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Politics & Society Institute

# Annual Report of the Politics and Society Institute 2021

The Politics and Society Institute is an independent organization in Jordan, established in 2020 by a group of political and academic elites. Its primary objective is to bridge the gap between knowledge and policies, serving as a center for critical thinking, research, and empowerment. The institute is dedicated to promoting dialogue, pluralism, moderation, the rule of law, good governance, and democratic development. It strives for credibility in its studies and opinions, while also implementing programs and projects that cater to vulnerable and marginalized groups, particularly youth and women. The Politics and Society Institute is headquartered in Amman, the capital city, with the purpose of fostering connections between researchers, the public sector, and decision-makers, ensuring respect and credibility in its publications, and actively participating in programs and projects.

Our vision at the Politics and Society Institute is to foster "an empowered and capable society that actively contributes to the development of public policies." Internally, we aspire to be recognized as a "center of critical thinking and empowerment, trusted by decision-makers to bridge the knowledge-policy divide." The institute conducts analysis, anticipates risks and changes, and provides practical solutions to address local and regional challenges in politics, security, economy, and society. We pay particular attention to demographic shifts and the role of youth in politics and society. Our mission encompasses analyzing and participating in innovative public policies, monitoring challenges and risks, conducting research, studies, and programs to modernize the political system, and empowering youth and women in public life.

Since its establishment, the Institute has been dedicated to embodying the values of dialogue and pluralism on the basis of societal consensus. We strive to promote a culture of moderation, stability, the rule of law, good governance, and democratic development. Our work revolves around analyzing and anticipating risks and changes, generating creative ideas, and providing practical solutions to address local and regional challenges in politics, security, economy, and society. Specifically, we focus on demographic shifts and the role of youth in politics and society. With this in mind, our mission is to analyze and participate in innovative public policies, monitor challenges and risks, conduct research, studies, and implement programs and projects aimed at modernizing the political system, promoting democratic transformation, and empowering youth and women in public life. We aim to equip policy makers and the public with the necessary information to make informed decisions regarding public policy.

To achieve our goals, the Institute has developed a strategic plan in 2021. As an independent research institute, we emphasize dialogue and pluralism as the

foundation for our various programs. Our objective is to contribute to stability, prosperity, and enhanced knowledge frameworks and tools not only in Jordan but also in the wider region. In 2021, the Institute successfully implemented five major projects, in addition to organizing over 30 events throughout the year, addressing political, economic, and social affairs within Jordanian society. Our main focus was on modernizing the political system and supporting the Royal Commission, to which we allocated a significant portion of our resources and research operations.

This strategy reflects our commitment to human rights, the rule of law, sustainable development, social justice, public freedoms, and democracy. Over the next three years, we aim to transition from a stage of diagnosis, measurement, and concern about the future to a stage of achievement, progress, understanding, and shared ambitions that represent all segments of Jordanian society.

The coming years present a unique opportunity for genuine democratic transformation in Jordan, centering on the recommendations of the Royal Commission to modernize the political system and increase the involvement of youth and women in effecting change. Our goal is to facilitate a sustainable and secure transition towards fair, transparent, and prudent decision-making mechanisms that prioritize the national interest and provide accountability, ensuring political education, participation, and rights for Jordanian citizens. Additionally, the Institute operates in accordance with a sustainable development framework that elevates Jordan's international standing.

The development of this strategy involved a participatory approach, including workshops with key stakeholders. We employed best practices in strategy development, such as the "balanced scorecard" methodology, to ensure effective implementation and measure progress. Throughout the process, discussions also addressed international developments in the Middle East and North Africa, including the shifting political positions of Islamist groups in Morocco, the Taliban's control of Afghanistan, US relations in the region, and the situation in the occupied West Bank.

