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EDUCATION DURING THE WAR REFLECTIONS FROM SYRIA



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The civil war in Syria has deprived its youth of access to education, raising questions of what will happen after the war ends. More broadly in the region, education is being impacted by a growing and newly empowered youth population, as well as by new government priorities. Higher education is linked to some of the most controversial and important issues facing Arab countries today, including women's issues, freedom of expression, transparency, and employment. To provide a forum to cover and address these issues, the UK-based foundation Alexandria Trust launched *Al-Fanar*, an editorially independent publication. *Al-Fanar* Senior Editor Rasha Faek will share insights from her native Syria, as well as her work covering the issues in the region. [Read her article](#) on the attack on Aleppo University.

Rasha Faek, a career journalist, has been based in Amman, Jordan, since February 2013, where she serves as senior editor of *Al-Fanar*. Previously, Faek was a business reporter at *Syria Today* monthly magazine, covering major economic and financial challenges facing the country. As a freelance journalist in Syria, she also covered issues including youth, social affairs, business, and education for numerous print and online publications. Additionally, Faek worked as executive editor of the real estate news website and as a media advisor for the Syrian Enterprise and Business Centre. Faek holds bachelor's degrees in media from Damascus Open Learning University, English literature from Damascus University, and from the Dramatic Studies High Institute of Dramatic Arts. She has also participated in several training programs, including those offered by Thomson Reuters, the BBC, Deutsche Welle, and United Nations University-ILA.

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