

**DR. GUITA HOURANI LECTURES ON LEBANON’S RESPONSE TO SECURITY
THREATS BY SYRIAN REFUGEES WITH ISTISHARIA FOR STRATEGIC AND
COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

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Dr. Guita Hourani, Assistant Professor at the Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU) Faculty of Law and Political Science (FLPS) and Director of the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at NDU, gave a talk at the “Security of MENA Region towards Illegal Migrations” international workshop organized by Istisharia for Strategic and Communication Studies on December 15, 2016 at the Padova Hotel in Beirut, Lebanon.

Dr. Hourani’s presentation was part of Panel II: counter the Threat of ISIL and Illegal Migration. Her presentation titled “Lebanon’s Response to Security

Threats by Syrian Refugees” addressed the measures undertaken by the Lebanese Government towards threats posed by Syrian refugees who have fallen victims to ISIL’s promises. She described the options taken by the Lebanese Government military and non-military apparatus to counter terrorism among the refugee communities.



Dr. Hourani during her lecture, (Padova Hotel, Dec. 2015)

Dr. Hourani concluded that although the refugee situation continues to be primarily of a humanitarian nature, recent developments have led all concerned players to view refugees through a security prism.



The attendees of the lecture (Padova Hotel, Dec. 2017)

The meeting was attended by representatives of various political parties, civil societies, journalists, and interested public.