



AUB to hold two public panels on March 10 promoting Islamic-Western understanding
Monday March 8, 2010

As part of the *Second Annual Meeting of Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centers* (March 9-10), the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdul Aziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) at the American University of Beirut, in collaboration with Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation and The International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) will hold two public panels on **March 10:**

- **"Perspectives on Islamic Studies and American Studies"** from 2:00-4:00 pm at Bathish Auditorium, and
- **"Building Bridges for Better Understanding Between the Arab/Muslim Worlds and the West"** from 6:00-8:00 pm at Issam Fares Hall

The annual meeting will bring to AUB participants from six Alwaleed centers worldwide to discuss over two days possible interaction and networking among the centers, in order to promote further understanding and public dialogue between the Islamic and Western worlds.

The two-day meeting will start with business meetings on Tuesday, March 9 on AUB campus.

These events will include speakers from each of the six Al Waleed Centers: The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding (ACMCU) at Georgetown University, The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program at Harvard University, The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Islamic Studies at Cambridge University, The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World at Edinburgh University, The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for American Studies and Rsearch (CASAR) at the American University of Beirut, and The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) at the American University in Cairo. The directors of the six Alwaleed centers will be the main speakers at both public panels: Dr. John Esposito of Georgetown University, Dr. Roy Parviz Mottahedeh of Harvard University, Dr. Yasir Suleiman of Cambridge University, Dr. Hugh Phillip Goddard of Edinburgh University, Dr. Robert Myers of the American University of Beirut and Dr. Jerry Wayne Leach of the American University in Cairo. Both panels which are to be held at Bathish Auditorium and Issam Fares Hall respectively, will be open to students and the public free of charge.

Further information on the Second Annual Meeting is available on the CASAR website:

<http://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/casar/Conferences/ALwaleed2/Pages/index.aspx>

You can also contact CASAR by phone, on 00961 1 350000 ext. 4195, or by e-mail at casar@aub.edu.lb.

The Center for American Studies and Research was launched in 2003 with a major gift from Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud. It is an independent academic center that seeks to promote better understanding between the people of United States and those of the Arab world through teaching, research and outreach efforts.