

POPULAR POLITICS AND THE MAKING OF POST-COLONIAL LEBANON, 1943-1955

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This lecture draws on Ziad Abu-Rish's book project on the political economy of state formation in early independence Lebanon. It highlights the various forms that popular politics took in the period between 1943 and 1955, the first twelve years of independence. These include political parties, labor unions, student groups, and other formal and informal formations. Abu-Rish offers new insights into the nature of politics, state building, and economic development in Lebanon during a relatively under-studied period.

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