



Journalist Ana Maria Luca Seeks LERC on Lebanese Migration

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Ana Maria Luca, an experienced journalist and long featured writer has visited the Lebanese Emigrants Research Center (LERC) at Notre- Dame University-Louaizé (NDU) on the 6th of May, 2015.

Ms. Luca met with Ms. Liliane Haddad, Chief Indexer and Archivist at LERC, to inform her that she has taken over her former colleague Nadine Elali's Lebanese diasporas infographic series at Now Lebanon. She explained that the project is currently interested in the Lebanese migration to Brazil and that other diasporas such as Mexico, Australia, Europe and West Africa are to follow.

Mrs. Haddad provided Ms. Luca with all the available books, articles, reports, monographs, photos, audio-visual recordings and material culture that LERC has in its collection in order for the journalist to extract information pertaining to the scope of her infographic on Brazil.

Ms. Luca was also introduced to Dr. Elsa El Hachem Kirby, one of LERC's Research Associates, who has recently completed her PhD on the Lebanese entrepreneurs in Brazil and who is knowledgeable about the history of Lebanese migration to that country.

Ms. Luca has over 10 years of experience in journalism half of which in the Middle East. She has received 2 journalism awards. Currently, she is practicing her field as a Journalist with solid experience in both print and broadcast media for NOW Lebanon in Beirut, Lebanon. Ana Maria is also a political scientist whose specialty is in the field of ethnic conflict.