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Upcoming events at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 20/11/2013 - The American University of Beirut is organizing the following events on campus over the coming days:

- **Panel on domestic violence in Lebanon**

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at AUB is organizing a lecture panel on **Domestic Violence in Lebanon**, Monday, November 25, 2013 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, in West Hall - Auditorium B.

To coincide with the UN International Day for the Elimination of Domestic Violence against women, the panel will examine domestic violence in Lebanon from legal, personal, political and sociological perspectives.

Estimates suggest that the prevalence of domestic violence ranges from 20 percent to as much as 70 percent in some countries. Women around the world suffer from domestic violence, including marital rape and assault.

Moderator:

Dina Kiwan, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies, at the American University of Beirut

Panelists:

Jacqueline Hajjar, President of Home of Tenderness/Beit el Hanane Association that provides help and care to abused women

Lydia Farah, a lawyer and legal consultant, and also a volunteer for the NGO, KAFA (Enough Violence and Exploitation Against Women)

Rihab, a survivor of domestic violence

Charbel Nahas, former Lebanese minister of Labor, and minister of Telecommunications

Note: Event will be in English

- **Lecture on higher education reform**

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at AUB is organizing a public policy lecture on the Higher Education

Reform Project, Tuesday, November 26, 2013 from 11:30 to 1:00 pm, in College Hall - Auditorium B1 - AUB.

This panel is part of a series of lectures on public policy-making in the Arab world. IFI has been studying the adoption of policy measures regarding higher education quality assurance in Lebanon.

The goal of the panel is to examine the contributions of the different stakeholders to the policy-making process and evaluate their impact on the final outcome.

The lecture will describe the policy process that has led to the adoption of the draft law proposal for the establishment of a Lebanese Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education; highlight the challenges faced and lessons learned from the perspective of three different stakeholders (governmental, institutional and private sector); as well as evaluate the current state of the law and future steps.

Panelists:

Professor Dr. Ahmad Jammal, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Higher Education

Dr. Chafic Mokbel, Secretary General of Research Council, University of Balamand & Lebanese Higher Education Reform Expert, National Tempus Office

Dr. Georges Yahchouchi, Director of Quality Assurance and Institutional Effectiveness Office, The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK)

Note: Event will be in English

- **Lecture on Muslims in Australia**

The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies at AUB, the Anis Makdisi Program in Literature and The Australian Embassy in Lebanon are organizing a lecture entitled, "Muslims in Australia: The community's history, successes, challenges and opportunities," by Waleed Aly, journalist and academic, on November 25, 2013 at 4:00pm, Auditorium B1, College Hall

WALEED ALY is a prominent public figure in Australia. He is a broadcaster, a journalist, and an academic at Monash University. He hosts the Daily Drive program on ABC Radio National, as well as Big Ideas on ABC television, and provides commentary for BBC World. His opinion pieces appear in The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Guardian, The Sunday Times of India, and The Australian Financial Review. Aly has been named as one of the 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World. His debut book, *People Like Us: How arrogance is dividing Islam and the West* (Picador, 2007) was shortlisted for several awards.

He was a White Ribbon Day Ambassador for the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in 2005, he figured in The Bulletin's "Smart 100" in 2007, and he was awarded the title of Victoria's Local Hero in 2011.

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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 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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