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## Upcoming list of events at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 09/03/2012 - The American University of Beirut will be holding the following lectures and events over the coming week:

- **LECTURE: 'Family and state in the Arab World'**

14-MAR-12 6:00 pm

College Hall, Auditorium B1

The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies is organizing a talk entitled "Family and state in the Arab World: Re-framing inquiries," by Professor Suad Joseph, University of California, on March 14, 2012, at 6:00 pm, in College Hall, Auditorium B1.

The talk will attempt to argue that "family" must be understood in the context of state formation and state-building projects and that state-building projects are always shaped by family formations.

- **Al Bustan Festival LECTURE: 'Dawn and sunset'**

15-MAR-12 6:00 pm

West Hall, Bathish Auditorium

Al Bustan Festival is organizing a lecture entitled "Dawn and sunset: A panorama of Mexican music in the 20th and 21st centuries," by Javier Alvarez, composer and musician, on March 15, 2012, at 6:00 pm, in West Hall, Bathish Auditorium.

- **LECTURE on Arab Gulf worker protests in the year of uprisings**

15-MAR-12 1:00 pm

West Hall, Auditorium C

The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies The Issam Fares Institute and the Department of Architecture and Design at the American University of Beirut are organizing a public lecture, entitled "A Politics of Non-Recognition? Biopolitics of Arab Gulf Worker Protests in the Year of Uprisings."

The lecture will be presented by Ahmed Kanna, assistant professor of anthropology and international studies at University of the Pacific, California. Kanna has a PhD in anthropology from Harvard University and is the author of two books on urbanism.

The lecture will attempt to situate worker uprisings in the Arab Gulf in their wider contexts, both in relation to the year of uprisings in the other parts of the Arab region and in relation to the history of reformist and revolutionary uprisings in the Gulf region.

- **SEMINAR: 'The difference difference makes'**

16-MAR-12 5:00 pm

West Hall, Auditorium A

The Education Forum is holding a seminar entitled "The difference difference makes," by Professor Cynthia Lee A. Pemberton, Idaho University, Pocatello, Idaho, USA, on March 16, 2012, at 5:00 pm, in West Hall, Auditorium A.

Using gender as a springboard, this session will engage issues of diversity, social justice, educational equity and hidden privilege, and explore how they act to frame socio-cultural constructions of knowing and being.

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Note to Editors

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Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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