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By LERC staff

Director of LERC Ms. Guita Hourani has recently been selected and awarded the Civic Education and Leadership Fellowship (CELF). Ms. Hourani's fellowship period will be spent at the Maxwell School for Public Affairs at Syracuse University in upstate New York in the USA.

The objective of the CELF program is "to enhance international standards in social science education through improved curricula development and course delivery, increased institutional capacity, expanded student and faculty engagement, and improved critical thinking and analytic capabilities of educators in institutions of higher education."

Ms. Hourani will spend the four months at Syracuse University examining case studies applicable to Lebanon insofar as contested citizenship is concerned; investigating the problematic of citizenship in highly diverse, conflict-ridden nation-states; formulating curricula with the aim of teaching courses on citizenship; identifying effective strategies for a student-centered classroom; and improving general classroom management skills.

In her absence from LERC, Dr. Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous will be Acting Director. Ms. Hourani will continue to be following up on LERC projects and activities and will be reached via her email address at NDU.