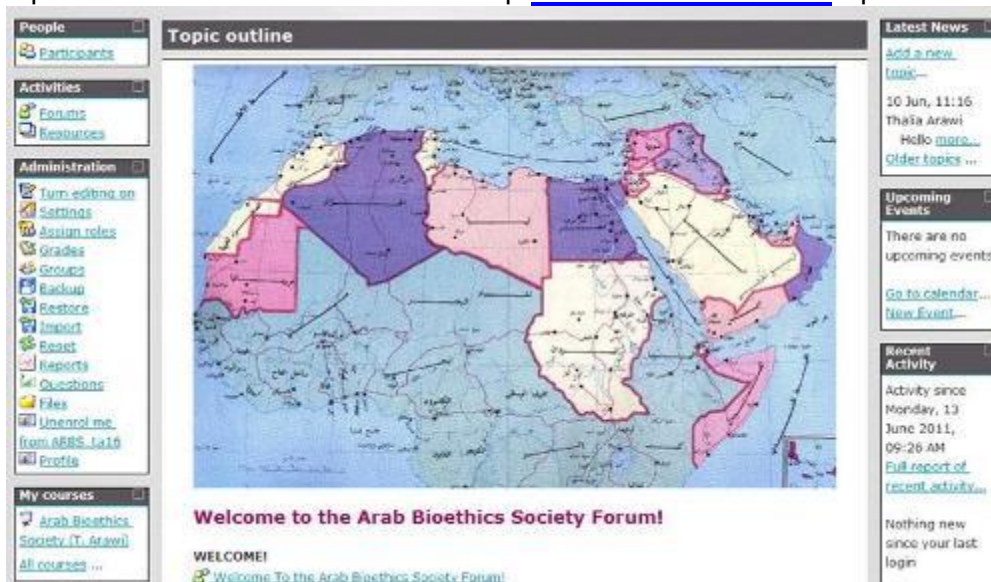


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The Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program (SHBPP) at the American University of Beirut (AUB), Faculty of Medicine, launched the Arab Bioethics Society Outreach forum on May 17. The forum provided a public space where 28 different professionals from several countries of the Arab World discussed matters pertaining to the founding of the first Arab Bioethics Society in the world.

The outreach forum has been established with the help of the Learning Management System (LMS) Coordinator at AUB's Academic Computing Center (ACC), Wissam Nahas. Members who are partaking in the forum have been waiting for its establishment and they see it as an opportunity to "make things happen." This forum promises to be the precursor of the official establishment of the Arab Bioethics Society which hopefully will take place in the coming few months. According to Thalia Arawi, founding director of the SHBPP, the making of the Arab Bioethics Society is "not a luxury anymore, it is a must." She hopes that this forum will serve as a safe public space where several issues will be tackled regarding the making of this society prior to its official launching.