



27 February 2019

**Professor Abdulrahim Abu-Husayn**  
**Director, Center for Arts and Humanities**  
**American University of Beirut**  
**Beirut, Lebanon**

**Re : Holy Rail Exhibition**

**Dear Prof. Abu-Husayn,**

**I had the opportunity to visit the Hijaz Railway (Holy Rail) Exhibition, the Center for Arts and Humanities organized in Beirut in May 2018. It was an impressive display and a highly informative one as well. I brought the idea of the exhibition to my colleagues at Şehir University and there was general enthusiasm for bringing the Beirut Holy Rail Exhibition to Istanbul and Sehir. Apart from the cultural and historical relevance of the exhibition to an Istanbul audience, bringing it to Sehir is like bringing it home. Sehir University campus is not far from where the Hejaz railway starts at Haydar Pasha. We hope this could be the beginning of a long lasting collaboration between our History Department and the Center for Arts and Humanities at AUB.**

**Looking forward to your positive response.**

**Yours Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tufan Buzpinar", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Tufan Buzpinar, Prof.**  
**Chair, History Department**