

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI)

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The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) is a stand-alone institute within AUB. It will eventually be housed separately in a building carrying its name. Most of its current work is integrated within AUB's faculties, and will eventually be extended beyond the University.

The Institute is characterized by the following objectives and activities:

- The Institute aims to bring the power of knowledge, research, and critical thinking to inform and enrich debates on public policy and international affairs.
- The Institute promotes good governance in the various fields of public policy and international affairs in keeping with the best interests of the people of Lebanon and the Arab world.
- The Institute's scope of concern in public policy and international affairs is broadly conceived and includes such fields as the environment, public health, agriculture, urban planning, energy policy, in addition to the traditional areas of economics, development policy, governance, and international relations.
- The Institute is integrally connected with the various faculties of the University. It is a catalyst and conduit for research and communication on issues that have a bearing on public policy and international affairs in the various faculties. It undertakes some internal research, but mainly encourages and promotes work in process within the various existing faculties.