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The Beirut Economics Research Seminar Series: A New Collaborative Platform for Academic Exchange at AUB and LAU

The American University of Beirut's (AUB) Department of Economics at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with the Lebanese American University's (LAU) Department of Economics at the Adnan Kassar School of Business, announced the launch of the Beirut Economics Research Seminar Series. This initiative fosters academic exchange by bringing together academic researchers from a wide range of institutions.

The Beirut Economics Research Seminar Series provides an opportunity for academics in Beirut to engage and interact with world renown scholars on key research topics in economics, finance, and public policy. Through this partnership, AUB and LAU are creating a platform for robust academic dialogue and knowledge exchange. The seminar series is open to all colleagues from academic and economic policy institutions across Beirut and beyond, offering an inclusive and accessible environment for intellectual collaboration.

Two sessions were held in February, with a third planned to take place in March 2025.

The inaugural seminar of the series, titled "The Impact of Education on Values" took place at AUB. It featured distinguished speaker Ishac Diwan, professor of practice in economics at AUB since 2024, research director of the finance for development lab at the Paris School of Economics, and in charge of the political economy program of the Economic Research Forum.

The second seminar took place at LAU, where Associate Professor of Economics and East European Studies at Freie Universität Berlin Theocharis N. Grigoriadis presented his lecture, "Reactionary Utopia: Radicalization and Political Violence in the Russian Empire." The event explored the roots of radicalization and political violence, shedding light on historical contexts that have shaped modern geopolitical conflicts.

The third session of the Beirut Economics Research Seminar Series is scheduled to take place on March 11, 2025, at the Issam Fares Institute Conference Room on the AUB campus. This event will feature Branko Milanovic, renowned research professor at the Graduate Center at City University of New York, and senior scholar at The Stone Center on Socioeconomic Inequality. Milanovic will deliver a lecture on global economic inequality, drawing from his extensive research and insights as a leading expert on socioeconomic disparities.

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The series is part of an ongoing effort by AUB and LAU to promote collaboration between academic institutions in the region. By inviting scholars from across the Greater Beirut area, the organizers hope to stimulate critical, exchange of ideas, and academic collaboration on frontier research topics in the discipline.

To learn more about upcoming seminars and to reserve your spot, please visit <https://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/Pages/FASCalendar.aspx>

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