



## **AUB students to hold Israeli Apartheid Week**

Thursday February 25, 2010

The students of the American University of Beirut, in collaboration with the Center for Civic Engagement & Community Service (CCECS), are launching for the first time in Lebanon Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) on March 1-6, 2010.

Beirut will be joining more than 40 cities around the world in marking this event. Since it was first launched in 2005, IAW has grown to become one of the most important global events in the Palestine solidarity calendar. It includes lectures, film screenings, student round tables, workshops and music in response to the call of Palestinian civil society for the "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions" (BDS) against Israel.

Highlights include: poetry by the Palestinian poet, Mourid Barghouti; an address by resistance fighter, Soha Bechara; a lecture by scholar-activist Natasha Thandiwe Vally from South Africa; a panel with anti-imperial activists Amer Jubran, Hana Ibrahim, and Nahla al-Chahhal; round-table discussions with Green Line and Electronic Intifada; a revolutionary arts workshop with San Francisco-based cultural activist Juan Fuentes along with the local art collective, Jamaa al-Yad (taking place at Burj al-Barejneh Palestinian refugee camp); and a concert, *Free Palestine!* by Shadia Mansour and Lowkey (from the UK) with Amal Kaawash.