

Highlights

Samih Darwazah Donates Pharmaceuticals Factory to BZU

BZU has announced that Mr. Samih Darwazah, the Founder and Chairman of Hikma Pharmaceuticals in Jordan, will donate the establishment of a pharmaceutical factory for educational purposes. The factory is expected to fulfill international standards and compete with outstanding factories. [more...](#)



AM Qattan Foundation is Listed among the Top 100 Philanthropic Family Foundations

BZU celebrated the fourth Family Foundation Giving Trends 2011 Report issued in the UK, in which the AM Qattan Foundation is listed among the top one hundred philanthropic family foundations. [more...](#)

BZU Ranks First in Excellence in Legal Research

The Information Center at the Ministry of Justice announced the results of the Excellence in Legal Research Contest on 7 December 2011. [more...](#)



Student Affairs

BZU Honors Students with Hassounch Scholarship for Academic Excellence

BZU organized an honorary ceremony on 5 December 2011 to award ten scholarships to academically outstanding students. In support of BZU students, Managing Director of the Gas & Equipment Factory in Abu Dhabi, Mr. Abdel Karim Hassounch, donated \$150,000 USD in scholarship money to cover tuition fees for select students for four years.



BZU Student Ranks First in French Short Story Writing Contest

BZU Student Dima Shajadieh ranked first in a short story competition, where students from the University of Hebron, An-Najah National University and Al-Aqsa University in Gaza, as well as BZU wrote creative pieces in French. [more...](#)

Other Topics of Interest

Seminar on "Arab Spring: Reality and Metaphor"

Chairperson of the Media Department, Dr. Walid Shurafa, pointed to the risk involved in modern history making, noting that the Arab Spring is part of a metaphor that shapes history and generates a social reality. [more...](#)

Training Course on Digital Montage

On 30 November 2011, the BZU Media Development Center concluded a 30-hour training course that ran from 23-30 November 2011 on digital montage using the program "Final Cut Pro," a professional software package for video editing.. [more...](#)

Nanotechnology Meeting .

On 22 November 2011, a two-day meeting was commenced between the Central Technology Division (ZAT) and BZU. [more...](#)

"Development and Social Justice" Workshop Held at Center for Development Studies

The BZU Center for Development Studies (CDS) in Gaza in cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Alumni Association held a workshop on "Development and Social Justice" on 21 November 2011. [more...](#)

Lecture Series on European Union.

The Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies (IALIIS) concluded a series of lectures on the European Union (EU) on 1 December 2011. The lectures are part of a graduate course titled *International Studies 735: The EU*, which focuses on diplomacy. [more...](#)

Community Outreach

Seminar on Palestinian Reconciliation

On 7 December 2011, the Political Science Department at BZU organized a seminar titled "Palestinian Reconciliation," in which Fateh Central Committee Member Azzam al-Ahmad was the keynote speaker. [more...](#)

Seminar on Consequences of Peace Process and Oslo Accord

On 28 November 2011 the Political Science Department at BZU in collaboration with the Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies (MADAR) held a seminar on the consequences of the Palestinian-Israeli peace process and Oslo Accord. [more...](#)

Legal Affairs

Public Freedoms in the Palestinian National Authority-Controlled Territory

On 13 December 2011, the Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU in Gaza organized a legal encounter in partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung on the "Public Freedoms in the Palestinian National Authority-Controlled Territory."

Role of Judiciary in Promoting Labor Legislation Implementation

With support from the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and in cooperation with the Palestinian Ministry of Labor (MoL) and High Judicial Council (HJC), the BZU Institute of Law (IoL) organized a seminar on "The Role of the Judiciary in Promoting Implementation of Labor Legislation." [more...](#)

Integrating Gender Criteria in Local Governance Units' Work in Tulkarem Governorate

On 17 December 2011, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Local Governance (MoLG), the Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU launched a specialized training course on Integrating Gender Criteria in the Work of Local Governance Units. [more...](#)



Training on Integrating Gender Criteria in Local Governance Units' Work

In cooperation with the Ministry of Local Governance (MoLG), the Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU launched a specialized training course on "Integrating Gender Criteria into the Work of Local Governance Units" on 3 December 2011. [more...](#)

BZU Faculty of Law and Public Administration Signs MoU with Leaders Organization

The Faculty of Law and Public Administration, represented by the Dean, Dr. Saleh Abdel Jawwad, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Leaders Organization on 28 September 2011. According to this agreement, both parties will implement the project "A New Generation of Human Rights Defenders," funded by the Australian Agency for International Development as part of the grants for Human Rights. [more...](#)

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Dr. Rita Giacaman Receives Honorary Doctorate from London School of Economics



The University of London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in the UK awarded Associate Professor of Public Health and Head of the Research and Programs Unit at the Institute of Community and Public Health (ICPH) at BZU an Honorary Doctorate of Science in Economics for her outstanding contributions to research and practical applications in social sciences, health and related fields. [more...](#)

Art & Culture Activities

12th Annual Christian Book Fair

On 17 December 2011, the 12th annual Christian Book Fair was opened at the BZU Faculty of Engineering building. The opening ceremony was attended by His Beatitude the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah; Reverend Louis Hazboun, Pastor in Birzeit; and accompanying priests. [more...](#)

Exhibition "Between Ebal and Gerzim" Opens at BZU

As part of the 2011 third annual Cities Exhibition, BZU Museum opened the exhibition "Between Ebal and Gerzim" on 10 December 2011 in the presence of a crowd of officials, artists and interested individuals. [more...](#)

Conferences

Conference on Status and Challenges of Nanotechnology in Palestinian Universities



Sponsored by the Palestinian Cellular Communication Company Jawwal, the Faculty of Science at BZU held a conference on 10 December 2011 on the status and challenges of nanotechnology in Palestinian universities. [more...](#)

Academic Affairs

Workshop on the Use of Research in Teaching

BZU Faculty of Graduate Studies held a workshop on the use of research in teaching on 17 December 2011 in which several BZU faculty members conveyed their experiences. [more...](#)

BZU Visitors

BZU Hosts CEO of Massar International Bashar Masri

BZU President, Dr. Khalil Hindi, received Bashar Masri, Chief Executive Officer of Massar International, on 19 December 2011, in the presence of BZU Vice-President for Community Affairs, Dr. Munir Qazzaz. [more...](#)



Commencement of 4th and 5th Cohorts of Legal Skills Diploma Program

On 10 December 2011, the Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU organized a graduation ceremony for students who had completed the Specialized Diploma Program in Legal Skills. [more...](#)

Democratic Transformations and Arab Revolutions

On 7 December 2011, the Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU organized a legal encounter on the Democratic Transformations and Arab Revolutions. The presentation was made by Jean-Pierre Massias, Professor of Public Law at the French University of Pau in France. [more...](#)