## Academic Advisor's Message

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*The COVID-19 pandemic has provided us with an opportunity to recognize our needs and strive to achieve our aspirations. The prolonged periods of curfew have encouraged introspection, prompting us to engage in more reading and self-reflection. This has generated questions, instilled a desire to seek knowledge, conduct investigations, and verify information. Consequently, it has ignited an enduring spirit within us, fueling our desire for initiative and driving us to become agents of change.*

*The Politics and Society Institute aims to serve as an intersection between the needs of decision-making institutions for an independent and thoughtful research center and the unbridled enthusiasm of young people to provide solutions that they believe are suitable for the future of their society.*

*The institute was established to be led by young individuals who possess the freedom to express their ideas and adhere to methodological standards. They present distinct opinions that arise whenever the amalgamation of "politics with society" is explored. This amalgamation necessitates the ability to anticipate and foresee reactions from decision-makers and their approaches. It also requires an understanding of how political actions will impact society and the decisions that will be made based on various indicators, given society's daily interactions.*

*Today, public work cannot exist in isolation from the public sphere, where thoughts, opinions, and trends circulate in social and digital spaces that are disconnected from power and politicians. When decision-makers find themselves confined to closed offices, unable to listen to the pulse of the street, they often fall prey to unrealistic interpretations and impressions. This leads to mismanagement in both economic and political realms.*

*The gap between these two contrasting entities—society and the politicians who govern it—has always required a bridge that can bring them together. This bridge aims to create shared perceptions where individuals can share responsibility for their collective destiny, promoting ideals such as democracy, good governance, human rights, and sustainable development. It is crucial that these ideals do not remain within the realm of conceptual conventions but translate into actionable initiatives. The Politics and Society Institute aspires to make every research output a tool that enables effective and efficient communication of society's voice, while facilitating the understanding of people and the rapid developments they undergo by political entities.*

*This dream of public work, entwined with ongoing debates in the public sphere, is guided by scholarly research principles that prioritize accuracy and facts. The institute, which was founded in Amman by two young researchers residing in different regions of*

*Jordan, is committed to transforming this vision into reality, creating a destination for research and change, and building a better future.*

*Over the course of one year, the institute has achieved significant milestones, including organizing conferences, retreats, open and closed discussion sessions, workshops, and training programs. Despite the challenges posed by the curfew and the constraints of the pandemic, we have embraced a unique interactive experience by leveraging available technologies for remote work. Furthermore, we have embraced the diversity of locations, opinions, and trends among our researchers, both young women and men, and decision-makers. We have devoted considerable effort to gather the best insights, yielding unique and valuable results. Our goal is to closely align with the visions surrounding our ambition, which will persistently drive us forward. We aspire for the institute to continue to enhance its credibility and influence, serving as a catalyst for the convergence of politics and society.*

- **Dr. Mohammed Abu Rumman**  
**Academic Advisor – Politics and Society Institute**

## Executive Director's Message

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*My appointment as the CEO of the Politics and Society Institute in its inaugural year has been a significant milestone for me both professionally and personally. The institute was established in 2020 in Amman, Jordan as a non-profit organization, facing numerous challenges and opportunities amidst the global spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*In a short span of time, the institute has made steady progress, gaining recognition and respect within political, academic, and media circles. This recognition is primarily due to the studies, opinions, activities, and events that we have undertaken to realize our vision of creating an empowered, capable, and participatory society in shaping and evaluating public policies, not just in Jordan but in the wider region.*

*The institute's first annual report highlights the successful completion of six major projects, along with over thirty activities and events that were responsive to current events and political opinions. Additionally, we have published four works and made eight research contributions in priority areas of interest to decision-makers. These achievements are a testament to the seriousness, professionalism, and resourcefulness of our institute's staff and researchers, as we have managed to transform limited resources into substantial outcomes and impactful results.*

*The institute's ability to accomplish all this within a short timeframe would not have been possible without the unparalleled support of our Board of Trustees, the dedicated team of researchers, and the local and international partnerships we have cultivated in our first year. Notably, we have forged collaborations with esteemed institutions such as the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the American Center for Research, the Dutch Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, the King Abdullah II Fund for Development, the European Union, and other local and international organizations. We also acknowledge the ongoing support from the Royal Commission to modernize the political system. We are committed to further expanding and strengthening our relationships with various local and international actors involved in political system modernization, democratic transition, and the empowerment of youth and women in public life. These efforts align with our values of partnership, openness, objectivity, excellence, and evidence-based interventions, programs, and projects that address the real needs of stakeholders.*

