Reporting History: Rafic Al Hariri’s Assassination

The assassination of former Prime Minister of Lebanon Rafic Al Hariri on February 14, 2005, was a turning point in the history of Lebanon and arguably the Middle East. It brought an abrupt end to the power arrangements that had governed the country since the end of the Lebanese Civil War and ushered in an era of turmoil that still marks Lebanon to this very day.

Our guest speaker in this webinar, which marks the anniversary of the assassination, is Lebanese journalist Yazbek Wehbe. As one of the very last journalists to meet Al Hariri before he was killed, Wehbe will share his testimony about the assassination and its aftermath, how the media handled it and was affected by it, and the personal challenges of reporting events that polarize one's own community.

The webinar is part of the Reporting History series, which explores historical events from the perspectives of journalists who covered them in the field. Whether it is war, revolution, natural disasters or high-profile crimes, journalists are there covering events on the ground and writing the first draft of history as it unfolds.

The webinar will be conducted in Arabic.