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Highlights

Lancet-Palestinian Health Alliance Conference

In Lebanon, Palestinian refugees struggle with poor health, exacerbated by substandard housing and other forms of social, political and economic marginalization. A recent study conducted by Médecins Sans Frontières among refugees in Burj el-Barajneh found that 51% of adults suffered from mental distress or disorder. Another study conducted by AUB in collaboration with UNRWA assessing the health and living conditions of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon, shows that 31% of those surveyed suffer from chronic illnesses, 25% suffer from acute illnesses and 40% from overcrowded households

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BZU Launches Ibn Sina School for Computer Science

The BZU Faculty of Information Technology launched a project entitled the Ibn Sina School for Computer Science on 20 March 2012. This Project is funded by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development in Kuwait, in cooperation with BZU Faculty of Information Technology and the Welfare Association. The ceremony was attended by BZU

BZU Visitors

Chinese Delegation Visits BZU

On 28 February 2012, BZU received a delegation from the Republic of China (PRC), comprising a group of businessmen, investors, academics and media professionals, in addition to the Palestinian Ambassador to China, Mr. Ahmad Abbas Ramadan. The aim of the visit was for delegation members to examine closely the situation of higher education in Palestine and explore potential collaboration. [More...](#)



International Cooperation

The Institute of Environmental and Water Studies Participates in the 6th World Water Forum

Institute of Environmental and Water Studies, Birzeit University, participated actively in the 6th World Water Forum organized by the World Water Council in Marseille-France during the period 12-17 March 2012. [More...](#)

Cooperation Agreements

BZU and Ministry of Local Government Sign Cooperation Agreement

The Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Local Government on 22 February 2012. [More...](#)



Sports, Art & Cultural Activities

Graduation of Second Cohort of Sports Management Diploma Students

On 29 February 2012, the Center for Continuing Education (CCE) at BZU celebrated the graduation of the second cohort of Sports Management Diploma Students and the opening of the training for the third cohort of Sports Management Diploma Students. [More...](#)



Students Affairs

Faculty of Commerce and Economics Launches Youth Training Program "Waves of Joy"

President, Dr. Khalil Hindi; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Adnan Yahya; Dean of the Information Technology Faculty, Dr. Ali Jaber; Professor of Computer Science and Local Coordinator for the Project, Dr. Yousef Hassouneh; and Director and Founder of Ibn Sina School, Dr. Adnan Darwiche. [More...](#)

Publications

Aljazeera and Qatar – Discourse on Politics and Policies of Discourse

The East African Publishing House in Morocco recently published the second international edition of the book Aljazeera and Qatar – Discourse on Politics and Policies of Discourse. The book is written by BZU Professor of Media, Mohammed Abu al-Rub, with a foreword by Media Department Chairperson, Dr. Walid Shurafa, and concluding remarks by Dr. Khaled Hroub, Director of Cambridge Arab Media Programme (CAMP) at the University of Cambridge in Britain. [More...](#)

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The Training and Employment Unit at the Faculty of Commerce and Economics in collaboration with INJAZ al-Arab and the National Beverage Company Coca Cola launched the Youth Training Program “Waves of Joy” on 28 February 2012. [More...](#)

Community Outreach

BZU Participates in First Palestinian Inter-University Voluntary Work Camp

BZU students participated in the first Palestinian Inter-University Voluntary Work Camp, held at Al-Istiqlal University from 29 February to 3 March 2012. [More...](#)

Workshop Entitled: "Palestinian Strategy for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency"

The Acting Chairman of the Palestinian Energy Authority, Dr. Omar Kattanah, confirmed that the Strategic Plan for Renewable Energy encourages those interested in installing solar panels on the roofs of their homes. [More...](#)

BZU Invites Journalists to Discuss Cooperation Mechanism

On 21 February 2012, BZU held a meeting with journalists and media professionals, aiming to strengthen relations and open avenues of cooperation between both parties. [More...](#)



Miscellaneous

First Meeting of the IALIIS Alumni Association

The Alumni Association of the Ibrahim Abu Lughod Institute of International Studies at BZU held its first meeting on 17 March 2012. During the meeting, the former and recent graduates, as well as current students of the Institute, had the opportunity to become acquainted and share their experiences [More...](#)

Workshop on "International Aid: a 'Necessary Evil' for Development in Palestine?"

On 28 February 2012, the Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies (IALIIS) conducted a workshop entitled: “International Aid: a ‘Necessary Evil’ for Development in Palestine?” The workshop is part of a series the IALIIS organizes on the Political Economy of Dependence and Independence in Palestine. [More...](#)



Lecture on Anthropology and Plane without a Pilot

As part of the general lecture series organized by the Sociology and Anthropology Department, a lecture was given entitled: "Anthropology and Plane without a Pilot (readings in the techniques of contemporary colonial wars)." [More...](#)

Sociology and Anthropology Department

As part of lecture series held by the Sociology and Anthropology Department, Lecturer in the Department, Dr. Zuhair Sabbagh, delivered a lecture on 22 February 2012. Dr. Sabbagh addressed the theme of his book titled, "Israeli Intellectuals and the Zionist State," published in 2011 by MADAR Center in Ramallah. The lecture was attended by [More...](#)

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