

AMPL Annual Report

2021-2024

Director, Maher Jarrar

Advisory Committee:

Maher Jarrar, director (October 2002 – February 2012; and from 2021 – present)

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Maha AbdelMageed, member (February 2023 – present)

2019 – 2021 Lockdown measures

*** Memorial Lecture, 2021** (online)

* إلياس خوري، الكلام والكلام المكسور

الجمعة، 21 أيار 2021، الساعة السادسة مساءً (Zoom)

*** Lecture (online): *Science Encounters Consciousness***

Professor Nassir Sabah, Neuroscientist and Professor, ECE Dept., AUB

September 16, 2021 - 6:00 pm

The nature of consciousness is examined at its two higher levels, that of the conscious self, which uniquely defines each human individual, and the state of heightened consciousness exemplified by the near-death experience. Scientific investigations on consciousness have important implications for the mind-brain problem.

*** Together with The Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Haigazian University**

Online Symposium on CENTENNIAL OF GREATER LEBANON Constituting the Idea of a “Lebanese Identity” Perspectives from the Lebanese Arts and Letters

Friday, February 5, 2021

9.00 am – 17.00 pm

2022

* الوعي الموازي: الحركة الفلسطينية الأسيرة في كتابات وليد دقة

عبد الرحيم الشيخ

أستاذ الفلسفة والدراسات الثقافية، جامعة بيرزيت، فلسطين

يقدمه الأستاذ إلياس خوري

الخميس، 17 تشرين² / نوفمبر 2022، الساعة 4:00-6:00

* Cosponsored CHLA Lecture Series 2022 - 2023

October 2022

Alenka Zupančič - European Graduate School;
Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

November 2022

Francoise Verges - Independent scholar and curator

January 2023

Andrew Cole - Princeton University

April 2023

Lisa Wedeen - University of Chicago
Judith Butler - European Graduate School;
University of California, Berkeley

May 2023

Aaron Benanav - Humboldt University of Berlin

2023

*** Memorial Lecture, 2023**

“Power, Knowledge, Empire and After”

Prof. Saree Makdisi (Professor of English & Comparative Literature
Chair, UCLA Department of English).

April 26, 2023 (IFI Auditorium) B 102

*** Recital Karim Said-The Goldberg Variations**

October 5, 2023

*** Cosponsored CHLA Lecture Series 2023**

2024

*** In collaboration with the Orient Institute Beirut**

Professor Hussein Abdulsater (Professor of Islamic Studies and Arabic Culture
Department of Classics, University of Notre Dame, Indiana)

“Knowledge and Its Discontents: Religion and Society according to al-Jāḥiẓ”

January 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Human reason is not reliable, but Islam is a rational and true religion. To solve this paradox, the great *littérateur* and intellectual provocateur al-Jāḥiẓ (d. 868-9) proposed that the cornerstone of rationality is social exposure, not theoretical arguments. His unique contribution lies in his uncanny attention to the biases of thinking and cognitive pitfalls. This talk seeks to situate his project in the formative ‘Abbasid moment of Islamic history. It also discusses the worldview of the theological group whose teachings he was advocating, the Epistemists.

*** Professor Jens Hanssen, Director of the Orient Institute Beirut**

“Albert Hourani and The American University of Beirut, 1937-1939”

March 12, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Why are liberals so forgiving of colonialism while so self-righteous about opposing authoritarianism, and why are leftists so obsessed with bashing liberalism while so forgiving of authoritarianism? This lecture explores these apparent contradictions by reassessing Albert Hourani's involvement in the struggle for Palestine during the British Mandate period. Young Hourani was a very 'good liberal' while Palestine has proven the limit case of liberalism.

* "افتتاح معرض في رحاب مكتبة عيسى إسكندر المعلوف
بالاشتراك مع دائرة الأرشفة والمجموعات الخاصة في مكتبة نعمة يافث
الخميس، 9 أيار، 2024 (الخماسة مساء)

* الأستاذ محمد حمزة (جامعة سوسة/تونس)،
الموروث الديني، بالاشتراك مع الدائرة العربية ولغات الشرق الأدنى، ومركز الدراسات العربية ودراسات
الشرق الأدنى
الخميس، 9 أيار، 2024

Maher Jarrar

Director