Call for Proposals
Social Justice and Development Policy in the Arab World

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) in collaboration with the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice at Princeton University has launched the Social Justice and Development Policy in the Arab World research initiative to try to further understand through research the many different meanings of the phrase “social justice” and its social and economic policy implications.

The Social Justice and Development Policy in the Arab World project at (IFI) invites AUB graduate students to submit requests for grants to conduct research for their MA thesis.

Eligibility:

1. IFI will give priority to AUB students to conduct research for their thesis on social justice issues, such as:
   - labor, citizenship, and gender rights,
   - social movements, inequalities, and disparities,
   - progressive taxation system and economic policy,
   - equitable access to health care, employment, and education,
   - the right to the city (urban rights, public spaces, access to housing),
   - corruption, accountability, abuse of power, and political privileges.

The above list is not exhaustive; any inquiries about the relevance of your topic can be sent to Leila Kabalan at lk49@aub.edu.lb

2. Students need to submit their proposals by February 20, 2015.

3. The grant is between $1,000-2,000 to be spent on research purposes. The grant cannot be used to purchase any software or hardware materials.

4. Students are required to submit their CV, two letters of recommendation, application form, and a proposal with a budget breakdown, comprising travel, field work, transportation and other fields. All receipts need to be submitted to IFI for financial records.

5. The Academic Adviser's approval for the research topic is required.

Deliverables:

1. The fieldwork needs to be conducted within one calendar year of receiving the grant.
2. The grant recipient needs to submit a brief progress report halfway through his/her research timeline. Additionally, a research report of 3000 words needs to be submitted within two weeks of completion of the research study. All final research reports will be published on IFI's website and disseminated to our mailing list.

3. The recipient must commit to present his/her final thesis findings during an all-day graduate student seminar at IFI that brings together all grant recipients.

4. The grant will be paid in two installments, one at the start of the research and one upon submission of the final report.

Successful candidates will be contacted by early March 2015.

Contact:

To apply, please send all required documents to:

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