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Upcoming events at AUB – *through November 20*

Beirut, Lebanon- 12/11/2013 - The American University of Beirut is organizing the following events on campus over the coming days:

- **Jazz and fashion show to commemorate Czech Velvet Revolution**

In commemoration of the Czech National Day for freedom and democracy and the 24th anniversary of the non-violent 1989 Velvet Revolution -- which brought an end to the communist regime in former Czechoslovakia -- the American University of Beirut and the Czech and Slovak embassies are organizing a modern jazz concert and fashion show, presented by the Milan Svoboda Quartet (featuring special guest, Jana Paulova) and artistic fashion designer Gabriela Giotto, on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 8:00 pm, in Assembly Hall. Free entry.

The Milan Svoboda Quartet consists of: Milan Svoboda on piano, Milan Krajic on sax, Filip Spaleny on bass, and Ivan Audes on drums. The group was founded in 1979. Its music is based on the modern jazz style of the 1960s and 1970s. It is also influenced by rock music, folkloric and contemporary classical music. Svoboda often weaves his compositions into longer theme-based suites, providing space for creative improvisation of all his band members. The MSQ has been performing throughout most of Europe, as well as the USA, Mexico and India.

Milan Svoboda also composes chamber and orchestral music. Since 2006 he has been a conductor and artistic leader of the Rudolfinum Jazz Orchestra. He is also Professor of Composition and Jazz Harmony at the Jaroslav Jezek Conservatory in Prague and leads the successful Prague Conservatory Jazz Orchestra.

Svoboda has an extensive discography to his credit (28 albums). He worked with many important jazz figures, including James Moody, Maria Schneider, Jerry Bergonzi, Tony Lakatos, Aaron Scott, Phil Wilson, Sonny Constanzo, Victor Mendoza, Sigi Finkel, Jiri Stivin and many others.

- **Lecture on the ‘Dilemma of Human Rights in Lebanese Electoral Laws’**

The AUB Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs is holding a lecture entitled “The Dilemma of Human Rights In Lebanese Electoral Laws by Elie Al Hindy, assistant professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, at Notre Dame University, Lebanon.

The lecture will take place on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 from 1 pm to 3 pm in West Hall - Auditorium B - AUB

- **Conference to highlight Lebanese philosophers on UNESCO World Philosophy Day**

To mark the UNESCO World Philosophy Day 2013, the Anis Makdisi Program in Literature (AUB) in association with Centre d'Études Michel Henry (USJ), Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (NDU) and Forum of the Civilization Sequence Program (AUB) are organizing a conference on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 and Thursday November 21, 2013. The aim of the conference is to gather academics and intellectuals in Lebanon, who are engaged in philosophical investigations within universities, institutes, and centers, to generate a forum for sharing their oeuvres, and debating their research methods and questions, around authors, texts, trends, and traditions within the various schools of philosophy.

The engagement with modern philosophy in Lebanon in the twentieth century has had an active and distinguished history, not only in the local Levantine context, or the broader region within the Arab world and the Middle East, but also at certain times internationally. Conference papers and discussions will address the particularities of practicing philosophy in Lebanon, through individual initiatives or teams, while assessing the conditions of rooting thought within a Levantine context that is marked by cultural, linguistic, literary, and confessional hybridity in its lived experiences and histories.

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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 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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