

Résumé of Georges CORM (Born in 1940)

Higher Education: Georges CORM is Lebanese, born in Alexandria (Egypt) in 1940. He studied in Paris and graduated in 1961 from the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques* (Major in *Economics and Public Finance*) and from the *Faculté de Droit et de Sciences Economiques* where he successively obtained the Licence en Droit (1962), the Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures (1966) and the Doctorat d'Etat (Ph.d.) in Constitutional Law with the highest honors (1969). His PhD thesis on religious pluralism through history and its influence on political systems was published in three languages (French, Arabic and Serbo-Croatian).

Professional Career: G. Corm began his career with the Lebanese Civil Service in 1963. He served first as Economist with the Ministry of Planning, then as Monetary and Financial Expert with the Ministry of Finance (Department of Central Bank Control and Coordination). In 1969, he continued his professional career in the banking sector in Lebanon, France, and Algeria until 1985. From 1985 to 1998, Georges Corm was based in Paris as an independent Economic and Financial Consultant for International institutions like the World Bank, ESCWA, FAO, AFD, the European Commission and Arab and Lebanese institutions, as well as for private companies and banks. He has worked for these institutions in more than 15 countries. He specialized in structural adjustment policies, budget management, evaluation of aid programs by the EU and other National Aid institutions, public sector reforms, banking reforms.

From December 1998 to October 2000, Georges Corm served as **Minister of Finance** of the Lebanese Republic. In this capacity, he designed and began to implement a Five Years Fiscal Stabilization Plan (1999-2004), prepared the Privatization law adopted in spring 2000, paid all State arrears to the private sector and prepared the introduction of VAT (law, implementation regulations and training). During his tenure as Minister, the Ministry of Finance received a grant from the European Union of Euro 50 million to enhance the reforms that were undertaken in the Ministry of Finance.

In 2001, Georges Corm reopened his Consultancy Office in Beirut and at the same time went back to University teaching in Lebanon. Since 2018, he retired from the field of economic consultation devoting his time to university teaching.

Academic Record: Professor Lecturer between 1972 and 1985 at Saint Joseph University (Beirut), American University of Beirut, Lebanese University. Regular teaching courses on Arab Modern Political Thought, Nations and Nationalism, Development Economics, Economic history and International Financial markets. Since 2001, he has been appointed Professor at Saint Joseph University, Institute of political sciences, teaching MA Seminars on “International Economic Cooperation” and on “Dynamics of Conflicts in the Middle East”, as well as “Public policies in the Arab World” and “Arab Contemporary Thought”. Since 1985, he has been member of several Committees at different French Universities to examine Ph.D. thesis and has given from time-to-time lectures or seminars in Europe and the US on Middle Eastern topics. He has also been a Senior Lecturer from 2017 to 2020 at the American University of Beirut teaching courses on economic policies for developing countries and on Arab economies.

Membership in Professional Bodies : Former Member of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Board of the Arab Organization to fight corruption (Beirut), Research Fellow and former member of the Advisory Committee of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab World, Turkey and Iran (Cairo) – Member of Arab Economic Research Society (Cairo) – Member of Arab Thought Forum (Amman) – Member Société des amis du Monde Diplomatique (Paris) – Former Member of the Conseil Scientifique du Centre de Recherches de l'Orient Contemporain IFAPO (Paris) – Former member of the Advisory Board of the Swedish Institute in Alexandria – Former Member of the Advisory Board of Casa Araba (Madrid) - Former Member of the Conseil Scientifique des Cahiers d'études sur la Méditerranée Orientale et le monde turco-iranien CEMOTI (Paris) – Former Member of the Consultative Committee of the Institut Universitaire d'Etudes du Développement (Geneva) – Founding Member of le Mouvement du Citoyen Libanais (Beirut-Paris) – Former Member of the Advisory Board of the Avicenna Preiz, Frankfurt, Germany – Honorary Chairman of the International Committee for the preservation of the archeological patrimony of the city of Tyre in Lebanon.

He has published extensively in Arabic, French and English on economic topics (*Debt and Development* – Prager, NY; *The Arab Economy at Cross-roads*, Dar el Talia, Beirut; *The political Economy of Reconstruction in Lebanon*, Dar El Jadid, Beirut; *Le nouveau désordre économique mondial*, La Découverte, Paris, 1993; *Le nouveau gouvernement du monde*, La Découverte, Paris, 2010) and the history of the Middle East (*Fragmentation of the Middle East, the last 30 years* Hutchinson, London; *Orient-Occident*); *La fracture imaginaire*, La Découverte, Paris and Dar El Saqi, Beirut for the Arabic edition; *La question religieuse au XXI^e siècle*, La Découverte, Paris, 2006 and Dar el Faraby for the Arabic edition; *History of the Middle East. From Antiquity to Present Day*, Garnet Publishing Ltd, London, 2010 and La Découverte for the French edition; *L'Europe et le mythe de l'Occident*, La Découverte, 2009 and Dar Al Faraby for the Arabic edition); *Pour une approche profane des conflits*, La Découverte, 2012; *Arab Political Thought. Past and Present*, Hurst and Company, London, and Dar Al Faraby for the Arabic edition ; *La nouvelle question d'Orient*, La Découverte, 2017. His books are translated in several languages, mainly German, Turkish, Spanish, Italian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Russian.

Several research studies on Arab and Mediterranean economies, published in various Academic Journals or academic books.

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