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International Conference at AUB to focus on “Fragments of Empire after the American Century”

Beirut, Lebanon- 11/1/2016 - The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) at the American University of Beirut will hold its sixth international conference under the theme "Fragments of Empire after the American Century" **January 13 - 16, 2016**. The conference will feature presentations by more than 90 participants coming from 15 countries. The themes of the panels include the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement, Afro-Arab solidarities, race politics, technologies and media in transnational perspective, the effects of the “war on terror” in the region, and the impact of the US as a world power on education and culture in the Middle East.

The conference will open on January 13 in the **Crown Plaza Hotel ballroom** with welcoming comments by Patrick McGreevy, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at AUB, and an introduction to the conference by Lisa Hajjar, director of CASAR. The keynote speaker is Professor Ann Stoler who will discuss the colonial presence in today’s world. **All other panels and events will take place on AUB campus in West Hall.** The special event on January 14 will feature artists Mariam Ghani and Chitra Ganesh’s work titled “The Guantanamo Effect: Index of the Disappeared.”

The Center for American Studies and Research was launched in 2003 with a major gift from Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. It is an independent academic center that seeks to promote better understanding between the people of United States and those of the Arab world through teaching, research and outreach efforts.

Further information, including the full conference program and registration procedures, is available on the CASAR website

<https://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/casar/Conferences/FragmentsOfEmpire-2016/Pages/home.aspx>

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