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## Spotlight

### AUB community gather to celebrate the University's 150th

In a warm ambiance filled with hearty feelings, the closing ceremony for the 150th year of the establishment of AUB was held with a feel of Christmas as the Assembly Hall Garden was lit with Christmas decoration.

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### Shakespeare's King Lear in Arabic

In celebration of AUB's 150th anniversary and the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, the AUB Theater Initiative presents the world premiere of the first translation of Shakespeare's King Lear into colloquial Lebanese Arabic.

Dec. 1-18, 8:30pm, Masrah al-Madina, Beirut

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### Clovis Maksoud Memorial Ceremony

The friends of Clovis Maksoud (1926–2016), renowned AUB alumnus and Arab intellectual, diplomat, journalist and professor of International relations, will celebrate his memory on Dec. 12, at 6pm, in a ceremony at Assembly Hall.

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### 'The Beirut Orpheus Choir Returns'

The Peace and Prosperity Trust present their second concert in Beirut: "Past and Future: The Beirut Orpheus Choir Returns" as part of the Beirut Chants Festival and the AUB 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

Dec. 17, 8pm, Assembly Hall

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## News

### Kouchner headlines international forum on Rebuilding Health Post-Conflict

Former French foreign minister and health minister Bernard Kouchner was the star turn at the opening of a three-day International Forum on "Rebuilding Health Post-Conflict: A Dialogue for the Future" at AUB, organized by the Office of

## Events

### Upcoming Events

- **Physics talk "Research and graduate studies in Physics at Belo Horizonte – Brazil," by Dr. José Rachid Mohallem, Dec. 13, 5pm, Emile Bustani, Room 333**  
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Strategic Health Initiatives (SHI).

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### **Political thinker Dr. Ali Fakhro lectures on economics, democracy, and the Arab World**

As part of AUB 150th anniversary Distinguished Lecture Series, Dr. Ali Fakhro, politician and thinker from Bahrain, gave a lecture in Arabic under the title of "Rethinking the Times and the Response of Education," at the Maamari Auditorium at OSB.

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### **AUB scholars look at the year that changed the region and the world—500 years after Marj Dabiq**

On the 500th anniversary of the battle of Marj Dabiq that opened the Middle East to the Ottoman empire, and proved to be a turning point in the region's history, a two-day conference entitled "1516: The year that changed the Middle East and the world," was organized at AUB.

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### **AUB Faculty of Health Sciences leads the Lancet Commission on Syria**

In a move that promises to be one of its largest global health undertakings, FHS has launched the Lancet-AUB Commission on Syria in partnership with one of the world's oldest and most influential health and medical journals, The Lancet.

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### **Free coffee and cookies at Jafet Library during Final exams**

In an attempt to help students cope with the stress and strain of final exams, Jafet Library, which opens 24 hours a day during the reading period, is providing them with free coffee and cookies every night.

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- **FHS scientific conference "Adolescent and Youth Wellbeing in the Arab region: Challenges and Promises of the Second Decade of Life - A Partnership for and with Youth,"** Dec. 13-14, West Hall, Bathish Aud.  
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- **CAMES lecture "The Inventions and Reinventions of the Nahda," by Dr. Jens Hanssen,** Dec. 14, 5pm, Bldg. 37  
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- **IFI & Asfari lecture (in Arabic) "The role of the Tunisian General Labour Union in Tunisia's Revolution in 2011," by Dr. Hala Al Yusufi,** Dec. 15, 1pm, IFI, 4th floor, conference room  
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- **Ayadina 11th Annual Benefit Christmas Concerts,** Dec. 19-20, 6pm, Assembly Hall  
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- **Rotaract "Christmas in Our Hearts" Musical Charity Event,** Dec. 21, 8pm, Assembly Hall  
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### **Announcements**

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- Join the Beirut Orpheus Choir!  
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