

Columbia Global Centers | Tunis

Center Launch: 2017

Website: <http://globalcenters.columbia.edu/tunis>

Address: 15, Avenue de Carthage, 1001, Tunis, Tunisia

Director Biography

Youssef Cherif

yc2514@columbia.edu

Youssef Cherif is Deputy-Director of Columbia Global Centers | Tunis. He is a member of the Carnegie Civic Research Network. He was previously the Al-Maidan Libya Project manager at the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) and an expert affiliated to the Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies (ITES). He also consulted for the Arab Institute for Business Managers (IACE, on Tunisian foreign policy), the UN (implementing the SDG's in Tunisia and writing the country report), The Carter Center in Tunisia (political affairs), etc. Youssef holds a Chevening Master of Arts in International Relations from the Dept. of War Studies of King's College London, and a Fulbright Master of Arts in Classical Studies from Columbia University. He is North Africa's political analyst for several international media outlets, including CNN, Al Jazeera English, BBC, France 24, and think-tanks, such as Carnegie and DGAP.

Center Space

CGC Tunis operates from downtown Tunis, in a refurbished early 20th century building. It encompasses the third floor, with balconies opening on Tunis' iconic Place Barcelone and the offices of the old Municipality of Tunis, one of a series of landmark Art Nouveau sites. The office has two open-spaces that can serve as classrooms and conference venues, and a number of cubicles. The building where it is located, Le15, offers a free large conference/reception venue in the ground floor, as well as a rooftop space for receptions.

Regional Dimension

CGC Tunis can serve as a field office for scholars and students working on Tunisia and Libya, because of the proximity between Tunis and Tripoli, and the fact that Tunisia is a platform for international organizations and embassies working on Libya. Tunis is also, because of its geographic location, a hub for North African, Saharan, Mediterranean, and migration studies. It also attracts a number of sub-Saharan African students, hence a bridge to their countries.

CGC Tunis is working closely with CGC Amman and Istanbul, the two other regional centers, as well as CGC Paris: Tunis is at two hours flight from Paris. Tunis is moreover at one hour flight from Rome, which increases its European and Mediterranean dimensions.

