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### **AUB Announces the Launch of Beirut Art Review**

The American University of Beirut Press (AUB Press) announced the launch of *Beirut Art Review*, Lebanon's first open-access, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to contemporary and historical art in Beirut and the broader region—in collaboration with the Department of Fine Arts and Art History, and with the support of the Sheikh Zayed Chair for Arabic and Islamic Studies at the American University of Beirut (AUB).

Filling a long-standing gap in Lebanon's cultural and academic landscape, *Beirut Art Review* offers a vital platform for reflective, critically engaged, and theoretically informed writing on art. The journal is committed to fostering a deeper understanding of the art world—locally, regionally, and within the diaspora.

Dr. Joseph Hammond, assistant professor at the Department of Fine Arts and Art History at AUB and editor of the journal describes it as "an important step in supporting scholarship and criticism from the region about the region. We hope it will be a venue for critical dialogue on the most pressing conversations in the art and histories of the region."

Beirut Art Review welcomes submissions in English and Arabic across multiple categories, including exhibition and art film reviews, long-form articles exploring historical or theoretical aspects of regional art, and dialogues—such as interviews and response essays—that encourage and facilitate public discourse on art within the region.

With high-quality imagery accompanying each article and a rolling publication model, *Beirut Art Review* provides timely, accessible, and rigorous content designed for artists, curators, collectors, academics, students, and engaged readers across the region.

Visit the journal and explore its first published articles at www.beirutartreview.org.

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### **Note to Editors**

About AUB

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 790 full-time faculty members and a student body of over 9000 students. AUB currently offers more than 140 programs leading to 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 365-bed hospital.

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