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AUB launches database on youth in the Arab world

Beirut, Lebanon- 31/01/2013 - The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs and the Faculty of Health Science (FHS) at the American University of Beirut launched on January 31, 2013 the AUB Youth Research Working Group as well as the the Youth in the Arab World Database during a seminar held on campus.

The AUB Youth Research Working Group will bring together AUB faculty working on issues related to youth from various departments and disciplines. The steering committee, chaired by health sciences professor Rima Afifi, includes faculty members from public health, media, psychology, business, mental health, urban planning and space, nursing and engineering. The Youth in the Arab World Database has been compiled and is managed by IFI, with the support of the UNICEF MENA Regional Office. The searchable, online database presents a unique, inter-disciplinary archive to support scholarship, individuals and organizations interested in youth in the region. This database is designed to be a comprehensive and reliable repository of all published research articles, projects and researchers, as well as civil society organizations, academic institutions, and other active groups that offer critical insights into young people's conditions and attitudes.

"The Youth in the Arab World Database is accessible to all and aims to link academic research to policy-making, in line with IFI's goals," said Rami Khouri, IFI executive director. During the seminar, Faculty of Health Sciences Dean Iman Nuwayhid presented the findings of a recent study on youth health in the Arab world, with a focus on the health of youth in the Horsh Beirut area.

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