

Provisional Program
Academic Sessions, Excursions, and Receptions
The 38th International Byron Conference in Lebanon
Notre Dame University-Zouk Mosbeh
LEBANON
July 1-6, 2012

Sunday, July 1: Arrival of Delegations
06:00-06:30 pm: Registration (NDU-Issam Fares Hall)
06:30-07:00 pm: Opening Ceremony (NDU-Issam Fares Hall)
07:00-07:30 pm: *Cultural Performances*
07:30-08:30 pm: Reception (NDU-Issam Fares Hall)

Monday, July 2:
09:00-09:45: Keynote Speaker 1 (NDU-Abou Khater Hall)
One speaker (30 minutes + 15 minutes discussion)

09:45-11:00: Session 1 (NDU-Abo Khater Hall)
3 speakers (20 minutes each + 15 minutes for discussion)

Coffee Break 30 minutes

11:30- 01:15: Session 2 (NDU-Abou Khater Hall)
4 speakers (20 minutes each + 20 minutes for discussion)

Lunch 100 minutes

03:00- 4:45: Session 3
4 speakers (20 minutes each + 20 minutes for discussion)

05:00-06:30: Meeting of the Advisory Board (NDU-Abou Khater Hall)
06:45-09:30: *Excursion: Downtown Beirut-dinner on your own.*

Tuesday, July 3:
09:00-09:45: Keynote Speaker 2 (NDU-Abou Khater Hall)
One speaker (30 minutes + 15 minutes discussion)

09:45-11:00: Session 4 (NDU-Abo Khater Hall)
3 speakers (20 minutes each + 15 minutes for discussion)

Coffee Break 30 minutes

11:30- 01:15: Session 5 (NDU-Abou Khater Hall)
4 speakers (20 minutes each + 20 minutes for discussion)

Lunch 100 minutes

03:00- 4:45: Session 6
4 speakers (20 minutes each + 20 minutes for discussion)

05:00-07:00: *Excursion to Jeita (a natural grotto nominated for the 7 natural wonders of the world)*
Free Evening

Wednesday, July 4: Venue: Lebanese University-Main Campus (Beirut-LU Hall)

09:00: Leaving NDU Guest House

09:00: Leaving Hotel

10:15 am: Welcome Address-President of the Lebanese University

10:30-11:15 Keynote Speaker 3

Keynote Speaker (30 minutes + 15 minutes discussion)

30 minutes Coffee break

11:45-01:30: Session 7 (LU Hall)

4 speakers (20 minutes each + 20 minutes for discussion)

Lunch 90 minutes

03:00-04:15: Session 8 (LU Hall)

3 speakers (20 minutes each + 15 minutes for discussion)

04:30-09:00: *Excursion to Beiteddine and Deir El-Kamar. About 17 kilometers from Beirut, just a few kilometers after the town of Damour and 850 meters above sea level. The Beiteddine palace complex, Lebanon's best example of early 19th century Lebanese architecture, was built over a thirty year period by Emir Bechir El Chehab II, who ruled Mount-Lebanon for more than half a century. The General Directorate of Antiquities carefully restored Beiteddine to its original grandeur after it was declared a historic monument in 1934. Beginning in 1943, the year of Lebanon's independence, the palace became the summer residence of the Lebanese presidents.*

Free Evening

Thursday, July 5: (Conference Tour)

09:00- 07:00 pm: *Excursion to Baalbek (Wine tasting in Kefraya and lunch in Zable)*

Free Evening

Friday, July 6:

09:00-09:45: Keynote Speaker 4 (NDU-Abou Khater Hall)

One speaker (30 minutes + 15 minutes discussion)

09:45-11:00: Session 9 (NDU-Abo Khater Hall)

3 speakers (20 minutes each + 15 minutes for discussion)

Coffee Break 30 minutes

11:30- 01:15: Session 10 (NDU-Abou Khater Hall)

4 speakers (20 minutes each + 20 minutes for discussion)

Lunch 100 minutes

03:00- 4:45: Session 11

4 speakers (20 minutes each + 20 minutes for discussion)

05:00-06:00: General Meeting (NDU-Abou Khater Hall)

08:30: *Conference Gala Dinner (Lebanese Mezza, Lebanese Music, Lebanese Folklore dance, and etc.*

End of the Conference

Saturday, July 7: (Optional Tour I)

09:00-07:00 pm: *Excursion to Byblos (the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world) and then to Bechare: Gibran Khalil Gibran Museum and meeting with the Curator; visit of the Cedars of Lebanon (lunch included).*

Sunday, July 8: (Optional Tour II)

Excursion to Sidon and Tyre (lunch included)

Free Evenings' Suggestions:

1. *Cultural and Artistic Festivals (Early reservations necessary)*
2. *Visit to Harisa (The Lady of Lebanon), a 250 meters hill above sea level overlooking the spectacular Bay of Jounieh, and reached by cable cart (50 meters from Hotel Portaluna and 15 minutes by taxi from NDU Guest House).*
3. *Shopping and Dining: Kaslik, Jounieh, and Old Zouk Mikael (15 minutes by taxi from Hotel and NDU), Beirut Downtown and Beirut Rouche (30 minutes by taxi from Hotel and NDU)*
4. *Dinner in a Lebanese Restaurant-Lebanese Meza and Belly Dancing Show (Jounieh Area)*
5. *Nightlife in Jounieh or Gemaizeh-Beirut*
6. *The Casino de Liban (International Shows and Games—15 minutes by taxi from Portaluna Hotel and 25 minutes by taxi from NDU Guest House)*

Organizing Committee:

Naji Oueijan (Chair-NDU), Carol Kfourri, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities (NDU), Sami Samra, Chair of the Dept. of English Translation, and Education (NDU), May Maalouf (LU), Joshua D. Gonsalves (AUB), Maya Hajj (NDU), and Harvey Oueijan (NDU).

Academic Advisors: Joan Blythe, Tim Webb, Alan Rawes, Allan Gregory, Shobhana Bhattacharji, Maria Schoina, Olivier Feignier, Nora Liasis.