



2012-2013



The Anis Makdisi Program in Literature

برنامج أنيس المقدسي للآداب في الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت

The Anis Makdisi Program in Literature (AMPL) was inaugurated at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the American University of Beirut in October 2002. The aim of the program is to promote and support an interdisciplinary dialogue, develop literary and humanistic studies at AUB and to encourage openness to different cultural forms and traditions in literature, in keeping with the approaches elaborated in the work of Anis K. Makdisi. The Program fosters intellectual dialogue and scholarly exchange among members of different departments, their students, and visiting scholars. The Program's activities include seminars, lecture series, workshops and conferences on various topics in cultural and literary studies, in order to provide a forum for scholarly dialogue among the various academic communities in Lebanon. In addition, two student scholarships are awarded annually a graduate fellowship to support graduate studies in literature at AUB, and an undergraduate scholarship for undergraduate studies. The centerpiece of the program is the Anis K. Makdisi Memorial Lecture, held annually at AUB and given by a leading scholar or author. The Program has continued its varied activities in the academic year 2012-2013 working closely together with different programs and departments at AUB as well as with educational, academic and cultural institutions and intellectuals from Lebanon and abroad.

PEOPLE

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Graduate Assistants

Ralph Menhem (MA, English department) Fall-Spring 2012-2013
Fatmeh Ossaily (MA, English department) Fall 2012-2013

EVENTS

Seminar

Mr. Maath Al Alousi

'NOSTOS:A Tale of a Street in Baghdad'

حكاية شارع في بغداد

(In dialogue with Nader El-Bizri: On homecoming, memory, place)

30 October 2012

Lecture

(In association with the English Dept. and CASAR)

Professor Marvin Carlson (City University of New York)

'Contemporary Arab and Islamic Theatre: A Global Perspective'

8 November 2012

Lecture

(In association with the Arabic Department)

Ms. Suzanne Alaywan

(Introduced by Bilal Orfali)

'Poetry Readings'

قراءة شعرية

14 December 2012

Lecture

Professor Edward Alam (Notre Dame University)

'Gibran Khalil Gibran and the Mystical Tradition'

18 February 2013

Debate Panel

(In association with the Sapiential Knowledge Institute)

Bishop George Khodr & Sheikh Shafik Jaradi

(Introduced by Nader El-Bizri)

'The Divine Hue and Baptism'

الصبغة والمعمودية

26 February 2013

Lecture

Professor Ray Mouawad (Lebanese American University)

(Introduced by Dr Hayat Bualuan)

'Revisiting the Metn: Its Seraglios, Mausoleums & Sanctuaries'

12 March 2013

Lecture

(In association with AHI, CAMES, and PSPA)
Professor Fred Dallmayr (University of Notre Dame)
'After Babel: On Cosmopolis'
20 March 2013

Symposium

(In association with the NDU Council for Research in Values and Philosophy)
Professor Fred Dallmayr (University of Notre Dame)
'Religion & the World: Quest for Justice & Peace'
21 March 2013

Seminar

(In association with AHI, CAMES, and PSPA)
Professor Fred Dallmayr (University of Notre Dame)
'Putting Political Theory on the Map'
22 March 2013 (12:30pm, Bldg. 37)

Memorial Lecture 2013

Professor David Damrosch (Harvard University)
'The Politics of Global English: From Kipling to K-Maró'
25 April 2013

Workshop

Professor David Damrosch (Harvard University)
'On World Literature'
26 April 2013

HAY FESTIVAL of Literature at AUB

(In association with the Center for American Studies & Research)
Dr Philip Mansel
(In conversation with Professor Robert Myers)
8 May 2013
Mr. Joe Sacco
(In conversation with Professor Lina Ghaibeh)
9 May 2013
Ms. Shereen El Feki
(In conversation with Professor Fouad M. Fouad)
10 May 2013

PROJECTS

Edited volume of studies in Arabic on the legacy of Professor Asad Rustum (proceedings publication based on a past AMPL colloquium at AUB), edited by Dr Lamia Shehadeh (Lebanese American University)

Restoring and scanning a nineteenth century philosophy Arabic manuscript from Iraq in association with the Jafet Library archives

Arabic translation of an unpublished manuscript by the distinguished French philosopher, Professor Étienne Balibar (Paris X)

Preparations for the following main events in 2013-2014:

Lecture: Professor Charles Butterworth (University of Maryland), October 2013
Celebrating the UNESCO “World Philosophy Day” at AUB, November 2013
Memorial Lecture: Professor Charles Burnett (Warburg Institute), April 2014
International Forum on Freedom in Children’s Literature, May 2014

MISSION

The Anis Makdisi Program in Literature at AUB continues its commitment to serve its mission in the coming years by also building on the legacy that was established under the directorship of AMPL by Professor Maher Jarrar in the years 2002-2012

**Nader El-Bizri
(AUB, June 2013)**