

# AMERICA ABROAD MEDIA



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Aaron Lobel is the founder and president of America Abroad Media (AAM), a global non-profit dedicated to harnessing the power of media to promote the free exchange of ideas, critical thinking, and self-governing citizens worldwide. Dr. Lobel has built AAM into a global media network, headquartered in Washington D.C., that reaches large-scale audiences through groundbreaking programming and production partnerships with leading media outlets in the MENA region and South Asia. AAM's partners include MBC, ONTV and CBC (Egypt), Sky News Arabia (UAE), Attounsia TV and Hannibal TV (Tunisia), LBC and MTV Lebanon (Lebanon), Abu Dhabi TV (UAE), Tolo TV (Afghanistan), NDTV and The Times Group (India), GeoTV and ARYDigital (Pakistan) and MobyMedia.

Under Lobel's leadership, AAM has produced a wide variety of programming, including town halls connecting audiences across borders for dialogue on critical global issues. AAM also produces entertainment and travel series involving leading stars from the MENA region and South Asia; documentary series about key international issues; and a journalism exchange program bringing prominent broadcast journalists from the greater Middle East to the United States. In the U.S, Dr. Lobel also created *America Abroad*, an award-winning documentary radio program distributed by Public Radio International (PRI) that is one of America's only ongoing series devoted to critical global issues and US foreign policy.

In 2013, Dr. Lobel established AAM's annual Awards Dinner, The Power of Film, that brings together the foreign policy community in Washington with the global film and television industry to honor leaders in media whose work addresses serious issues of international importance and helps to foster a deeper understanding of the complex world we live in today. Past honorees have included, among others, director Kathryn Bigelow (*Zero Dark Thirty* and *The Hurt Locker*), director Paul Greengrass (*United 93* and *Captain Phillips*), actor/director Ben Affleck (*Argo*), CEO Turki Aldakhil (*Al Arabiya*), and CEO Noura Al Kaabi (*twofour54* Abu Dhabi).

Dr. Lobel received his Ph.D. in International Affairs from Harvard University's Department of Government, where he was awarded Harvard's top teaching award, the Joseph Levenson Prize.

*Islam and Modernity*



Host Moez Masoud

*Reema Khan's America*



Host Reema Khan

*International Town Halls*



Tunisia Town Hall

*Power of Film*



(Left to Right) Peter Ackerman, Kathryn Bigelow, Aaron Lobel, and Aamir Khan