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AUB to hold symposium on Islamophobia and lecture on the role of Islam in Arab revolutions

Beirut, Lebanon- 31/03/2011 - The American University of Beirut (AUB) and the Heinrich Böll Stiftung Middle East are organizing a Symposium on April 1 and 2, 2011 that will shed light on the phenomenon of Islamophobia in the West and the responses of communities across the Muslim world. The debate will concentrate on questions of freedom of expression, racism, integration policies, democratic values, critical self-reflection and humor. With speakers from Bahrain, England, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Pakistan, Sudan, South Africa and the US, the symposium will be held on April 1, 2011, 09:30-15:30 and April 2, 2011, 10:00-16:30 at AUB, College Hall, Auditorium B1
Language: English and Arabic (simultaneous translation)

Full symposium program at: http://www.boell-meo.org/downloads/Program_Symposium_Cartoons_and_Minarets_updated.pdf

The symposium will also include a public lecture and debate by Tareq Ramadan at 8 pm on April 1, 2011 in Issam Fares Hall, AUB. The lecture is titled "The Clash of Perceptions - Which Role for Islam in the Era of Arab Revolutions?"
Language: English with simultaneous translation into Arabic

About Tariq Ramadan

Tariq Ramadan, grandson of Muslim Brotherhood founder Hassan Al-Banna, has been named by Time Magazine as one of the 21st century's most innovative thinkers. He is Professor of Islamic Studies at the Oxford University and President of the European Muslim Network in Brussels. Prof. Ramadan received his PhD from the University of Geneva and training in classic Islamic scholarship from Al-Azhar University scholars in Cairo. Through his writings and lectures, Prof. Ramadan has contributed to the vision of a "European Islam" and to the debate on Islamic renewal and Islamic revival in the world. Due to his political views, he was temporarily banned from visiting the US and Egypt. His latest books are "The Quest for Meaning: Developing a Philosophy of Pluralism" (2010) and "What I believe" (2009).

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Note to Editors

About AUB

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 more than 7,000 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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