Harmoon Center:

Harmoon is an independent, nonprofit cultural and research institution, which produces studies and research related to the Arab region in general, and Syria in particular. The center focuses on community development issues, enhancing the performance of civil society, spreading democratic awareness, respecting human rights, and building national identities based on democratic foundations.

Harmoon pays special attention to Arab Spring issues, conducts extensive research and studies and organizes conferences, seminars and workshops related to the ongoing conflicts in the region, particularly the struggle in and on Syria. It also monitors and analyzes the roles of local and external actors in these conflicts.

The center focuses on studies of reconstruction, in its inclusive aspect: material, societal, economic, political, and cultural, utilizing its capabilities towards achieving this goal.

Harmoon center has three headquarters in which it carries out its activities: one in Doha, Qatar and two in Istanbul, one of them being the Arab Cultural Forum in Istanbul. The center also holds events and activities in various other countries, in addition to organizing webinar and social media seminars.
Our policies:

Commitment to the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights;
- Leaning towards issues of justice;
- Commitment to objectivity, professionalism, and the ethics of research and intellectual work;
- Respect for all opinions and objective criticism;
- Confront hate speech, violence, and all kinds of discrimination;
- Pay special attention to developing the roles of youth and women in building the future; and
- Ensure Syrian and Arab voices are heard in public discussions, and by active regional and international players in the ongoing conflicts of the Arab region.
Our written & visual outputs:

Producing research and studies on Syrian, Arab and regional issues, particularly current issues or ones related to the topic of comprehensive reconstruction or envisioning a future, socially, economically, politically, legally, culturally and educationally;

- Organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, training courses, and dialogues, on political, social, economic, intellectual, and cultural issues;
- Launching projects and initiatives that help achieve the center’s goals.
Departments and Projects
Research Department:

This department conducts political, social, legal, and economic research and studies, analyzing the policies of the Syrian regime, and the roles of players involved in the ongoing struggle in and on Syria. It also attempts to predict future outcomes whilst studying the challenges of the reconstruction, at all levels, whether material, social, economic, political, or cultural; Holds seminars, workshops, lectures, and brainstorming sessions, in which researchers from the center and outside it participate in discussions on current issues and visions for the future.
Civil Society Support Department:

It aims to enhance opportunities for rebuilding Syrian civil society and its organizations, to enable it to assume its place and play its supposed role in society;

It works on providing support to some civil society organizations, such as nursery, financial aid, advice, advocacy, and media support;

It seeks cooperation with regional and international civil society organizations.
Kalamoon Magazine “The Syrian Journal for Human Sciences”:

A quarterly magazine specialized in research and studies on Syria, and its society, in the past, present, and future. The magazine is issued four times a year by the center in cooperation with the Syrian Society for Social Sciences;

The magazine is an active partner in supporting the Syrian common ground concept, spreading its values and principles through its successive issues, potential workshops, or research and studies submitted by concerned parties. The magazine prioritizes coordination with Syrian intellectuals.
The Arab Cultural Forum Department:

Harmoon Center’s Arab Cultural Forum organizes intellectual and political seminars, dialogues on Arab and regional issues, and organizes cultural and art events, as well as film screenings. The forum attempts to be a tool to boost the awareness of Arabs in İstanbul, especially youth, on culture, heritage, civilization, politics and arts, and act as a platform to discuss their interests and perceptions, and promote dialogue, tolerance and respect for all opinions.

The forum includes the following sections:

- **Events:** Weekly seminars and dialogue meetings, which are either broadcast live on the internet or held in the Forum headquarter in İstanbul;
- **The Cultural Café:** A monthly meeting with an Arab intellectual for an open discussion to his/her works. It is broadcast live on the internet;
- **Reading corner:** The forum includes a library for the public, providing access to a large number of books in various intellectual, cultural, and scientific fields;
- **Film Club:** Organizes screenings of serious, avant-garde fictional and documentary films, in an attempt to act as a platform for filmmakers. The screenings are accompanied by discussion sessions with directors and filmmakers as well as specialized Arab critics.
Training Program:

The center organizes training courses in various areas of humanities, sciences, education, media, journalism, arts, management, and organization, especially for youth and women, in cooperation with a group of specialists. It organizes its training programs in its branches in İstanbul and Doha, in addition to online courses.
Proofreading and Translation Department:

This department is dedicated to the translation of selected research papers, studies, and opinion articles, issued in other languages, such as English, French, Russian, and Turkish into Arabic. It also translates some of the center’s research and studies into other languages.

The department also checks and reviews all research pieces, studies, and articles issued by the center, to ensure they are free of linguistic errors, and to verify the authenticity of all published material.
Media Department:

The center has several electronic media platforms, including its own website and its pages on social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, and WhatsApp).

The website allows Syrian intellectual, political, and cultural researchers and personalities to view the research and studies issued by the center, and enables them to publish their own findings. It also publishes the center’s news and activities through written and visual reports.

The center publishes its activities, seminars, workshops, and dialogues on its website, social media, and YouTube channel via video recordings.

The center has a number of social media pages affiliated with the website that encourage interaction with readers, followers, and researchers, and seeks to create dialogues and ask questions to assess public opinion.
Events & Activities:

Syrian-Turkish First Media Conference
Under the Title of: “Common Vision for a Better Future”
In conjunction with “Side-by-Side” organization for persons with special needs, Harmoon Center organizes “Event: Hope” on the occasion of “World Cancer Day”

Harmoon Center Discusses “The Second Wave of the Arabic Spring: Lebanon and Iraq Cases” in Istanbul
The Film Club in Doha screens the movie “For Sama”

Seminar “The Equation in East Euphrates Region after operation “Peace Spring”: The Challenges and Prospective” in Doha

Training Workshop under the title of “Start-up Secrets of Success” in Harmoon Center in Doha
Harmoon Center holds a Seminar under the title of “Constitutional Experiences of Syria” in İstanbul.

Harmoon Center holds a Seminar under the title of “Constitutional Experiences of Syria” in Berlin.

Live Feed Seminars “The Dissident Diplomats… Between the Syrian Opposition and the Regime.”

Seminar: “Changes in Roles and Political Participation of the Syrian Women” Idlib/ Syria.
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