*In our first year, we worked closely with a group of young individuals who served as incubators of opinions and ideas. Our aim was to revitalize civic engagement and enhance youth communication within their local communities. We focused on building their capacities to transition from virtual spaces of political participation to sustained, organized political action and centenary dialogues. One of our notable projects, "Mulloul," aimed to*

*connect young people with their cultural and popular heritage, preserving the community's identity.*

*Additionally, we organized conferences on topics such as political Islam after a decade of the Arab Spring, the state organization after the demise of its leaders, and the constant threat of fundamentalism and violent extremism. We also held seminars discussing the crisis of democracy and the triumph of arms, examining the impact of the Tunisian and Afghan crises on the Arab political stage, and exploring the aftermath of the Moroccan elections. These valuable research, studies, and dialogues involved both local and international researchers under the guidance and supervision of our institute's research staff, specializing in politics, economics, and their intersections, with a particular focus on their impact on the Middle East and its people.*

*As we present our first annual report, we look towards the future with optimism and determination. We have developed a strategy for the years 2022-2024 and implemented administrative and financial systems in accordance with the best international practices. Our team of dedicated staff and researchers demonstrate a strong commitment, seriousness, and professionalism. We acknowledge that the first raindrop is just the beginning, and this report signifies our initial progress in fulfilling our mission*

**Dr. Rasha Fityan**

**Executive Director — Politics and Society Institute**

# General Project Report of 2021

## 1. Centennial Dialogues

This project commenced with a series of intensive dialogue sessions, focusing on two primary objectives. Firstly, it aimed to promote positive and active youth participation as a means of political development. Secondly, it sought to conduct research that delved into the attitudes and opinions of young individuals regarding various topics, drawing inspiration from the centenary of the modern Jordanian state.

The session titles and underlying philosophy were designed to facilitate the realization of these goals by establishing channels of dialogue and communication between politicians, officials actively involved in Jordanian political life, and a group of young individuals. Through these sessions, the project aimed to create "focus groups" that provided a platform for interaction. Moreover, it aimed to foster dialogue and communication between the two parties (politicians, officials, and youth) to bridge the apparent gap that had emerged in previous years.

### **The Goal**

The project aimed to tackle a pressing issue concerning a significant portion of Jordanian youth who exhibited a tendency to engage in political discourse and express diverse opinions through media channels, without actively transitioning into sustained, organized political action. It aimed to address this challenge by encouraging their integration into political parties, which exert considerable influence on the younger generation, and by fostering the formation of youth movements actively involved in the political process, particularly during parliamentary elections. The ultimate goal was to enable the emergence of capable and representative leadership that effectively represents the aspirations of this generation.

### **Target Group**



During the centenary of the Jordanian state, the Politics and Society Institute recognized the intrinsic connection between Jordanian heritage, national identity, and the role of the official Jordanian narrative in promoting the values of active citizenship among the future leaders of the bicentennial generation. In light of this understanding, the institute embarked on the creation of dialogue platforms that encompassed intellectual and cultural dimensions, employing a generational awareness approach and advocacy methodology.

In collaboration with the King Abdullah II Fund for Development, the Institute for Politics and Society for Studies and Research organized a series of dialogues focused on the centenary of the Jordanian state. These dialogues took place between March and June 2021 and featured the participation of esteemed figures from political, cultural, and social spheres, alongside diverse groups representing the Jordanian youth generation. The outcomes of these dialogues, along with the resulting recommendations, were compiled into a book intended for researchers, educators, and policymakers, aiming to offer valuable insights and guide future initiatives in relevant fields.

## **2. The project of political Islam a decade after the Arab Spring**

The Politics and Society Institute, in collaboration with the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation, organized a series of conferences aimed at examining the changes and transformations that have taken place in numerous Arab countries following the rise of Islamic movements in the aftermath of the Arab Spring revolutions. These conferences served as a platform to delve into the multifaceted impact and implications of these movements, fostering a deeper understanding of their dynamics and consequences across the region.

