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cordially invite you to a panel discussion with distinguished speakers

Nidal Jurdi and Omar Nashabe

“The Special Tribunal for Lebanon: International Justice or International Intervention?”

Wednesday 30 November 2011 | 4:30 – 6:00 pm | Auditorium A, West Hall, AUB

Moderator:

Dr Karim Makdisi is IFI's Associate Director, and Associate Professor of International Politics in the Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, AUB

Speakers:

Dr Nidal Jurdi is a lecturer in International Law and Organizations in the Department of Political Studies and Public Administration at AUB. He obtained his PhD in International Criminal Law and Human Rights from University College Cork, Republic of Ireland. Dr Jurdi previously worked in the International Criminal Court as a Law Clerk at the Office of the Prosecutor, with primary focus on Darfur and the Middle East. He is the author of *The International Criminal Court and National Courts: A Contentious Relation* (Ashgate Publishing House, 2011). He has also written *Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon* published in *The Journal of International Criminal Justice*, Oxford University, 2007, and his most recent article is entitled “Falling Between the Cracks: The Special Tribunal for Lebanon’s Jurisdictional Gaps and Obstacles to Achieving Justice and Public Legitimacy”, 2011.

Dr Omar Nashabe is columnist and founder of the Research Unit at *Al-Akhbar* newspaper, and serves on its editorial board. He has covered the Special Tribunal for Lebanon extensively in this capacity. He holds a MA in Public Policy, with an emphasis on Criminal Justice, from the State University of New York, and holds a PhD in Criminal Justice, with an emphasis on Corrections, from Walden University, Minnesota. He lectures at the Lebanese American University, and serves as a consultant for the UN Office of Drugs and Crime. Dr Nashabe was a former adviser to the Minister of Interior and Municipalities, and has authored several publications on criminal justice issues in Lebanon, including the Ministry of Justice's: *Guide for Early Release from Prison*.

Dr Nashabe's working paper for IFI, entitled “The Special Tribunal for Lebanon: Selective Justice and Questionable Standards?”, is forthcoming.