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2nd Banking and Finance International Conference (BFIC)

February 23-24, 2006

Hosted by the School of Business

at the Lebanese American University (LAU), Irwin Hall, Beirut, Lebanon

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Abstract Submission: November 15th, 2005

Notification of Acceptance: December 20th, 2005

Deadline for Full Paper Submission: January 15th, 2006

Purpose and Theme

Interest in Islamic banking has grown considerably during the last decade. The main issues of concern are the conceptual framework and viability of interest-free banking, and the assessment of its performance and future. In a world where conventional interest-based finance is the dominant framework, Islamic banking faces many challenges that must be addressed. The purpose of the 2nd LAU Banking and Finance International Conference is to analyze the past experiences of Islamic banks, to provide an objective assessment of their success and failure, and to discuss the contemporary issues and challenges confronting them.

The conference is intended to bring together academics, finance and accounting professionals, and policy makers who have a dedicated interest in Islamic banking and finance. Your perspective may be international, regional or local. The conference welcomes all contributions and papers on this important issue or any other related topic.

Topics

The following are suggested topics, but not limited to:

1. The Shari'ah requirements in Islamic banking.
2. Islamic financial products and its likeness in conventional banks.
3. Islamic banking techniques and their conformity with the Islamic Shari'ah.
4. Financial innovation and Islamic banking.
5. The impact of the Basel II Capital Accord on Islamic banking.
6. Islamic banking and corporate governance.
7. Islamic Banking and Securitization.
8. Risk Management in Islamic Finance.

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Deadlines

The official language of the Conference is English. Abstracts of between 500 and 700 words should be sent to islamicbankandfin@lau.edu.lb no later than November 15th, 2005. Accepted abstracts will be notified by December 20th, 2005. Deadline for paper submission at the above mailing address is January 15th, 2006. Presenters will be offered 3 days stay in a 4 star hotel and an economy class return ticket.

Selection Process and Publication

All papers will be double blind refereed. A selected number of papers will be considered for publication. Delegates wishing their papers to be considered for publication should submit a full paper electronically to the organizers at the above e-mail address by December 31st, 2005.

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We look forward to welcoming you in Beirut, Lebanon, February 2006.