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AUB to hold international conference on sexuality in the Arab world

Beirut, Lebanon- 04/04/2011 - The American University of Beirut's Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs in collaboration with the Goethe Institute in Lebanon are organizing an inter-disciplinary conference on April 6 and 7 that will explore and examine the factors that define sexuality amongst youth in the Arab world.

Entitled "Youth Sexuality and Self-Expression in the Arab World," the conference is part of IFI's Research and Policy Forum on Youth in the Arab World and will be held all day April 6 and 7 starting from 9 am, in Bathish Auditorium, West Hall. It brings together social scientists from the Arab world, Europe and the United States.

This inter-disciplinary conference will explore some of the research conducted in this field, examine how culture, religion, social and political values, economics and science shape and define sexuality in each culture, with a particular focus on youth under the age of 30, and explore different manners in which young people in the Middle East or among migrant communities outside the region express sexual themes through cultural and artistic production. These issues will be tackled by academic researchers, along with artists who have grappled with the subject matter in their work.

In parallel to the conference will be screenings of movies by Arab filmmakers on the evenings of April 6, 7, and 8, 2011, featuring films that address sexuality in the Arab culture.

The program:

April 6, 2011 <http://www.goethe.de/ins/lb/bei/ver/en7373157.htm>

April 7, 2011 <http://www.goethe.de/ins/lb/bei/ver/en7373159.htm>

Film Program <http://www.goethe.de/ins/lb/bei/ver/en7415370.htm>

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