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Book launch and panel discussion: 'LEBANON: After the Cedar Revolution'

Beirut, Lebanon-15/02/2013- The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) is organizing a book launch and panel discussion titled: "LEBANON: After the Cedar Revolution" on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 4:00pm in College Hall - Auditorium B1.

The book examines the country's past since 2005, when a mass movement emerged against Syrian dominance in the wake of the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

In this book, the authors examine the changes that these events brought to Lebanon, be they lasting or ephemeral, and the challenges they represent for the Lebanese state. The book traces the sectarian tensions which have escalated since 2005, producing polarization between two political blocs. In addition, those blocs had maintained external linkages with USA and Iran which consequently resulted in a complex political scene as illustrated in the book.

The authors of the book are Are Knudsen, senior researcher at the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) Norway, Michael Young, opinion editor of The Daily Star and author of "The Ghosts of Martyrs Square: An Eyewitness Account of Lebanon's Life Struggle," Sari Hanafi, professor of sociology and chair at the Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Media Studies at AUB and Nasser Yassin, assistant professor at the Faculty of Health Sciences, and IFI research director of policy and governance in Palestinian refugee camps, AUB.

Note: Discussion will be in English

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