### **The Goal**

The aim of the institute in undertaking this project, which engaged numerous Arab researchers and experts in the field of political Islam, is to critically examine and reassess the questions and emerging debates surrounding Islamists as raised by

scholars and researchers. The focus has shifted from the narrow pre-Arab Spring discussions on Islamists' compatibility with democracy and their relationship with power. The ten years since the Arab Spring have provided ample time to reframe these questions and redirect the discourse towards new areas of inquiry, transcending the preconceptions that prevailed prior to the events of the Arab Spring.

### **Target Group**

This project entailed a systematic categorization of Islamic cases and experiences into four main sections. Each section was dedicated to a mini-conference, where research papers and their backgrounds were prepared, and pertinent questions, issues, and concepts were identified for discussion and dialogue. Expert researchers specializing in these subjects were invited to engage in debates and contribute to the conferences. The plan involved organizing four conferences throughout the year, with each conference focusing on one of the main topics. Subsequently, the findings and discussions from each conference were compiled and published as individual books. Ultimately, all the publications from the conferences were consolidated into a comprehensive volume at the project's conclusion. This book comprises studies, comments, and dialogues that transpired during the conferences, offering a comprehensive resource on the subject matter.

### **3. ISIS after the death of its leaders**

The objective of this collaborative project between the Politics and Society Institute and the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation was to examine the key transformations of ISIS and assess its future trajectory in conjunction with other armed extremist organizations. Academic measures and methods were employed to delve into the following topics:

1. Assessment of the current landscape of extremist organizations: A comprehensive evaluation of the existing state of extremist organizations, including their ideologies, structures, and activities.

2. Local, regional, and international growth and proliferation: Analysis of the expansion and impact of extremist organizations at local, regional, and global levels, considering their recruitment strategies, networks, and presence in various regions.
3. Exploration of emerging ideologies and strategies employed by ISIS: Investigation into the evolving ideologies and operational approaches adopted by ISIS and similar organizations, with a focus on understanding their motivations and tactics.
4. Evaluation of the influence of international policies on armed organizations: Reviewing the impact of international policies, interventions, and responses on the growth, resilience, and dynamics of armed extremist organizations.
5. Review and assessment of global counter-extremism strategies: Examining the effectiveness and outcomes of counter-extremism measures implemented worldwide, including initiatives aimed at prevention, deradicalization, and rehabilitation.

By exploring these subjects, the project aimed to provide a comprehensive analysis of ISIS and armed extremist organizations, utilizing rigorous academic methodologies to inform policy discussions and contribute to the development of more effective strategies in countering extremism.

### **Target Group**

Within the framework of this project, the Politics and Society Institute diligently undertook the task of mapping the current state of ISIS and forecasting its future trajectory, taking into account the organization's internal evolutions and the influences of its surrounding environment. Five research papers focusing on the aforementioned subjects were meticulously prepared by a diverse group of Arab and international experts. These papers formed the basis for in-depth discussions conducted through separate closed arbitration sessions, which took place remotely.

The insightful findings and thought-provoking discussions that emerged from these sessions have been compiled into a comprehensive book published jointly by the Politics and Society Institute and the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Amman. The book, available in both Arabic and English, serves as a valuable

resource for those interested in understanding the complex dynamics surrounding ISIS, its transformations, and the broader context in which it operates.

By bringing together the expertise and perspectives of renowned scholars and practitioners, this publication contributes to a deeper understanding of the current state of extremist organizations and offers insights into potential future developments. It serves as a significant contribution to the field and underscores the commitment of the Politics and Society Institute and the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation to promoting informed dialogue and evidence-based approaches in addressing the challenges posed by extremist ideologies.

#### **4. Youth and Identity Project**

The Jordanian Youth Identity and Citizenship Project was conceived with the purpose of fostering a shared understanding and consensus among young people regarding the state, political system, citizenship, and national identity. These fundamental concepts play a crucial role in the development of democracy and the cultivation of a unified perspective among Jordanian youth.

Recognizing the significance of these concepts in shaping the future of Jordanian society, the project aimed to engage young individuals in meaningful discussions and activities that promote active citizenship and a sense of belonging to the nation. By creating spaces for dialogue, exploration, and reflection, the project sought to bridge the gap between different perspectives and cultivate a sense of shared ownership over the country's development.

