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AUB alumni working in the media sector to discuss the role of social and digital media in politics and education

Beirut, Lebanon- 21/04/2011 - On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, the Worldwide Alumni Association of the American University of Beirut (WAAAUB) is organizing a panel discussion with its alumni who work in the media sector on how social and digital media have changed politics and revolutionized the media education.

The panel discussion will take place on May 3, 2011 6pm- 8pm in Bathish Auditorium.

Speaking at the panel will be AUB alumni Nadine El Ali (BBA 02), political analyst and journalist at NOW Lebanon; Alia Ibrahim (BA '96), senior correspondent at Al-Arabiyya; Ali Jaber (BBA '84), dean of the Mohammed Bin Rashed Media Faculty in Dubai; and Sami Moubayed (BA '00), editor-in-chief of Forward Magazine in Syria, who will discuss the role of social and digital media in the recent revolutions and upheavals in the Arab world and how social and digital media have revolutionized media education.

The discussions will be moderated by Rami Khouri, the director of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs and Nabil Dajani, chair of the sociology department.

Media Studies Professor Jad Melki and WAAAUB President Khalil Makkawi will deliver the opening and closing remarks.

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