



# Newsletter

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## **Trajectory papers** | *Economic Observatory: For the economic vision not to end in failure, what is required?*

Experts participating in a brainstorming workshop within the Economic Modernization Observatory project at the Institute of Politics and Society in Amman saw that there are important questions that must be answered regarding the vision of economic modernization, especially after media reports pointed to the stark discrepancy between what the vision proposed for the required economic growth rate (5.6%), in 2023, and what the draft general budget proposes of a different figure (3%) and much less than what was stated in the vision.

The discrepancy between the budget and the vision also applies to many other matters, such as the capital expenditure required in line with the projects and objectives set by the vision, which according to the economic vision reaches one billion and one hundred million dinars annually from the treasury, while the private sector pays approximately 3 billion of them, and to more than 41 billion per ten years, which are figures that experts believe are feasible and practical, while other participants believe that they are not feasible and unrealistic, and that they will not be applied.





**Workshops** | PSI, MoHE and the University of Jordan hold a retreat on “Party Work in Universities” for Jordanian deans of student affairs

The Minister of Higher Education, Dr. Azmi Mahafzah, stressed that the decision to facilitate the involvement of young people in political work, especially in higher education institutions, is a trend from the top of the



pyramid of power. This came during the workshop held yesterday morning at the University of Jordan, organized by the Ministry of Higher Education and the University

of Jordan and in partnership with PSI, which included the deans of student affairs of higher education institutions and in the presence of the Chief Commissioner of the Independent Election Commission, Musa Al-Maaytah, and the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs, Ali Al-Khawaldeh.

### ***“The Politics and Society Institute***

provides consultations and training in various fields, as it contributes to training young people on the values of citizenship, democracy, the rule of law and inclusive national principles. Through its research and training programs in the field of policy building, the Institute also enhances the capacity of decision-makers in dealing with pressing challenges and building the necessary **strategies** to address risks... ”

**About Us** | The Politics and Society Institute (PSI) is a non-profit organization, an independent Institute of Studies and Research that aims through its work to achieve stability and prosperity in Jordan and the region and to strengthen the frameworks and tools of knowledge of the region and its societies.

The Institute analyzes and anticipates risks and changes and presents creative ideas and practical solutions that contribute to addressing local and regional challenges in the political, security, economic and social fields, especially those related to demographic shifts and the role of youth in politics and society.

The Institute also contributes to clarifying public policies and complex challenges and enhancing the knowledge base of citizens and officials about local and global transformations that shape the future.

The Institute plays its role within the national value system in promoting a culture of moderation, moderation, the rule of law, good governance, and the development of democratic life.

**Workshops** | A workshop on “International Humanitarian Law” held in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

A workshop on “International Humanitarian Law” held PSI in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross,



targeting experts, specialists, and law students in Jordan. This workshop is part of a series of activities implemented by the

Institute in cooperation with its partners with the aim of building qualitative capacities among young activists and experts from different regions of the Kingdom.





**Workshops** | *PSI, in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy, held a panel discussion on women's political participation in Jordan.*

The Politics and Society Institute, in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Amman, held a panel discussion on women's political participation in Jordan this evening.

The session, which hosted Ms. Susanna Wilford, CEO and Founder of Running Start, a non-partisan non-profit organization that trains young women to run for political office, and guest of honor Dr. Reem Abu Dalbough, Acting Commissioner-General at the National Center for Human Rights, included a panel discussion on how women political activists overcome the consequences women face in electoral politics, participation in decision-making and local administration in Jordan.

**Decision papers** | *In what political climate is the Baghdad 2 summit held?*

Nearly a year after its first edition was held in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, the King Hussein Bin Talal Center at the Dead Sea is witnessing the second edition of the Baghdad Summit for Cooperation and Partnership.

The Baghdad summit seeks to support Iraq and strengthen partnership frameworks at various levels between the countries of the region under the auspices of France, which plays a key role in its coordination, and its president, Emmanuel Macron, is keen to hold it this year in a mediating and stable Arab country, to be held annually as one of the attempts to double the French presence in the region at the political and economic levels after a state of American retreat in the region, and Britain's exit from the European Union, which makes Paris at the forefront of the political scene as a greater and most active actor.





**News |** Politics and Society Screens Human Rights Film "Searching for My Sister"

The Politics and Society Institute screened and hosted a discussion of the film "Looking for My Sister", which deals with the issue of enforced disappearance in the Uyghur region, with the film's storyteller, human rights activist Roshan Abbas.

A number of experts, jurists, filmmakers, and media professionals participated in the event.

**Projects |** PSI concludes the work of the strategic planning project for political parties

The Politics and Society Institute concluded the work of the strategic planning project for political parties, which it worked on with five political parties. Over the course of this project, work was done with the parties on accurate analysis of their partisan reality and identifying their most important challenges and priorities, and then building strategic plans based on these analyzes and studies in cooperation with party members. Furthermore, and in cooperation with the parties, work was done on preparing the political declarations and executive plans in addition to strategic plans.

