



Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to our third **“Berlin Salon” on Wednesday, 13 March, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the German Residence in Mishref**. I am very happy that **Mai Al-Nakib**, a renowned Kuwaiti writer and professor of English and Comparative Literature at Kuwait University, has accepted my invitation. She will not only read from her latest collection of short stories, *The Hidden Light of Objects*, but also discuss contemporary issues with us, such as the working conditions of writers and artists in general (including freedom of speech), and also more general questions, such as the role of women in Kuwait.

She will be introduced by **Ebtehal Alkhateeb**, a renowned activist for human rights here in Kuwait, who will also moderate the discussion.

I would like to thank both Mai and Ebtehal for their willingness to share their experiences with us. I am sure that we can expect an intellectually inspiring and entertaining evening. The success of the evening will depend, however, on your participation and involvement. I hope to see you at the Salon!

Warm regards

Karl Bergner

Mai Al-Nakib



Mai Al-Nakib is Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Kuwait University. Her short story collection, *The Hidden Light of Objects*, won the Edinburgh International Book Festival’s First Book Award in 2014. She is currently completing her first novel.

Ebtehal Alhateeb



Ebtehal Alkhateeb is Assistant Professor of English Language and Literature at Kuwait University. She is an active promoter of human rights, a member of various NGOs, and lobbies for critical humanitarian concerns in Kuwait, including the rights of the Stateless and domestic workers. Dr. Alkhateeb is a weekly columnist at *Al-Jareeda* newspaper in Kuwait and *Al-Quds Al-Arabi* in London.