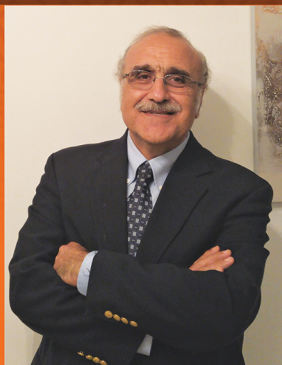


# THE LEARNING AND TEACHING OF ARABIC IN A CHANGING WORLD

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The field of Arabic language teaching finds itself today in a world that is significantly different from the one it was in just twenty-five years ago. A multitude of global, social, cultural and pedagogical developments have presented the field with a set of new challenges and opportunities. Arabic programs worldwide and Arabic teachers everywhere must consider ways to accommodate these changes and utilize them as catalysts to transform the field's visions and practices. This talk will consider the cultural changes that have impacted the field and will argue that, for the field to accommodate them, new perspectives and practices need to be developed and implemented.



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