***Lebanese-British Scholar and Businessman Mr. Mark Chahine-Warrington Visits LERC***
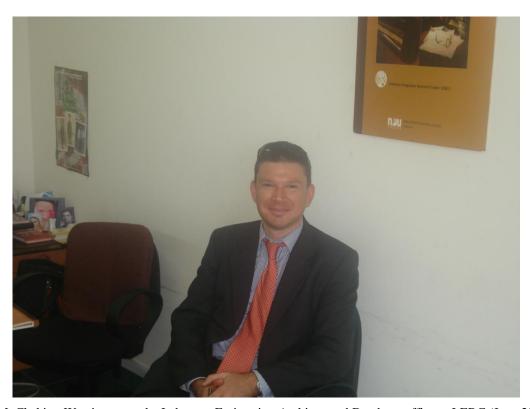Wednesday 8th June 2011, LERC, NDU
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The Lebanese Emigration Research Center at NDU, Louaize, welcomed to its premises Mr. Mark Chahine-Warrington, a current postgraduate candidate at the renowned Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

According to his biography Mr. Chahine-Warrington "holds a BSc (Hons) degree in Maritime Studies and an MA in Social Anthropology. He is an MPhil candidate at Trinity College, Dublin, and the Managing Director of a London-based international steel trading company. Additionally he is the Chairman of the International Seafarers Assistance Network, a British registered charity."

Mr. Chahine-Warrington was encouraged to visit LERC by Mr. Guy Younes, Chairman of the Irish Lebanese Cultural Foundation and long time proponent of the Center.

Mr. Chahine-Warrington was born and raised in the United Kingdom and is of Lebanese-British descent. He is in the process of writing his dissertation on workings of welfare policy in Lebanon, entitled *A Critical Review of the Working of the Welfare Policy of a Weak State, Lebanon* and with this in mind he sought out the services of LERC.



Mr. M. Chahine-Warrington at the Lebanese Emigration Archives and Database office at LERC (June 2011).

LERC's Chief Indexer Mrs. Liliane Haddad explained the numerous resources at a researcher's disposal, including pertinent primary sources on the specific research topic. Mrs. Haddad also gave an in-depth presentation of the Center's electronic archives touching on the historical and contemporary experiences of Lebanese emigrants.

Mr. Chahine-Warrington was given various informative materials from the LERC electronic archives for help with his study. He found the archives to be "truly fascinating, a comprehensive collection and a gem of information". LERC in turn was delighted to host him, simultaneously strengthening relations with the Irish-Lebanese community.