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Upcoming events at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 05/02/2014 -The following events will be taking place at the American University of Beirut in the coming days:

- **'Roundtable on Citizenship, Gender and Democracy Building**

The Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship at AUB is co-sponsoring an international roundtable, under the theme of "Citizenship, Gender and Democracy Building"

Date: February 9, 2015, from 9:00 till 17:15 and February 10, 2015 from 9:00 till 17:00

Place: American University of Beirut- College Hall - Auditorium B1

In collaboration with:

Euro-Med Feminist Initiative IFE-EFI

Syrian League for Citizenship

- **Lecture on 'Globalizing Malcolm X'**

The Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) at AUB is organizing a lecture entitled: "Globalizing Malcolm X" by Alex Lubin, professor and chair of the American Studies Department at the University of New Mexico.

Date: 9 February 2015

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Building 37 Conference A

The talk will explore the worldliness of Malcolm X by focusing on his 1964 travels across North Africa and the Arab world, while examining the ways in which Malcolm's political philosophy drew from his encounters with pan-Islamist and Arab nationalist social movements.

- **Book presentation: 'Global Modernity and Social Contestation'**

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies is holding a book presentation entitled, "Global Modernity and Social Contestation," by Breno Bringel, professor at the Institute of Social and Political Studies, of the State University of Rio de Janeiro.

Date: February-10-2015 12:00 PM till 1:30 PM

Location: West Hall, Auditorium A

The talk will refer to the book to attempt to answer the question: How can we link contemporary social processes - which have typically been theorized in terms of the concept of modernity - with contemporary social movements, conflicts, and mobilizations which aim at social change?

- **Lecture on 'Why Gender Matters?'**

The Department of English, Arts and Humanities Initiative and the Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies at the American University of Beirut are organizing a lecture entitled, "Why Gender Matters? A Feminist Perspective on Violence, Political Transition and Sectarianism in Iraq," by Nadjé Al Ali, SOAS, University of London

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 5:30 pm College Hall, B1

The talk will provide a feminist reading of political developments and transition in Iraq. Against a brief historical background, the main focus will be on the post-invasion period to shed light on the ways war, invasion, occupation, militarism and sectarianism have impacted on gender norms and relations. At the same time, the talk will revolve around the argument that a gendered analysis is central to understanding broader political and social trends and developments in Iraq. Her talk will draw on her research on Iraq as well as experiences in the context of facilitating gender studies in higher education in Iraq as well as her teaching of at the Centre for Gender Studies at SOAS.

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Note to Editors

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