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## Upcoming events at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 17/04/2012 - The following events will be taking place at the American University of Beirut in the coming days:

- **Lecture on relation between Palestinians and international commissions**

The UN in the Arab World Program at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs is organizing a lecture entitled, “Unstateable Palestine: A History of Proving Political Worthiness via International Commissions,” by Lori A. Allen, on Thursday, April 18, 2013, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm in West Hall, Auditorium A.

The lecture will trace the changing ways in which Palestinians have presented their demands for liberty and justice to the international powers perceived to be most influential in determining the fate of Palestine after the rise of Zionism and the ongoing colonization of Arab lands.

Dr. Lori A. Allen is an anthropologist and a lecturer in contemporary Middle Eastern politics and society and a fellow at King's College, University of Cambridge. Her book, *The Rise and Fall of Human Rights: Cynicism and Politics in Occupied Palestine*, is forthcoming with University of Stanford Press.

The lecture will be in English

- **Lecture on global trends by Human Rights Watch deputy executive director**

The UN in the Arab World Program at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs is organizing a lecture, entitled, “Global Trends - Is the World Getting Better?” by Jan Egeland, on Friday, April 19, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, in College Hall, Auditorium B1.

Jan Egeland is a deputy executive director of Human Rights Watch and the director of its European operations. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, he was the Executive Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs. As UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator from 2003 to 2006, Egeland helped reform the global humanitarian response system and organized the international response to the Asian Tsunami, and crises from Darfur to the Democratic Republic of Congo to Lebanon. In 2006, Time magazine named him one of the 100 “people who shape our world.” From 1999 to 2002, he was the UN Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on Colombia, and from 1990 to 1997 he was State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has 30 years of experience in human rights and humanitarian assistance, and conflict resolution. He was among the initiators of the peace negotiations that led to the Oslo accords between Israel and PLO in 1993.

The lecture will be in English.

- **Piano and opera concert**

A piano and opera concert by Zina Asfour (piano) and Pierrick Boisseau (baritone) will be held on April 19, 2013, at 8:00 pm, in Assembly Hall. Tickets on sale at Antoine Bookstore -- all branches-- and at the entrance. For more information call 01-218078.

The program includes pieces by Schumann, Barber, Strauss, Bellini, Faure, Bernstein, Mahler, Gelalian

- **American Football game: AUB vs UAE Falcons**

The American University of Beirut's American football team will play against the UAE Falcons on April 19, 2013 at 8:00 pm, on the AUB Green Field

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**Note to Editors**

**About AUB**

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