

Dr. Mansour O. El-Kikhia

Since 1989, Dr. Mansour O. El-Kikhia has been a member of the Political Science faculty at UTSA. He received his B.A. from the American University of Beirut and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Before joining UTSA, Dr. El-Kikhia held positions at the University of California at Riverside and the University of Arizona at Tucson.

He specializes in International Relations and Comparative Politics with particular emphasis on the Middle East, and his published works on Libyan Politics and Human Rights in the Middle East are highly regarded. He has testified on these issues before the United States Congress, the European Parliament, and specialized United Nations committees, as well as American, Canadian, and European governmental agencies. His weekly columns on international issues have been called "widely read and extremely influential" and are published across the globe. Active in faculty affairs, he was elected for two terms to serve as the Secretary of the General Faculty and re-elected in 2004 to serve as President of UTSA Faculty Senate. Dr. El-Kikhia is fluent in English, Arabic, French, German, and Italian and is familiar with Japanese and Spanish.

Dr. El-Kikhia's brother was Libya's first ambassador to the United States. His cousin was Libya's Foreign Minister until 1993, when he disagreed with Qadhafi, disappeared, and was never seen again. Dr. El-Kikhia was exiled in 1980 and recently spent a month in Benghazi.