

## Carlos Slim, the world's wealthiest man, to lecture at AUB Friday March 12, 2010

Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim, who was recently listed by Forbes magazine as the world's wealthiest man, will present a lecture entitled "The New Civilization of Knowledge and Technology" on **March 17 at 3 pm.** 

The lecture will be held in **Maamari Auditorium at the new Suliman Olayan School of Business**, near the Green Field.

Slim, who is of Lebanese descent, is an engineer, businessman and philanthropist, whose holdings include companies engaged in telecommunications, finance, media, and a large number of industries.

He recently grabbed the top spot on the 2010 Forbes list of the World's Billionaires Americans to become the wealthiest person on earth with a fortune estimated at \$53.5 billion, thus beating out Bill Gates and Warren Buffett.

The billionaire has a substantial influence over the telecommunications industry in Mexico and much of Latin America. He controls Teléfonos de México (Telmex), Telcel and América Móvil companies. Carlos Slim currently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of Impulsora del Desarrollo y el Empleo en América Latina, S.A. de C.V. (IDEAL); chairman of Fundación Telmex, A.C.; chairman of Fundación Carlos Slim Helú, A.C.; chairman of the Executive Committee of Consejo Consultivo de Restauración del Centro Histórico; and chairman of Fundación del Centro Histórico, A.C..

In 2008, Carlos Slim was nominated member of Research and Development Corporation Executive Board, a nonprofit research organization in the United States which offers assessment and solutions about commerce and politics, among other aspects, throughout the world.