from the perspective of teachers as critical actors—pillars of equitable learning and mirrors of educational change.

About the speaker

Hania Sobhy is Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity. Her work explores the intersection of education, citizenship and collective action in the Arab region. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Schooling the Nation: Education and Everyday Politics in Egypt* (published by Cambridge University Press in 2023), which explored the everyday realities of students and teachers in Egyptian schools in the years before and after the Arab Spring. Her current project is a comparative study of educational transformation in Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia, with a focus on teachers, inequality, migration and the global learning crisis.

