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# **Upcoming events at AUB**

**Beirut**, Lebanon- 25/10/2013 - The American University of Beirut is organizing the following lectures, discussions and exhibitions in the upcoming week:

# Exhibition of Cezar Nasr Collections: archival documents and books

Jafet Library is organizing an exhibition on Cezar Nasr, academic, environmentalist, and founder of the Ministry of Environment and its minister during 1980-1982. The exhibition features a collection of papers, documents, photos and books donated to the University Libraries by Cezar Nasr. It will open on October 31, 2013 at 6pm and run to November 30, 2013.

# Museum lecture on the birth of museums

The Society of the Friends of the Museum is organizing an illustrated lecture on large collections and their impact on the birth of museums, entitled "Les grandes collections et leur contribution à la naissance des musées."

The lecture will be led by art historian Nohad Shoucair and will be held on October 30, 2013 from 5.30pm to 7pm at the AUB Archeological Museum.

# World Bank to launch report on economic impact of Syrian conflict on Lebanon

The World Bank in collaboration with the Department of Economics at the American University of Beirut will be launching the latest Lebanon Economic Monitor (LEM) - Fall 2013 issue, titled "The Brunt of the Syrian Conflict," on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at Bathish Auditorium - West Hall

This issue of the Lebanon Economic Monitor provides an update on key economic developments and policies over the past six months. Its coverage ranges from the macroeconomy to financial markets to indicators of human welfare and development. It also presents findings from a recent World Bank report on Lebanon, the Economic and Impact Assessment of the Syrian Conflict undertaken by the Bank in collaboration with the UN. A copy of the full English report will be available at the launch, as well as the Executive Summary in Arabic and English.

Speakers at the event will include: Dr. Nisreen Salti, Associate Professor, Chair, Department of Economics, AUB; Mr. Ferid Belhaj, World Bank Director of Middle East Department; Dr. Eric Le Borgne, Lead Economist, World Bank, and Dr. Ibrahim Jamali, Economist, World Bank

# • Film Documentary "Not who we are" on Syrian women refugees in Lebanon

As part of the Syrian Relief Project at AUB led by the Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS), the documentary film "NOT WHO WE ARE - نحنا مو هيك " will be screened at AUB on Wednesday, October 30th, 2013, at 6pm, in Bathish Auditorium, West Hall, AUB.

The screening with be followed by a panel discussion session moderated by Dr. Vijay Prashad and will include Carol Mansour, her principal researcher Muna Khalidi and CCECS's Rabih Shibli.

This feature-length documentary by Carol Mansour focuses on the plight of refugee women from Syria who have fled Syria to Lebanon over the past two and a half years. Through the stories of five admirable and courageous women (Afra'a, Umm Omar, Umm Raed, Samar, and Siham) the audience is led through the "refugee experience" as it affects women. The women open up and share with their experiences of displacement and loss, and in the process revealing their strengths and resilience in the face of daily struggles to survive in an often harsh and unfriendly environment.

#### **ENDS**

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# **Note to Editors**

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