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Upcoming concerts and performances at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 21/02/2014 - The American University of Beirut will be organizing the following concerts and performances in the coming days:

- **International symposium on sociology in Iraq: centennial of Al-Wardi**

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Media Studies is organizing an international symposium, entitled “Sociology in Iraq: The centennial celebration of Ali Al-Wardi,” on the 25th and 26th of February 2014, from 9am to 5.30pm.

Ali Al-Wardi is a prominent Arab sociologist and a graduate of AUB who is known for his work on Iraqi society and Arab personality. Scholars from Iraq, North America and Lebanon will present their papers on his contributions to the study of sociology in the Arab World. The symposium is open to the public (Languages: Arabic and English, with simultaneous translation).

The conference is co-organized with the International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies (IJCIS), International Association of Contemporary Iraqi Studies (IACIS), International Association of Middle Eastern Studies (IAMES), and International Centre for Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies (ICCMES) and the Arab Council for Social Science (ACSS). Please find program attached.

- **Lecture on Syrian refugees by UNRWA Commissioner-General**

The Bill and Sally Hambrecht Distinguished Peacemakers Lectures at AUB, along with the United Nations in the Arab World Program and the Refugee Research and Policy in the Arab World Program, is organizing a lecture entitled, “Crossroads of Crisis: Yarmouk, Syria, and the Predicament of Syrian Refugees,” by Filippo Grandi, commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The lecture will be held on February 25 from 5 to 7pm, in the auditorium of the New IFI Building (AUB Green Oval)

- **Lecture on Upper Jordan river and regional conflict**

The Department of Political Studies and Public Administration is organizing a brown bag lecture entitled, "Control of the Upper Jordan river flows and the Lebanon-Israel-Syria political conflict, " by Dr. Mark Zeitoun, University of East Anglia professor and author of *Power and Water in the Middle East: The Hidden Politics of the Palestinian-Israeli Water Conflict*. The lecture will be moderated by AUB professor of international relations Karim Makdisi. It will take place on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 12 noon, in Bathish Auditorium, West Hall.

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Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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