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Highlights

Visits

New British Council Director Visits Birzeit University



On Thursday 11 October 2012, the new British Council Director, Mr. Alan Smart, visited Birzeit University (BZU). He met with the President, Dr. Khalil Hindi, and Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Henry Giacaman, and Ms. Dolly Kaibni-Nammour, External Academic Relations Officer. [More...](#)

Academic & Students Activities

Department of History and Archaeology Organizes Workshop on Numismatics

Three visiting French scholars held an intensive workshop at Birzeit University on the field of archeology and the study of coins, also called numismatics. The workshop was organized by BZU's Department of History and Archaeology and sponsored by the Institut Français du Proche-Orient (IFPO), the French Consulate, and the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française in Jerusalem from December 3-7, 2012. [More...](#)

Israel's Attack on Palestinians in the Gaza

The Institute of Law Holds Conference on The Legislative Status in the Palestinian Territory Reality and Prospects

On Tuesday, 4 December 2012, the Institute of Law (IoL) at Birzeit University (BZU) organised a conference on The Legislative Status in the Palestinian Territory: Reality and Prospects. The event brought together a significant number of specialists, experts, and representatives of official bodies as well as local and international civil society organisations. [More...](#)



BZU Student Awarded Third Place at 15th Arab Creative Students Forum

Law and Public Administration student Hind Ramadan Al-Batta placed third in the scientific research contest at the 15th Arab Creative Students Forum held at Imam Mohammad bin Saud Islamic University in Saudi Arabia on November 17-22, 2012. Over 150 students from various Arab universities participated in the forum. [More...](#)

Third Annual BZU Science Festival Holds Closing Ceremonies

For the third year running, the BZU Science Festival offered the latest in scientific exploration in chemistry, physics, mathematics and biology. Its closing ceremonies were held on Monday November 12, 2012 in cooperation with the Palestinian Ministry of Education, the French Cultural Center, Al-Nayzak Association and Al-Qattan Center. [More...](#)



BZU Conference "Arabic Language in Palestinian Universities: Between Reality and Ambition"

Participants in the November 10, 2012 conference entitled "Arabic Language in Palestinian Universities: Between Reality and Ambition" indicated that the Arabic language curriculum in universities needs greater attention, particularly in light of the "information revolution." University requirements should be reviewed, they asserted, and theoretical aspects integrated in the applied side of Arabic language teaching in universities. [More...](#)



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Lecture Explores US Presidential Elections and their Outcome

The Birzeit University Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies presented a lecture on November 6, 2012 on the US presidential elections and how they might impact the Palestinian cause. The speakers were Lourd Habash and Samir Awad, both professors in the Department of Political Science. [More...](#)



Consultative conference at BZU on impact of political detention on families

Strip Explored at Public Forum



Birzeit University's Faculty of Law and Public Administration held a public forum on November 20, 2012 on the repercussions of Israel's recent attack on Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Faculty Dean Asem Khalil moderated the forum, which featured three speakers: Saleh Abdel Jawad, political science professor, Yassir Amouri, professor of international law, and Basim Al-Zubeidi, professor of political science. [More...](#)

Spatial Planning Curricula Workshop Held

BZU's Department of Architectural Engineering organized a workshop on "Developing Main Guidelines for Spatial Planning Curricula" that was held November 17-18, 2012 as part of the APPEAR Project (Capacity Building for Rural Development in the occupied Palestinian territories). [More...](#)

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On 19 November, 2012, representatives of more than a dozen local and international NGOs that work with Palestinian detainees and their families, in addition to the Ministry of Detainee and Ex-detainee Affairs, attended a consultative conference at Birzeit University's Institute of Community and Public Health (ICPH). [More...](#)

Private Sector Joins BZU Preparations for First MSc in Software Engineering

Palestinian companies were invited to meet with the Birzeit University Faculty of Information Technology on December 6, 2012 to discuss preparations for a new MSc program in software engineering funded by TEMPUS, a project of the European Union. [More...](#)



Lecturer Reviews Expansion of Israeli Settlements in Jerusalem and West Bank

In a lecture presented at Birzeit University on November 13, 2012, cartographer and settlement expert Khalil Tufakji drew a connection between Israeli settlement underway today and the plans of former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in 2001. [More...](#)



Lecture on Industry-University Collaboration

On Tuesday December 18, 2012, BZU Faculty of Information Technology hosted a lecture entitled "Industry and University Collaboration" given by Salem Awadallah, Service Delivery Director and Chief Technical Officer at ASAL Technologies, a software and IT services outsourcing company in Ramallah. [More...](#)

Palestine's new position as a non-member state at the United Nations

BZU Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies sponsored a forum on December 11, 2012 exploring the significance of Palestine's new position as a non-member state at the United Nations. [More...](#)



Training Course Kicks Off on Family Court Trial Procedures

The Institute of Law (IoL) at Birzeit University organised a training course on "Trial Procedures before Family Courts in Palestine" for practicing and trainee lawyers in the northern and central West Bank. [More...](#)



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