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2018-2023: Our Impact

5 years in review

Since its founding in 2018, the Columbia Global Center in Tunis has been committed to impact locally and regionally. We are proud to highlight some of our accomplishments across our main thematic areas of work.

- **Education:** The Tunis Center partnered with the US Department of State, the Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education, the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and Teachers College at Columbia University to develop the TC-Foreign Language Teacher Education Project in Tunisia and Algeria. A two-year transformative initiative, the project provided professional development in English language teaching to participants from higher education institutions in both countries.
- **Business & Entrepreneurship:** We are a founding partner of Open Startup Tunisia, a project that supports entrepreneurship in Tunisia and the region.
- **Health & Medicine:** We host the Logical Reasoning in Human Genetics initiative in partnership with Institut Pasteur de Tunis. To date, this ongoing initiative has provided more than 1,500 participants with access to online lectures led by renowned professionals in the field of human genetics.
- **Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences:** The Tunis Center has become a hub for the study of humanities, arts, and social sciences in Tunisia. Over the years, we have welcomed around 150 faculty and students from diverse fields, promoting dialogue and initiating debates in the broader field.

What drives us

Columbia Global Center Tunis serves as a bridge between continents and cultures, linking Columbia University with North and West Africa. Our mission is twofold: to bring American education to our region and to foster a two-way exchange of knowledge between the US and our region. United by the collective efforts of our dedicated team, Advisory Board, and Faculty Advisory Committee, our center operates as a dynamic hub contributing to the enrichment of our region's intellectual landscape while fostering meaningful connections across borders.

5 years in numbers

67 Partnerships: 25 CU partners and 42 partner organizations.

166 Events: 84 lectures, 36 workshops, 26 conferences, 14 study-abroad info sessions, and 6 alumni gatherings.

Audience: Over the past five years, our social media followers and newsletter subscribers have increased 5.4-fold, reflecting an average annual growth rate of 40%.

Program highlights

- **Pluralisms in Emergenc(i)es:** In collaboration with the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life at Columbia University and Columbia Global Center Amman, we initiated the "Pluralisms in Emergenc(i)es" conference series, examining the emergence of pluralism in response to contemporary global crises in the Middle East and North Africa. The discussions and research presented during these conferences were consolidated into a dedicated issue of the Review of Middle East Studies journal.
- **President's Global Innovation Fund (PGIF):** Columbia Global Center Tunis hosted four research projects on various critical issues in the region, including migration, education, business, and social science.
- **Columbia University Press:** We are credited with introducing Columbia University Press books in Tunisia, and we helped import hundreds of titles at a discounted price. This initiative has fostered connections with local publishers and booksellers and expanded the number of books available to the Tunisian academic and intellectual community.

Your support

Looking ahead, we're excited about the prospects for growth and expansion. With a wealth of new opportunities and established partnerships locally and globally, we're poised to build on our past successes where we can continue to meet the growing demand.

Our commitment to supporting the region and addressing pressing issues remains steadfast. We will continue offering a range of educational opportunities, serving as an inclusive space, and leveraging Columbia's expertise and value-added resources to advocate for sustainable development and drive innovative solutions in the region and beyond.

Our work is made possible through generous contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations. Whether you're a longstanding supporter, or new to our journey, we invite you to join us as we continue to make meaningful contributions in the years ahead.

About the Global Centers

Columbia's Global Centers serve as the university's gateways to the world, connecting the local with the global and creating opportunities for shared learning and dialogue. Located in 11 cities across four continents, the centers offer educational opportunities for students, enable research for faculty, and host events for the community and alumni. Every year, they support hundreds of cross-disciplinary programs, ranging from public health to arts and culture, engaging thousands. To learn more, visit www.globalcenters.columbia.edu.

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