

Dear AUB Community,

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved friend and colleague, Dr. Randa Antoun.

A graduate of AUB who earned her an MA in Public Administration, Randa returned to the Department of Political Studies and Public Administration as an Assistant Professor in 1989 after completing her PhD in Public Administration and Management at the University of York, United Kingdom. Beyond teaching courses and advising MA theses for the department, Randa was a member of numerous university committees and served as an academic adviser for countless Freshman, majorless, and PA students. In June 2007, Randa was appointed by the Provost to be the Coordinator of the MEPI Tomorrow's Leaders Program, a position she cherished.

Randa is the author of multiple publications, including policy briefs for international organizations such as UNDP and UNDESA and several academic articles on decentralization. Randa attended countless international and local conferences and seminars, and organized and delivered dozens of training workshops for institutions such as ESCWA, the Lebanese Parliament and Council of Ministers, and USAID/AMIDEAST. Randa was also the Vice-President of the Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections (LADE), and served as a consultant for the Lebanese government and the United Nations.

Most importantly, Randa was a treasured colleague, a loyal friend, a mentor, a committed teacher, and a dedicated adviser. She was a pillar of the PSPA Department, and her colleagues will miss her tremendously.

The funeral for Dr. Randa Antoun will be held tomorrow, Wednesday February, 5, at 4 pm in her village, Jedayel, near Jbeil. Condolences will be received before and after the funeral service the same day, as well as Thursday, February 6, and Friday, February 7, in Jedayel.

The family will be devoting the full day of Monday February 10 to receive condolences in the AUB Alumni Club, Wardieh, Hamra, Beirut, from 10 am-1 pm and 2-6 pm.

In addition, friends of Dr. Antoun will meet at 12 pm Wednesday (February 4) in front of AUBMC to bid her farewell.

Yours,

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