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Upcoming list of events at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 01/06/2012 - The American University of Beirut will be holding the following events over the coming week:

- **Lecture: 'Peacebuilding as colonial practice in Occupied Palestinian Territories'**

04-JUN-12; 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Conference Room 117G, Van Dyck

Organized by the UN in the Arab World Program at the Issam Fares Institute of AUB, this lecture argues that after nearly 20 years' of negotiations and peacebuilding, Palestinians are no nearer to self-determination. The presentation by social scientist Mandy Turner explains this failure through an analysis of the context and peacebuilding framework created as a product of the Oslo Accords and the assumptions of western donors about how peace would be achieved. It argues that the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) is subject to an assemblage of colonial practices - some of which are the product of western peacebuilding.

Turner studies the political economy of peacebuilding and development in war-torn societies with a country focus on the occupied Palestinian territory, but also comparatively with other conflicts. She holds a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics. She has conducted policy-based research for the UN and the governments of the UK, Finland, and Sweden. Her work has been published in the journals *Conflict, Security and Development*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Democratization*, and the *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*. Her forthcoming book is titled, *The Palestinian People and the Political Economy of De-development*, (co-edited with O. Shweiki), Routledge, 2013.

- **Lecture: 'The Arab Spring Today'**

05-JUN-12; 7:00 pm
West Hall, Bathish Auditorium

As part of its 2012 Beirut Spring Festival, the Samir Kassir Foundation is organizing a lecture on "The Arab Spring Today," by Waheed Hamed, Egyptian writer and screenwriter, on June 5, 2012, at 7:00 pm, in West Hall, Bathish Auditorium. All are welcome.

- **Lecture: 'Arab Satellite TV as Disruptive Innovation?'**

07-JUN-12; 5:30 pm
Maamari Auditorium, OSB

Al Darwazah Center at AUB is organizing a lecture entitled "Arab Satellite TV as Disruptive Innovation? Reflections from the Trenches on Managing," by Ali Jaber, General Manager, MBC Television Group, on June 7, 2012, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, in Maamari Auditorium, OSB.

- **Ceremony: SHBPP-FM Physician and Resident Humanism and Professionalism Awards**

08-JUN-12; 5:30 pm
Issam Fares Hall

The Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program (AUB-FM) will be announcing and handing in the SHBPP-FM Physician and Resident Humanism and Professionalism Awards during the Residents' Graduation Ceremony, June 8, 2012, 5:30, in Issam Fares Hall.

- **Concert: Closing night of Beirut Spring Festival 2012**

09-JUN-12; 9:00 pm
Assembly Hall

Samir Kassir Foundation is organizing the closing night of the Beirut Spring Festival 2012 entitled "Elie Choueiry... Messenger of Hope," with participation of Notre Dame University Choir, on June 9, 2012, at 9:00 pm, in Assembly Hall. All are welcome.

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Note to Editors

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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 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 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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