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AUB to hold panel discussion and lecture this week, on global politics of humanitarian relief and on the politics of international justice

Beirut, Lebanon- 12/12/2011 - The American University of Beirut will be holding a panel discussion and a lecture this week, organized by the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI).

- On Wednesday December 14, 2011, the UN in the Arab World program at IFI will host speakers from AUB and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in a panel discussion entitled, “What is the Role of Humanitarian Organizations in Shaping Global Politics? Exploring the Perception and Impact of MSF in Countries of Intervention.”

The panel will be held at 5 p.m. in Auditorium B1, College Hall, and will be moderated by Karim Makdisi, IFI’s associate director and associate professor of international politics at AUB.

Speakers will include:

Bruno Jochum, general director of MSF. Previously, he was the director of operations for MSF’s Operational Center in Geneva, in charge of the operational policy and overseeing programs in 21 countries. Jochum started working in medical humanitarian relief in 1993 in the Horn of Africa (Sudan, Somalia) and Great Lakes.

Caroline Abu-Sada, MSF research unit coordinator and author of *In the Eyes of Others: Perception of MSF and humanitarian action*. She represents MSF at the Steering Committee of the Center for Studies and Research on Humanitarian Action in Geneva, a center led by both the Graduate Institute and the University of Geneva.

Omar Al-Dewachi, assistant professor of anthropology and public health at AUB. His work explores the ethnography of contemporary wars in Iraq through the lens of health and medicine, as they pertain to questions of biopolitics, securitization, violence, humanitarianism, and governmentality of the post-colonial nation-state.

- The second lecture will take place on December 16, 2011 at 3 p.m. in College Hall, Auditorium B1.

Entitled "The Politics of International Justice," the lecture will feature John Cerone, director of the New England School of Law's Center for International Law and Policy.

The lecture is jointly organized with Al-Akhbar's Research Unit.

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