Through various initiatives, such as workshops, forums, and educational programs, the project endeavored to empower young people with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for active participation in the democratic process. It sought to foster a sense of pride in Jordanian identity and encourage a commitment to the principles of citizenship, social cohesion, and inclusivity.

By building common ground and promoting a shared understanding among Jordanian youth, the project aimed to contribute to the growth of democracy,

strengthen social bonds, and create a solid foundation for the future development of the country.

### **Goals and Target Groups**

The Politics and Society Institute, in collaboration with the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation, organized a workshop aimed at fostering national consensus among a group of accomplished Jordanian youth involved in political work. The workshop consisted of training sessions and dialogue meetings focused on establishing common concepts, values, and ideas. The topics covered during the workshop included:

1. In-depth exploration of democracy and democratic models worldwide:
  - Defining the essence of democracy.
  - Identifying key indicators of democracy.
  - Assessing the necessary institutional structures and intellectual prerequisites for successful democracy.
  - Understanding core democratic values and their potential for cross-cultural adoption.
2. Understanding different models of democratic transition globally and distinguishing them from democratic consolidation.
3. Analyzing the significant challenges related to democracy in the Arab world.
4. Tracing the evolution of the Jordanian model from its historical roots to the present day:
  - Examining pivotal moments, transformations, and milestones in the country's history.
  - Identifying the opportunities, challenges, obstacles, and threats that the Jordanian democratic model faces.
5. Exploring the key features of the Jordanian constitution and the laws governing political life.
6. Engaging with the Royal Discussion Papers to understand their main ideas and their potential for practical implementation:
  - Assessing the level of consensus among the younger generation regarding these ideas.

- Developing a roadmap to advance democracy in Jordan based on these discussions.

The workshop aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of democracy, democratic transition, and the specific context of Jordan. Through dialogue and training, the goal was to foster a shared vision among the youth participants and develop strategies to advance democratic principles and practices within Jordanian society.

## **5. Incubator of ideas and dialogue in Karak**

The Politics and Society Institute, in collaboration with the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy, introduced a pioneering initiative called the Idea and Dialogue Incubator, located in the city of Karak. This unique platform aims to establish a secure environment for open discussions and the documentation of ideas and proposals within the civil and political contexts, focusing on participation, development, and fostering common ground for dialogue with decision-makers and political stakeholders. This initiative took place during the latter part of 2021.

The Politics and Society Institute serves as an overarching body, extending its support and guidance to the Jordanian idea incubators operating at the governorate and village levels. These participatory spaces, managed by civil society organizations, aim to attract young individuals and foster constructive dialogues that encompass political, economic, and social aspects. The Institute's vision is to engage with young minds, encouraging them to analyze trends and contribute their innovative solutions driven by their loyalty to citizenship and genuine aspirations for positive change.

Through this comprehensive network of idea incubators, the Politics and Society Institute endeavors to tap into the potential of youth ideas and creative solutions. By nurturing their passion for citizenship and their dedication to making a difference, the Institute aims to empower the younger generation to play an active role in shaping a better future for their communities and the nation as a whole.

## **Target Group**

As part of the Jordanian Idea Incubator Series project, the Politics and Society Institute actively collaborates with local community institutions that focus on youth and women, such as charitable and cultural associations. These partnerships aim to attract young individuals to participate in regular dialogue programs that explore their aspirations, local perspectives, and the innovative solutions they propose. The Institute's projects unit also provides capacity-building training to the pioneers of these idea incubators, fostering an engaged and proactive community within their respective provinces. This creates an environment of easy access and direct communication.

The initial implementation of the idea incubator took place in Al-Karak, in partnership with the Netherlands Institute. Al-Karak was chosen as the starting point due to its unique potential and the presence of community institutions actively working with youth. By establishing the idea incubator in Al-Karak, the Politics and Society Institute aims to create a tangible impact at the local level and serve as a model for future expansions of the project to other regions across the Kingdom.

