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Upcoming events at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 14/03/2014 - The following lectures and discussions will be taking place at AUB over the coming days:

•Lecture on laws for protecting Syrian refugees

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs is organizing a lecture and open discussion entitled, “Protecting Syrian Refugees: Laws, Policies and Global Responsibility-Sharing,” by Professor Susan Akram of Boston University Law School.

The lecture will take place on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm in the IFI New Building (AUB Green Oval) - Multipurpose Seminar Room 3rd Floor

The International Human Rights Clinical Program at the Boston University School of Law is completing a two-year research project focusing on the legal issues and problems that are creating barriers to relief and protection for refugees fleeing Syria.

This project focuses on the international and regional legal instruments that govern the rights of and obligations towards this refugee flow in the most affected states: Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, and Egypt. Addressing weaknesses in the existing legal framework within and among the states in which most of the Syrian refugees are seeking refuge, this research is oriented towards wider responsibility-sharing of the refugee flow.

Susan Akram, who directs the BU law school’s International Human Rights Clinical Program, will discuss the preliminary findings and recommendations based on the research at this event.

•Panel discussion on covering the war in Syria

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs is organizing a panel discussion entitled “Covering Syria: a panel discussion of the war in Syria and how journalists are covering it,” on Wednesday, March 19th, 2014 from 11:00am to 1:00pm, in the New IFI Building (Green Oval) - Auditorium, AUB.

Moderator:

Professor Sami Nader is a columnist for Al-Monitor and an economist, Middle Eastern affairs analyst and communication expert. Nader currently directs the Levant Institute for Strategic Affairs and is also a professor at USJ.

Panelists:

Professor Jad Melki is Director of the Media Studies Program at AUB and a former broadcast and digital journalist.

Mr. Jean Aziz is a columnist for Al-Monitor, as well as columnist for Al-Akhbar and host of a weekly political talk show on OTV. He teaches communications at the American University of Technology and the Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik in Lebanon.

Mr. Ali Hashem is a contributor to Al-Monitor and Al Mayadeen TV news network's chief correspondent, currently based in Tehran. Until March 2012, he was Al Jazeera's war correspondent, and prior to that he was a senior journalist at the BBC.

• **Screening and discussion of film, The Square**

As part of Social Justice and Development Policy in the Arab World initiative and in collaboration with Human Rights Watch, the Issam Fares Institute is screening the movie, The Square, on Thursday, March 20th, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, in The New IFI Building (Green Oval) - Auditorium, AUB.

The Oscar-nominated documentary by Jehane Noujaim, focuses on the continuous events in Egypt starting with the roots of the movements from Tahrir Square on January 25, 2011. The film offers a brilliant view of the revolution told through the personal stories of activists that meet in Tahrir Square.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion session by Asya el Meehy, Governance Officer at ESCWA and Nadim Houry, Human Rights Watch's deputy director of its Middle East and North Africa division and director of the Beirut office.

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