



2013-2014



The Anis Makdisi Program in Literature

برنامج أنيس المقدسي للآداب في الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت

The Anis Makdisi Program in Literature was inaugurated at the Faculty of Arts & Sciences at AUB in October 2002. The aim of the program is to promote and support an interdisciplinary dialogue, develop literary and humanistic studies and 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 and scholarly exchange among members of different departments and visiting scholars. The Program's activities include seminars, lecture series, conferences on various topics in cultural and literary studies, in order to provide a forum for dialogue among 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.

HONORARY MEMBERS

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EVENTS

THE LEGACY OF EDWARD SAID

Panel Co-organized with

AHI, CAMES, CASAR, IFI English Dept., Provost Office

10 October 2013

WORLD RELIGIONS IN A SECULAR AGE

Seminar Co-organized with NDU

Charles Butterworth (University of Maryland)

Laurence Sullivan (University of Notre Dame)

5 November 2013

AL-FARABI'S ART OF LAWGIVING

Lecture

Charles Butterworth (University of Maryland)

6 November 2013

PRACTICING PHILOSOPHY IN LEBANON

UNESCO World Philosophy Day

Conference Co-organized with USJ & NDU

20-21 November 2013

MUSLIMS IN AUSTRALIA

Lecture Co-organized with CAMES & Australian Embassy

Waleed Aly (Monash University)

25 November 2013

AUTOCRACY AND THE COMMON GOOD

Lecture

Stefan Leder (Orient-Institut)

9 December 2013

RITUALS OF SIGNS & TRANSFORMATIONS

Play (Playwright Saadallah Wannous)

AMPL as co-sponsor

Babel Theater, December 2013

AFTER 100 SPRINGS

Performance

(Staged by Cornelia Krafft - based on Igor Stravinsky's 'The Rite of Spring')

Co-sponsored with Al-Madina Theatre, FAAH, FAS

Al-Madina Theatre 10-11 February 2014 (8:00pm)

SUBVERSIVES AND SAINTS

Lecture Co-sponsored with AHI

Emily O'Dell (AUB)

27 February 2014

THE STATE AND THE CITY

THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BEIRUT

Lecture

Malek Sharif (AUB)

13 March 2014

THE LEGACY OF CHINUA ACHEBE

With Nobel Laureate: WOLE SOYINKA

Partner with NDU, CRVP, Cedars Institute, Embassy of Nigeria

NDU 21 March 2014

OÙ IBN 'ARABÎ ET DANTE CONVERGENT

Lecture

Abdelwahab Meddeb (France Culture, Paris)

2 April 2014

TRANSMISSION OF KNOWLEDGE ACROSS RELIGIOUS BOUNDARIES

Memorial Lecture

Charles Burnett (Warburg Institute, London)

16 April 2014

REMEMBERING NIZAR MROUE

Ceremony and Panel

Organized in association with the Zaki Nassif Program for Music

5 May 2014

READING MILTON THROUGH ISLAM

Symposium co-sponsored by AMPL

In association with University of Central Florida, AHI, English Dept., FAS

12 May 2014

Nader El-Bizri
(AUB, May 2014)