## **Goals**

- The project aims to achieve several objectives related to engaging with young people in a more extensive and meaningful manner. Firstly, it seeks to revitalize civic space and enhance communication between the institute and society. By doing so, it aims to promote the values of democracy, governance, and knowledge, while building youth's confidence in decision-making processes. Additionally, the project focuses on building collaborative capabilities by transferring knowledge and refining skills. It also aims to promote the mission of the research center by reaching out to youth outside the center's premises. This outreach initiative aims to instill national confidence in the research center's ability to listen to diverse groups of young people. Furthermore, the project aims to expand the rules of dialogue and create conducive platforms for constructive discussions. Lastly, it aims to improve the quality of data inputs in the research operations of the Politics and Society Institute as a reputable research center.

## 6. “Malloul” Project

In an effort to preserve the intangible heritage of Jerash and support the local tourism sector, a talented group of young men and women from the city showcased a captivating collection of traditional songs. The event took place at the Khairat Souf House, where the performers mesmerized the audience with their heartfelt renditions. The aim of the performance was to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Jerash and its surrounding villages, allowing the community to reconnect with their traditional roots. By showcasing these traditional songs, the group sought to highlight the significance of intangible heritage and its potential in bolstering the tourism industry. The event served as a platform to showcase the talents of the young artists and promote the cultural richness of Jerash to both locals and visitors alike.

### Target Group

Under the patronage of the Minister of Culture, Haifa Al-Najjar, a captivating ceremony was held featuring the talented young singers and musicians from Jerash. These aspiring artists, who had received training from the "Tajalla" Association for Music and Arts in collaboration with the Institute of Politics and Society, delighted the audience with their exceptional performances. The group presented a carefully selected repertoire of four traditional songs, skillfully incorporating melodies that were deeply rooted in the memory and heritage of Jerash.

The event served as a testament to the power of collaboration and the promotion of local talent. The audience was captivated by the mesmerizing melodies and the passion with which the young performers showcased their musical prowess. The ceremony not only celebrated the cultural richness of Jerash but also highlighted the importance of supporting and nurturing young artists in their artistic endeavors.

"..شَدُوا عَلَى مَهِيرِيوقولوا يا لطيف..", "يا ليمونًا يا حامض على أمه..", و"يا يمّه من نزلتي علناغور..", و"يا شوقي". Using three melodies, all written by the elderly in Jerash, they recalled the harvest seasons, wedding songs, and other occasions, amid remarkable interaction from the audience.



The musician Tariq Al-Nasser conducted training sessions for young men and women to perform choral songs over several weeks. During these sessions, the participants discovered and developed their vocal abilities to suit the requirements of performing songs from their city. Assistant coaches from "Tajalla" focused on presenting the lyrics in a manner that faithfully reflected the narratives passed down from their grandparents.

The performances of the young men and women at Khayrat Souf's house, one of the oldest houses in the region, transported the audience to a bygone era. Through their vibrant and energetic voices, the memories were revived once again.

### **Goals and Importance**

The significance of focusing on intangible heritage lies in its ability to connect individuals with the memories of their place and cultural identity, as preserved in the audio and visual heritage of the people. The artistic and cultural aspect in Jordan constantly requires efforts to preserve and transmit heritage from one generation to another, thus safeguarding the community's identity. This project receives support from the American Center for Research (ACOR) through the Sustainability of Cultural Heritage with Local Communities Participation Project (USAID SCHEP), which is funded by the United States Agency for International Development.

Under the guidance of music expert Mr. Tariq Al-Nasser, six training sessions were conducted, focusing on four selected songs for the participants from the people of Jerash. The evaluation process took place in two stages, resulting in a total of 16 participants, including three instrumentalists and 13 male and female singers from Jerash. The project was carried out in collaboration with Beit Khairatsov and the Shabat Center. A questionnaire was filled out by over 105 individuals for the study, and a dedicated website was created and developed, utilizing 3D perspective technology and an interactive map showcasing the project's activities.

