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AUB to host symposium on role of imagery as a tool for peace or war

Beirut, Lebanon- 16/02/2011 - A symposium entitled "Image in Conflict" will be held at AUB on February 25, 2011 at 10 am.

The symposium will bring together professionals working in the fields of imagery and journalism in Lebanon and Spain to discuss the role and use of imagery as a tool for peace or a weapon for war. It aims to challenge the stereotyped image of Lebanon as a country just of war and to establish new links and opportunities for cooperation among communities and human beings.

The symposium is organized by the Spanish association "*Aida, Ayuda, Intercambio Desarrollo*" (Aida, Aid, Exchange and Development) and the Lebanese association Zakira, and funded by the Spanish Ministry of Culture and the Spanish Embassy in Lebanon, in cooperation with Instituto Cervantes de Beirut.

"Image in Conflict" is a project for cooperation in promoting peace and dialogue.

AIDA Association is a developmental, non-governmental, non-confessional and not-for-profit Spanish organization that has been working in Lebanon since 2005 to promote sustainable development for the most unprivileged communities, as well as promoting peace building and dialogue.

Zakira, The Image Festival Association is a Lebanese association that works with photography as an educational and artistic means of conflict resolution. Zakira works with photographers, journalists, artists and volunteers.

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