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## Upcoming events at the American University of Beirut

Beirut, Lebanon- 08/03/2013 - The American University of Beirut will be organizing the following events in the coming days:

- **Lecture: 'The Lebanese diasporic life-world: between universality and specificity'**

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies and the Department of Political Studies and Public Administration at the American University of Beirut are organizing a lecture entitled "The Lebanese diasporic life-world: between universality and specificity" by Ghassan Hage, professor of anthropology and social theory at the University of Melbourne on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5:00pm in College Hall, Room 314.

Ghassan Hage has published extensively in the domain of comparative nationalism, racism and multiculturalism, in transnational Lebanese migration, and in social and anthropological theory. His paper approaches migration phenomenologically to ask: what constitutes a diasporic life-world? What are its general characteristics and how does one analyse it taking into account the cultural particularities of national-specific cultural forms? The paper uses ethnographic material to illustrate the tension between the particular and the universal in the analysis of Lebanese migration.

- **Lecture: 'The Curve of American Power and Israel's View of the Arab Uprisings'**

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) in collaboration with the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) and the AUB Palestinian Cultural Club are organizing a lecture entitled ["The Curve of American Power and Israel's View of the Arab Uprisings"](#) by Seif Dana on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Nabil Boustani Auditorium in Van Dyke.

Seif Dana is an Associate Professor of Sociology and International Studies at the University of Wisconsin- Parkside and is an Associate Editor of *Arab Studies Quarterly*.

In addition to research in the fields of social theory and sociology of the environment, he is the author of many articles and book chapters on the Palestine question and the Arab world, including: "*The Mismeasure of Arabs: Culture and Revolution*, The Arab World Geographer, (2011); "*Hezbollah's War of Positions: The New Arab-Islamic Praxis*", The Arab World Geographer, (2009); "*Islamic Resistance in Palestine: Hamas, the Gaza War and the Future of Political Islam*", Arab Studies Quarterly, (2006). Dana also writes a monthly column for Aljazeera.net since 2009 and his forthcoming book is titled "*Reimagining Islam, Reinventing Arab Nationalism*."

The lecture will analyze two critical issues in the region; the decline of American hegemony and US withdrawal from the Middle East, and secondly, in light of American decline, the lecture will address Israel's view of the Arab uprisings.

Note: Lecture will be in English

- **Conference: 'Sexual Sovereignty: Citizenship, Governmentality, Territory'**

The Prince Al Waleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) is hosting a conference entitled "Sexual Sovereignty: Citizenship, Governmentality, Territory". The conference is co-sponsored by The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES), the Office of the Provost and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) Dean's Office at the American University of Beirut and will be held on March 13, 14 and 15, 2013 between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm daily at College Hall, Auditorium B1.

Speakers include experts from AUB and from other prominent universities worldwide.

For the full conference agenda, kindly visit:

<http://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/casar/Conferences/Documents/Conference-Program.pdf>

- **Exhibition: 'Dar El Fata Al Arabi and Mohieddine El Labbad'**

The Archives and Special Collections at Jafet Library in the American University of Beirut is holding a book exhibit entitled "Dar El Fata El-Arabi and Mohieddine El Labbad," until March 31, 2013. The exhibition will be available during library working hours.

Founded in 1971 by Dr. Nabil Shaath, Dar El Fata El-Arabi is an influential publisher of children books in the Arab world. It was amongst the first publishing houses for children to present scientific and historic topics in an engaging and age-appropriate manner. It also did not shy away from addressing difficult and poignant political issues.

On display in the basement of Jafet Library, next to the Archives and Special collections alcove, is a panoply of children books published by Dar el Fata between 1970 and 1990. Included in the exhibit are a few noteworthy works by Mohieddine el-Labbad, a book illustrator and caricaturist who worked for Dar el-Fata upon its inception and gave it some of its best material.

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