## **"The Politics and Society Institute" in its first year**

### **1) Conferences, dialogues, projects, workshops**

#### **• Locally**

- 1- The "Round Table" dialogue in cooperation with the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy. March 2021
- 2- A symposium on "Developing the Jordanian Democratic Model" in partnership with the Al-Rai Center for Studies. March 2021
- 3- The Centennial Dialogues Series, in partnership with the King Abdullah II Fund for Development. March-June 2021
- 4- The "Youth and Identity" project, in cooperation with the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation. July 2021
- 5- Retreat on "Youth and Elections in the Royal Commission for the Modernization of the Political System: A Reading of the Outputs and Application" in cooperation with the German Friedrich Foundation. August 2021
- 6- A symposium on "the rule of law in light of the modernization of the political system in Jordan". August 2021
- 7- "An Incubator for Ideas and Dialogue in Karak Governorate" in partnership with the Netherlands Institute for Multi-Party Democracy and the Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs. September-December 2021
- 8- Launching the Jordanian Youth Charter under the title "The Approach We Want". October 2021
- 9- Discussion sessions with young people from several political parties, to develop an action plan to implement the outputs of the Youth Empowerment Committee in the Royal Commission for the Modernization of the Political System. November 2021

10- Launching the "Mulloul" project in Jerash Governorate, in partnership with the "Tajalla" Association for Music and Arts, with the support of the American Center for Research. November 2021.

- **Regional - International**

1- A seminar on the Palestinian elections and their possible repercussions on the Palestinian reality. 2021 Feb

2- A panel discussion entitled "Fundamentalism and violent extremism across borders...a constant threat", in partnership with the European Perspective Center and the Euro-Atlantic Council, in Slovenia March 2021

3- A symposium on "The Situation in the Occupied Territories, Regional Contexts, and Jordanian Policy", May 2021

4- Conference on "The Future of ISIS after the Killing of its Leaders" in cooperation with the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation. 2021 June

5- "The Islamists after a decade on the Arab Spring" conference, June-August 2021

6- A symposium on "The Crisis of Democracy and the Victory of Weapons... The Tunisian and Afghan Repercussions on the Arab Political Stage", September 2021

7- A symposium on "The Day After the Moroccan Elections", in cooperation with the Joint Space for Dialogue. September 2021

## 2) **Politics and Society Forum for Writers**

1- Publication of the book "Two Years of Solitude... The Consequences of the Pandemic", by Dr. Asim Mansour. September 2021

2- Publication of the book "Guardians of Religion", d. Muhammad Abu Rumman - Hassan Abu Haniyeh. October 2021

3- Discussion of the book "Towards Overcoming the Break Between Sharia Sciences and Social Sciences", d. Sari Hanafi, in cooperation with the Archive Library.

October 2021

4- Publication of the book "Pages of My Life" by Dr. Abdul Latif Arabiyat - may God have mercy on him -. October 2021

5- Discussion of the book "The Cyber Impact: How does the Internet change human behavior?" authored by Mary Aiken. November 2021.

6- Publishing the novel "Fatima" by Dr. Muhammad Abdul Karim Al-Zyoud. November 2021

### **3) Research contributions**

1-The paper on the track "The American Movement and the Societal Political Conflict in America", Dr. Jaafar Hassan, January 2021

2-A position paper on "The King's Letter to the Director of the Jordanian General Intelligence... Indications and dimensions, February 2021

3-Track paper "Global Jihadism is Reviving Thanks to the Corona Pandemic", Hassan Abu Haniyeh, May 2021

4-A position paper on "the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories...Regional Contexts, and Jordanian Politics, May 2021

5-An analytical track paper on "Redefining the Jordanian Regional Role", July 2021

6-Track paper "The July 25 Decisions in Tunisia: A Coup against Legitimacy or a Correction of the Revolution's Course?", Abdullah Al-Jabour., July 2021

7-A track paper on "the context and implications of the recent royal visit to Qatar and the diplomatic transformation of Jordanian foreign policy", October 2021

8-A research paper, "The American Withdrawal from Afghanistan: A Reading of the Possible Causes and Results," Dr. Khaled Shneikat. November 2021.

### **4) Politics and Society Institute Publications**

- 1- "Two Years of Isolation... The Consequences of the Pandemic" by Dr. Asim Mansour. September 2021
- 2- "The Islamists, a decade after the Arab Spring ... Questions of the revolution and the test of power", in cooperation with the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation. November 2021
- 3- "After the caliphate state... Will ISIS return again?" in cooperation with the German Friedrich Ebert Foundation. December 2021
- 4- "The Secrets of the Media and Ideology of the Islamic State", Dr. Marwan Shehadeh. December 2021