

***Director Hourani participates in The Protection Project of Johns Hopkins University***  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at the Beirut Arab University and Notre Dame University  
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The Protection Project at Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, represented by Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director, and the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy represented by Dr. Edward Alam, General Secretary, invited Ms. Guita Hourani, Director of the Lebanese Emigration Research Center, to the Conference on Trafficking in Persons in Lebanon, held in Beirut, and to an International Expert Round Table on International Migration, Women's Employment and Child Labor held at Notre Dame University.

Ms. Hourani participated in the first event, entitled *Combating Trafficking in Persons in Lebanon: Government and Civil Society Partnership*, which was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 at Beirut Arab University, where Miss Jocelyne Issa, who is completing at NDU her MA on the topic of trafficking in Lebanon, presented a paper at the conference.

The Conference aimed at shedding light on the old and new forms of trafficking in persons in Lebanon and the neighboring countries while promoting increased cooperation in combating the crime between government agencies and civil society organizations, including educational institutions, corporations, the media, religious institutions, and non-governmental organizations.



The panel sits at NDU: (from left to right) Dr. E. Alam, Dr. Y. Mattar, Fr. W. Moussa, Dr. C. Ghais (Jan 2011).

The International Expert Round Table held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at NDU, Louaizé, was opened in the presence of NDU President, Father Walid Moussa; Dr. Mohammed Y. Mattar, Executive Director of the Protection Project at the Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies in the United States; Dr. Edward Alam, NDU Professor and the

General Secretary of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy; and Dr. Chahine A. Ghais, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Public Administration and Diplomacy at NDU.

The International Expert Round Table entitled, *International Migration, Women's Employment, and Child Labor*, was divided into three Expert Group Discussions about three themes: "International Migration"; "Child Labor and Women's Employment"; and "Economic Corruption, Ethics and Development".

Director Hourani was invited by Dr. Alam as a discussant for the first Expert Group Discussion. The theme was *International Migration*, including two topics, namely *International Migration and Globalization*, and *Brain Drain or Brain Circulation*. The presenters were in order Dr. Majid Habibian Naghibi, and Dr. Javad Saadatfar, both of whom are faculty members of the Department of Economics at Mofid University, Qom, in Iran.



Director Hourani speaks at the Expert Group Discussion (Jan 2011).

Furthermore, Dr. Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous, Adjunct Research Associate at LERC and former Acting Director of the Center, and Chairperson of the Political Science Department at NDU, was also a participant at the second Expert Group Discussion about *Child Labor and Women's Employment*.