

GOVERNING PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE ARAB EAST

A Workshop organized by the
Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI)
at the American University of Beirut (AUB)

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Auditorium B1, College Hall, AUB*
(Simultaneous Translation available in Arabic and English)

AGENDA

OCTOBER 30, 2009

9:30-9:45

Introductory Session

Welcome note: **Rami G. Khouri**, Director, IFI

9:45 -13:00

Modes of Governance in Palestinian Refugee Camps: Findings from the Issam Fares Institute Pilot Project

Chair: **Samira Salah**, Member of the Refugee Committee in the
Palestinian National Council

Comparative Perspective: **Sari Hanafi**, Director of Camp Program, IFI
and Associate Professor of Sociology, AUB

West Bank: **Mustafa Hilal Shita**, Freelance journalist and researcher

Jordan: **Nazek Saleh**, PhD Sociology, Freelance researcher

Lebanon, Nahr el Bared: **Ismael Sheikh Hassan**, Nahr el Bared
Reconstruction Commission for Civil Action and Studies (RCCS)

Syria, Khan Sheih: **Raja Deeb**, Aidoon

Discussant: **Mohamed Kamel Dorai**, Institut Francais du Proche
Orient

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 16:00

Governance and the Host Country Perspective

Chair: **Rami G. Khouri**, Director, IFI

Khalil Makkawi, President, Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue
Committee

Representative, General Administration for Palestinian Arab
Refugees in Syria

Wajeeh Azayzeh, Director, Department of Palestinian Affairs in
Jordan

Muhammad Abu Bakr, Department of Refugee Affairs in the
Palestinian Territory

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9:30 – 10:45

Governance and the International Community Perspective

Chair: Rami Zurayk, Associate Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, AUB and Chair of the IFI Advisory Board

UNRWA Perspective: Salvatore Lombardo, Director of Lebanon Field Office

Security Reform Perspective: Alistair Harris, Director, Pursue Ltd.

Palestinian Refugee Protection Project: Kathy Relleen Evans, Project Manager, Danish Refugee Council

10:45 – 11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:30

Governance and the Community and Municipality Perspectives

Chair: Mahmoud Soueid, Director, Institute of Palestine Studies

Abdel Salam al-Khalil, Representative of the Municipality of Ghobairi

Representative of a Popular Committee

Saad Allah Al-Qot, Secretary of Popular Committees, PLO

12:30 – 13:30

LUNCH BREAK

13:30 – 17:30

Roundtable Discussion on the Issues at Stake in Camp Governance: The Case of Lebanon

Chair: Sari Hanafi, Associate Professor of Sociology, AUB

Edwar Kattoura, Representative, Embassy of Palestine in Lebanon

Usama Hamdan, Representative, Hamas

Nadim Shehadi, Consultant, Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Committee

Hassan Khodraj, In charge of Palestinian file in Hezbollah

Samira Trad, Director, Frontiers

Amer el Hassan, Representative of the Lebanese Army

Moussa Karnib, Representative of the Internal Security Forces

Marwan Abdel Al, Representative, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

Amne Jabril, General Union of Palestinian Women

Suheil Al Natour, Director, Human Development Center

Ali Huwaidi, Thabet Organization