Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs

Cordially invites you to a book launch

“100 Social Innovations from Finland”

by

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Monday, December 9th, 2013 | 12:30 - 2:00 pm
College Hall – Auditorium B 1 - AUB

What connects dish-drying cabinets to single-chamber parliament, the children’s day-care system to public laundry jetties, pettu bread to coalition governments?

Join us to learn more about the social innovations in Finland that laid the foundation to the Nordic welfare state model. “100 Social Innovations from Finland” is a book that highlights how social innovations have led to societal harmony. Finland has significant lessons learned to offer for the transitioning Arab States around gender equality, minority rights, free education, parliamentary democracy, and the consequent social stability they create. Copies of the translated Arabic version will be available during the event.

Dr Ilkka Taipale, (M.D.) holds a degree in Social Medicine. He has worked with and for poor people, unemployed, schizophrenics, homeless people, prisoners and alcoholics all his life. He has been Member of Parliament in 1971-75 and 2000-2007, and member of Helsinki City Council 1969 - 80 and from 1993 on continuously. Dr. Ilkka Taipale has served as Chief Doctor in Social Hospital for Alcoholics and Kellokoski Mental Hospital.

Dr. Vappu Taipale, (M.D.) holds a degree in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She served as Finland's Minister of Health and then Minister of Social Affairs and has been Director General of National Board of Social Welfare and of National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health in Finland. She was a member and chair of the United Nations University Council and is Honorary President, International Society for Gerontechnology. After retirement she is still involved in issues of mental health, ageing and world peace. She was co-president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) 2008-2012, and is senior adviser in the WHO Collaborating Centre for Mental Health Promotion, Prevention and Policies.

Note: Event will be in English