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AUB-EU panel on political participation and peace building to offer students and the public chance to engage with EU diplomats

Beirut, Lebanon- 08/04/2013 - The American University of Beirut and the European Union Delegation are organizing a panel debate on political participation, peace building, and human rights, offering students and the public the chance to engage in discussions with EU ambassadors, NGOs, MPs and professors.

The debate is part of an initiative launched by the Political Studies and Public Administration Department a year ago to allow student to link what they learn in the classroom with the experiences of real-world practitioners.

The panel will also give the public the opportunity to become better informed about the European Union's External Action Service, which serves as a foreign ministry and diplomatic corps for the EU, implementing the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and other areas of the EU's external representation.

Entitled "Political Participation, Peace, and Reconciliation," the panel debate will take place at AUB on April 9, College Hall, B-1 from 2pm to 4pm. English and Arabic translation provided.

Program:

- 14.00-14.10: Welcome by Peter F. Dorman, President of the American University of Beirut
- 14.10-14.20: Welcome by Angelina Eichhorst, Head of the Delegation of the European Union
- 14.20-14.30: Introduction of the panellists by the moderator
- 14.30-15.10: First round: 'Peace and reconciliation' followed by debate with the audience
 - H.E. Homer A. Mavrommatis, Ambassador of Cyprus to Lebanon
 - Ghassan Moukheiber, Rapporteur of the Human Rights Committee of the Lebanese Parliament
 - Dr. Ohannes Geukjian, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration
 - Lynn Maalouf, Co-founder and vice-president, Act for the Disappeared
- 15.10-15.50: Second round: 'Political participation' followed by debate with the audience
 - H.E. Jan Top Christensen, Ambassador of Denmark to Lebanon
 - Ghassan Moukheiber, Rapporteur of the Human Rights Committee of the Lebanese Parliament
 - Dr. Ohannes Geukjian, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration
 - Adnan Melki, Secretary General, LADE/CCER
- 15.50-16.00: Concluding remarks by Troy Carter, MA student

The debate will be moderated by Nadim Houry, Director of Human Rights Watch Lebanon.

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Note to Editors

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