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## New York—Beirut Briefing

RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE, AND INSIGHTS FROM THE ARAB WORLD

### New York-Beirut Briefings Enter Their Second Year

Roundtable discussions by AUB faculty with research from the Arab region

AUB New York-Briefings bring professors and other experts to the AUB NYC office, video-linked to Beirut and the world via YouTube livestream. Videos and text summaries are available afterward online. Recent Briefings have expanded to Boston, Washington, Newark and other cities, in partnership with AUB alumni and local universities. **A look at our first year...**

**Food Security Threats to a Turbulent Region: Dr. Martin Keulertz, AUB; Dr. Rabi Mohtar, Texas A&M; Rachel Bahn, AUB**

By 2020, the populations of the MENA region and Europe will be roughly equal, until MENA quickly outstrips Europe by a wide margin. The Arab World imports nearly 80 percent of its food. Who will feed posterity?

**Role of the Foreign Correspondent in the Middle East: Rami Khouri, AUB; David Ignatius, Washington Post**  
Seasoned Arab and American foreign correspondents and editors discuss the challenges and opportunities for journalists covering the Middle East, with insights from AUB research on the papers of the late Anthony Shadid.

**Climate Change's Dire Consequences for the Middle East: Dr. Nadim Farajalla, AUB; Dr. Anders Jagerskog, World Bank; Dr. Yaser Abunnasr and Aram Yertzian, AUB**  
Researchers discuss the increasingly clear consequences and threats of climate change across the Middle East, based on research from AUB and other institutions.

**Lebanese Women in Politics: Dr. Carmen Geha, AUB; Dr. Bozena Welborne, Smith College; Dr. Charlotte Karam, AUB**

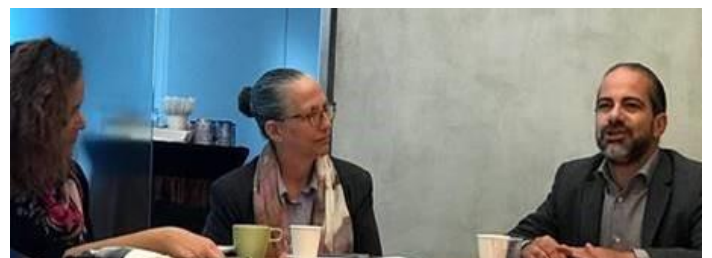
Researchers offer insights from Lebanon and the region on the

### A Look At Our Second Year, now in progress:

**The Wounds of Gaza:** Washington, DC with Dr. Ghassan Abu Sitta of AUB and Dr. Rochelle Davis of Georgetown University (9/19/18)

**Political and Social Theater in the Arab Region** with Dr. Robert Myers and Sahar Assaf from AUB, Laurie Lathem from Tectonic Theater Project in NYCity, and Sany Abdul Baki from Lebanese American University (9/25/18)

**Developmental and Community Learning: How Universities Engage with their Surroundings**, with Dr. Rabih Shibli from AUB and Drs. Jyl Josephson and Nermin Allam from Rutgers University-Newark (10/04/18)



R-L: Rabih Shibli of AUB, Jyl Josephson and Nermin Allam of Rutgers University-Newark discuss universities and civic engagement

**Research, Teach, Mobilize, Vote: How Arab Universities Can Promote Social Justice in the City** with Dr. Mona Fawaz AUB-NYC and Dr. Rabih Shibli, AUB-Beirut (10/23/18)

**Biological and Cultural Evolution: Six Characters in Search of an Author** with Physicist Freeman Dyson, livestreamed. Moderated by Dr. Jihad Touma in Beirut (11/15/18)

challenges of political representation of women, exploring the gaps between political empowerment programs for women and the realities the women face.

**The Many Faces of Arab Refugeehood: Dr. Sawsan Abdulrahim, AUB; Drs. Denis J. Sullivan and Alice Verticelli, Northeastern University; Dr. Rim Saab, AUB** Researchers from AUB and the Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies discuss obstacles refugees face on their paths to safety and asylum, clarifying how experiences vary widely by country and across individuals. This event happened both in New York City and at Harvard University.

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**The Many Dimensions of the Sea** with Dr. Nikolas Kosmatopoulos of AUB, Director of Floating Laboratory of Action and Theory at Sea (FLOATS) (11/28/18)

**Daskara: How phone applications may help village communities conserve their natural heritage** with Dr. Salma Talhouk of AUB at Georgetown University 11/13/18 and at AUB NY Office 12/6/18

## Highlights from our Briefings

Check out highlights, below, from our briefings, and for all our video be sure to visit our [YouTube page](#).

### Climate Change's Consequences for MENA



### Lebanese Women in Politics



### Role of the Foreign Correspondent in the Middle East



### The Many Faces of Arab Refugeehood

