

ANFEH UNVEILED

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Dr NADINE PANAYOT HAROUN is an archaeologist and museum specialist. She serves as the Director of the Research Department of Archaeology & Museology, and as Chairperson of the Department of Museum Studies & Cultural Heritage Management at the University of Balamand. She also acts as the Vice President of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Museums. and since 2013, has been directing terrestrial/maritime archaeological/ethnographical surveys /excavations in Anfeh, by way of promoting cultural heritage conservation in ecotourism and sustainable development.

This lecture aims at reconstructing the history of the coastal village of Anfeh (70 km north of Beirut) by combining archaeological data from surveys and excavations with in-depth studies of ancient epigraphic and literary sources, as well as ethnographic oral histories. The research aims at locating the ancient city of *Ampa* [Anfeh] and investigating its maritime activities. This site is studied by the Department of Archaeology and Museology at the University of Balamand, and it has been included on the *World Monuments Watch List* since 1998 after being threatened by the construction of a new harbor. The assessment of its cultural heritage in modulating conservation and management programs may mitigate potential threats to its archaeology and history.