

Roundtable with Iraqi MP Sarkawt Shamsulddin

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Speaker Bio



Sarkawt Shamsulddin

Member, Iraqi Council of Representatives

In 2018, Sarkawat Shamsulddin became the youngest member of the Iraqi parliament, securing the top position of the New Generation Movement in Sulaymaniyah Province. He is now one of the leaders of The Future parliamentary bloc and a member of the Iraqi-American Friendship Committee. He was formerly a member of the White House press corps for the Kurdish channel NRT-TV, and for three years that spanned the end of the Obama years and the beginning of the Trump administration, he covered the Washington beat.

Moderator Bio



Dr. Abbas Kadhim

Director, Iraq Initiative, Atlantic Council

Abbas Kadhim leads the Atlantic Council Iraq Initiative. He is an Iraq expert and author of *Reclaiming Iraq: The 1920 Revolution and the Founding of the Modern State*. Most recently, he was a senior foreign policy fellow at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. He was formerly an assistant professor of national security affairs and Middle East studies at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California and a visiting assistant professor at Stanford University. He also previously held a senior government affairs position at the Iraqi Embassy in Washington, DC. His books include *Governance in the Middle*

East and North Africa and *The Hawza Under Siege: Studies in the Ba'ath Party Archive*. He earned a PhD in Near Eastern Studies from the University of California, Berkeley.