

Linking Research to Policy in the Middle East Region: Family Ties and Aging
American University of Beirut
B1 College Hall
October 19-21, 2010

Tuesday, Oct. 19

8:00 pm Reception/Dinner at Rotana Hotel

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Dr Kristine Ajrouch, Eastern Michigan University

Dr Iman Nuwayhid, Dean, GHF, American University of Beirut

Minister Introductions, Dr Bernard Gerbaka, Senior Advisor to Minister Sayegh

HE Dr Selim El Sayegh, Minister of Social Affairs

HE Dr Mohamad J Khalifeh, Minister of Health

Wednesday, Oct. 20

9:00-11:00 - Panel 1: Social Relations, Stress, Health Across Life Course I

Moderator: Monique Chayya, American University of Beirut

1. Norms of Family Relations, Dr Toni Antonucci, University of Michigan
2. Economics and Aging – Mr Adib Nehmeh, United Nations
3. Social Relations in Cultural Context—Dr Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı, Koc University
4. Family Dynamics and Living Arrangements, Dr Zeinab Khadr, American University of Cairo

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-1:15 Panel 2: Methods of Research in the Region

Moderator: Huda Zurayk, American University of Beirut

1. Survey Research, Dr Ahmed Abdel Monem, PAPFAM
2. Ethics in Study of Culture/Older Populations, Dr Sawsan Abdulrahim, American University of Beirut
3. Perspectives from a Research Firm, Mr Jawad Adra, Information International
4. Qualitative approaches to Family Research, Dr Judy Makhoul, American University of Beirut

1:15-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:30 Roundtable 1: Age Friendly Cities

Introduction: Nabil M Kronfol

Moderator: HE Dr Adnan Mroueh

1. Outdoor Spaces, Dr Bilal Hamad, Mayor of Beirut
2. Outdoor Spaces, Mr Nadim Jisr, CDR
3. Housing and Transportation, Mr Assem Salam, Order of Engineers
4. Outdoors and Environment, Mr Mohamad Fawaz, Civic Planning Board
5. Social Participation, Mr Ghazi Quraytem, Chamber of Commerce and Trade
6. Respect and Social Inclusion, Dr Kamal Kallab, USEK University
7. Civic Participation and Employment, Mr Samir Hammoud, Banker and Rotary Club
8. Legislation and Civil Society, Mr Joseph Abdul Ahad

4:30-6:00 pm Poster Session

8:00 Meet in Rotana Lobby for Dinner—Karam Downtown Beirut

Thursday Oct. 21

9:00-11:00 Panel 3: Social Relations, Stress, Health Across Life Course II

Moderator: Clemens Tesch-Roemer, German Centre of Gerontology

1. Stress and Family Relations, Kristine Ajrouch, Eastern Michigan University
2. Developing Capacities in Aging Studies, Laurie Abihabib, University of Balamand
3. Intergenerational Relations in East Africa, Isabella Aboderin, Oxford University (could not attend)
4. Living Arrangements, Ms Olla Shideed, World Health Organization, EMRO

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-1:15 Roundtable 2: Planning for Late Life Issues

Introduction: Dr Nabil M Kronfol

Moderator: Dr Salim Adib

1. LT Care and Palliative Care, Mr Azzam Hourri, Dar Al Ajaza and National Committee on Aging (Could not attend)
2. Hospice and Home Care, Dr Hiba Othman, American University of Beirut
3. Pain Management, Dr Huda Abi Saad-Huijjer, American University of Beirut
4. Provision of Care, Dr Walid Ammar, DG, Ministry of Health
5. Funding Care, Mr Joseph Khalifeh, National Social Security Fund
6. Caregivers, Dr Joelle Seoud, University Saint Joseph
7. Ethical Issues, Dr Michel Daher, University of Balamand
8. Spiritual dimensions (The Islamic view), Dr Hicham Nachabi, Makassed University
9. Spiritual dimensions (The Christian view), Father Joseph Mouannes

1:15-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:30 Panel 4: Translating Research into Policy and Programs

Moderator: Dr Hassan Hammoud, Lebanese American University

1. Center for Studies on Aging, Dr Abla Sibai, American University of Beirut
2. Research Role in Informing Policy and Practice, Dr Nabil Dajani, American University of Beirut
3. Developing Caring Communities, Dr Hiroko Akiyama, University of Tokyo
4. Policy-Making in the MENA region, Mr Rami Khouri, Issam Fares Institute

**4:30-5:00 Research and Policy Next Steps
Organizing Committee**