



### **Society, Politics and Architecture**

Seminar about the Social and Political Dimensions in Architecture and Planning

With the collaboration of: **Institute of Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation- LAU**      **Urban Planning Institute- LAU**

Room: Medical School Auditorium; Frem Multi-Purpose Hall

LAU Byblos Campus February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

#### **Agenda of Conference:**

8:30 -9:00: Registration

9:00-9:30: Opening Ceremonies.

#### **Block I: Social Dimension in Architecture**

Introduction Dr. Rachid Chamoun-LAU

09.35-9:50: Dr Mario Diani. Trento University – **Citizens’ Organizations in Urban Political Fields**

9:50-10:05: Dr Avelino Oliviera –Fernando Pessoa University- **Guidelines for the urban strategy of Porto Metropolitan Area in the 2020 Agenda**

10.05-10:20: Dr Richard Douzjian-LAU- **Consumerist Vernacular and Stillborn Structures**

10:20-10:35: Dr Luisa Bravo –University of Bologna-**"The social meaning of public space: conflicts and complexity, in search for identity and livability"**

10:35-11:00: Coffee Break- Visit Exhibition Space

11:00-11.35: Open Forum for Debate

11.35-12.00: Students from the department of Architecture – **Emergency Architecture, Refugee Shelter Project, Wandering Library and Growth of the Urban Fabric and the 1975 Demarcation Line-** Exhibition

12.00-12.15: Open Forum for Debate

12:15-13:25: Lunch

Block II: Political Dimension in Architecture

Introduction Dr. Walid Moubarak-LAU

13:30-13:45: Ms Marwa Boustani - UN Habitat- **“Regional Technical Offices”:  
Empowering Local Governance, Enhancing Planning Capacities**

13:45-14:00: Mr Omar Abdlaziz Hallaj- **Normalizing the City: Urban Politics and the  
Planning of the City of Aleppo**

14:00 -14:15: Dr Rachid Chamoun- LAU – **Urban Transformation: Inequality  
between hard and soft infrastructure**

14:15 -15:00: Open Forum for Debate

15:00-15:30: Coffee Break

15:30-16:30: Round Table chaired by Dr Jose Madrigal- Chair Architecture and Design