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The Idea of Youth: Concepts, Practices and Life-worlds of a Global Category

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A Political Economy Approach to the Study of Youth: Lessons for Researchers in the Global South

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Youth studies as a field has been dominated by culturalist and empiricist accounts; invocations of youth by policy-makers, media commentators and academic researchers in other fields have often taken youth as a self-evident and taken-for-granted social category and identity. In this talk, Maysoun Sukarieh sketches out what is meant by a political-economy-approach to the study of youth. She then discusses the contributions that such an approach can make to a more critical understanding of the ways in which elite and non-elite actors across the global South now widely invoke and operationalize youth.

Dr Maysoun Sukarieh is co-convener of the MA degree in Political Economy of the Middle East. She received her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, and a MA and BA from the American University of Beirut. Since then she has lectured in anthropology and development studies in universities around the Arab region (American University of Beirut; American University of Cairo) and the United States (Columbia & Brown Universities). Her research interests focus on youth, education, development and social movements in the Arab region, with a particular interest in studying the political, economic, cultural and social structures and processes that tie the region in complex and contradictory ways to the larger global political economy. Her first book, *Youth Rising? The Politics of Youth in the Global Economy* (co-authored with Stuart Tannock) was published earlier this year in Routledge's Critical Youth Studies series.

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