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Discover Our Podcast: *Evolve*

Polycultural Institute, the Think-and-Create Tank of Silk Road Cultural Center, is proud to launch its first-ever podcast show, *Evolve*. It is an idea that has been percolating in our minds for the past few years.

We're excited to share the first episode of *Evolve*. It is called "Rebuilding Syria: The House of Assad Falls," which will be part of a larger collection addressing the dramatic changes occurring within Syria. We'll be publishing episodes of this new series on our Polycultural Institute Substack page.

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Hosted by Polycultural Institute's Founder and Director, Jamil Khoury, *Evolve* is a mix of spoken essays and conversations with interesting and exciting thinkers, changemakers, innovators, and disruptors.

Building upon our ethics of artmaking and curation, *Evolve* poses open-ended questions and avoids soliciting closed-ended answers. It is polycultural, not ideological. Opinionated, not heavy-handed. We strive to get it right, but sometimes get it wrong, and are always happy to correct ourselves.

Collection 1: *Rebuilding Syria*





Rebuilding Syria focuses on the dramatic changes happening in Syria after the fall of the Assad regime. It begins with a series of reflections that draw upon Khoury's Syrian American heritage, background in Middle East Studies, decades of cultural and political activism, and experiences of both Syria and the Syrian diaspora. Khoury offers a candid and subjective analysis of a country on the precipice of profound recovery and renewal or continued conflict and despair. Further down the line, he hopes to interview scholars, artists, and activists with ties to Syria.

In that vein, *Rebuilding Syria* is guided by insight and hope, cautious optimism, and win-win pragmatism. It is, in many respects, a love letter to Syria and the Syrian people, but doesn't omit painful truths and sobering assessments. It is intended to support visions of a new Syria that are just, pluralistic, and free.

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