



Mr. Douarin from SciencesPo Solicits LERC

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The Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at the Faculty of Law and Political Science (FLPS), Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), hosted on March 11th, 2016 Louis Le Douarin from European University Institute in Florence- France. Mr. Le Douarin has a Bachelor in geography and history; he enrolled a Master in International affairs at Sciencespo Paris that he finished in 2014. He also enrolled in a master in geography (research) in 2013 that he is currently finishing at Paris1 Panthéon Sorbonne. Last year, he passed the aggregation exam that allows him to teach geography. Mr. Le Douarin was eager to discuss with LERC Director. Dr. Guita Hourani his doctoral research.

The research proposal that he is currently working on focuses on the development of geographical knowledge on Lebanon. He wants to study the link between this *knowledge* that encompasses classical scientific production such as maps, text books etc. but also discourses on space coming from military, political and vernacular actors, and the territorial construction of the Levant. The reason he turned to LERC is because he wants his study to include a reflection on the role of the Diasporas in this processes

On this visit, Mr. Le Douarin discussed with Dr. Hourani the role of Diasporas in the process of the development of geographical knowledge on Lebanon. Dr. Hourani linked him to different Known Archives such as Patriarchal Archives and Centre Phoenix at USEK