

For Immediate Release



AUB to hold panel discussion on special tribunal for Lebanon: 'International Justice or International Intervention?'

Beirut, Lebanon- 28/11/2011 - The United Nations in the Arab World program and the Human Rights Project at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs will be holding a panel discussion entitled, "The Special Tribunal for Lebanon: International Justice or International Intervention?" on Wednesday November 30, 2011 from 4.30 pm to 6 pm.

The panel discussion will be held in West Hall, Auditorium A.

Panelists Nidal Jurdi, a lecturer in international law and organizations at the Department of Political Studies and Public Administration at AUB, and Omar Nashabe, columnist and founder of the Research Unit at Al-Akhbar newspaper, will be discussing the topic, while Karim Makdisi, IFI's associate director and AUB PSPA professor of international politics, will be moderating the panel.

More on the speakers:

Dr Nidal Jurdi obtained his PhD in International Criminal Law and Human Rights from University College Cork, Republic of Ireland. Dr Jurdi previously worked in the International Criminal Court as a Law Clerk at the Office of the Prosecutor, with primary focus on Darfur and the Middle East. He is the author of *The International Criminal Court and National Courts: A Contentious Relation* (Ashgate Publishing House, 2011). He has also written *Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon* published in *The Journal of International Criminal Justice*, Oxford University, 2007, and his most recent article is entitled "Falling Between the Cracks: The Special Tribunal for Lebanon's Jurisdictional Gaps and Obstacles to Achieving Justice and Public Legitimacy", 2011.

Dr Omar Nashabe serves on Al-Akhbar's editorial board. He has covered the Special Tribunal for Lebanon extensively in this capacity. He holds a MA in Public Policy, with an emphasis on Criminal Justice, from the State University of New York, and holds a PhD in Criminal Justice, with an emphasis on Corrections, from Walden University, Minnesota. He lectures at the Lebanese American University, and serves as a consultant for the UN Office of Drugs and Crime. Dr Nashabe was a former adviser to the Minister of Interior and Municipalities, and has authored several publications on criminal justice issues in Lebanon, including the Ministry of Justice's: *Guide for Early Release from Prison*.

Dr Nashabe's working paper for IFI, entitled "The Special Tribunal for Lebanon: Selective Justice and Questionable Standards?" is forthcoming.

ENDS

For more information please contact:

Maha Al-Azar, Assistant Director for Media Relations, ma110@aub.edu.lb, 01-353 228

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 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.

Stay up to date on AUB news and events. Follow us on:

Website: www.aub.edu.lb

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/aub.edu.lb>

Twitter: http://twitter.com/AUB_Lebanon