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# Panel to discuss social and economic reform in Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon- 11/12/2012 - The American University of Beirut is organizing a panel discussion titled "Social and Economic Reform in Lebanon: Prospects for Sustainable Development," from 12 noon to 2pm on December 12, 2012 in West Hall, Auditorium A.

Organzied by the Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, the panel will include Samir El-Daher, advisor to the Lebanese Prime Minster and former World Bank advisor, and Youssef El-Khalil, executive director of the financial operations department at the Banque du Liban.

The panel will summarize the Lebanese government's current plans for social and economic reform. It panel will also consider the extent to which these policy reforms, if implemented, will generate the intended benefits. The topics covered by this panel will include: 1) macroeconomic and fiscal reform (budget policy, public debt management and public asset management); 2) infrastructure rehabilitation; and 3) social protection (public healthcare and pensions). This panel will begin with two individual presentations, which will be followed by an open question-and-answer discussion with the audience.

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