

Social Anthropologist Claude Boustany Hajjar seeks out LERC for family search

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Mrs. Claude Boustany Hajjar, a Lebanese sociologist born in the United Kingdom, visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center at NDU accompanied by LERC's Latin America Liaison Officer, Mr. Roberto Khatlab.

Mrs. Boustany Hajjar gained her "Maitrise" (M.A) in Social Anthropology and Comparative Sociology from the Paris V - René Descartes University at the Sorbonne, France, in October 1985, where she majored in Political Sociology. Two years later, in October 1987, she obtained her "Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies" (D.E.A.) in Social Anthropology and Comparative Sociology from the same university.

Mrs. Boustany Hajjar is a researcher whose research experience has spanned a decade. Presently, she is working as a researcher for a genealogy project sponsored by the Boustany family association which she said is "a large Lebanese family established in several regions in Lebanon and several emigration countries," especially in Mexico, the United States and in Latin America.

"The main objective of this long term research project is to link all the individuals sharing the same surname and tracing back their origin to the village (or villages) of origin," she explained.



Mrs. C. Boustany Hajjar pictured at the LERC Library, where she will conduct part of her research (Nov 2011).

To this effect Mrs. Boustany Hajjar was given a thorough presentation of LERC's electronic archives and database. She was also given a tour of the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum at NDU and will be conducting certain parts of her research at LERC.

Mrs. Boustany Hajjar will spend a great deal of time at the Center, where she has found ample resources about the Boustany clan.