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Professor Fawaz is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the Steering Committee of the European Science Foundation project on "Individual and Society in the Muslim Mediterranean World." She is a delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies and, at various times, she has served on committees of the Social Science Research Council and of the American Historical Association. She is the past president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America and past president of the American University of Beirut Alumni Association of North America. She was Editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (IJMES) between 1989 and 1994; she also has served on the editorial boards of the IJMES, the *Arab Historical Review for Ottoman Studies*, and *The Beirut Review*. She is editor for Columbia University Press's "History and Society of the Modern Middle East" series, and she presently serves on the editorial board of the *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* and of the *Eurasian Studies Journal*.

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