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## The International Workshop Kurdistan in International and Regional Affairs II

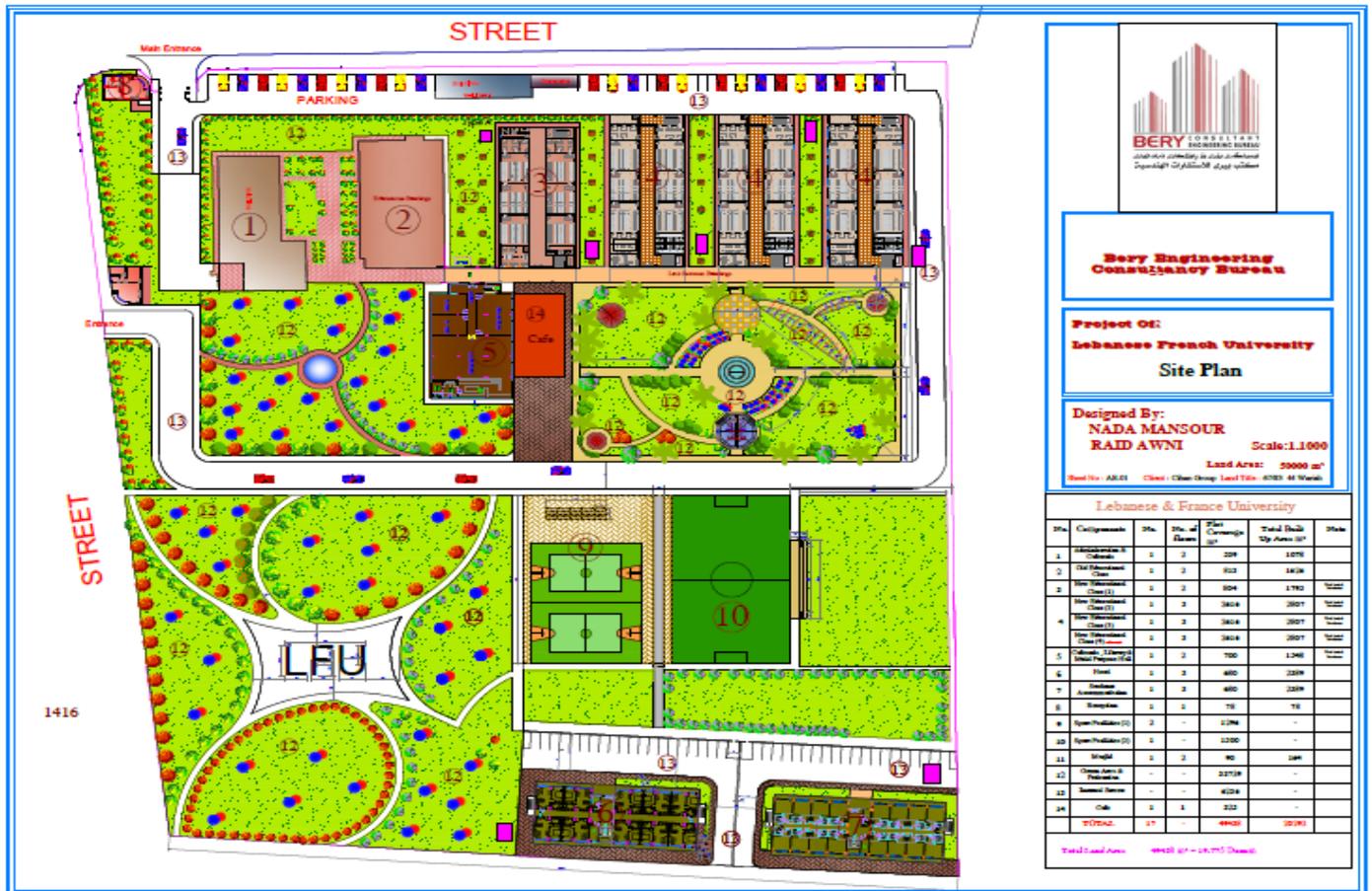
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022



The 2022 International Workshop: 'Kurdistan in International and Regional Affairs II' on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, aims to bring together regional and international scholars, in an attempt to engage in a series of cross-disciplinary workshops focused on Kurdish Affairs. The event, jointly organised by the French Lebanese University and Rojava University, consists of four workshops that run in parallel and approach the event's thematic from different disciplines. The aim of the workshop is to bridge the gap between the regional and international scholars to focus on practitioner's knowledge and experience on ground from the field of research.

# Campus map

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**Key info:** The university has one campus on site, the workshops will run parallel in different blocks.

**Registration:** Registration will open at 8.30 am in Seminar Hall, tea and coffee will be provided.

**Inauguration Lecture:** The inauguration lecture will be held in the conference Hall at the university

**Breakout sessions:** Breakout sessions will be running at different locations on the campus. Please see the full symposium programme overleaf for details.

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## Lebanese French University

LFU offers a wide range of programs in a variety of fields, collaborating with reputable universities from around the world, particularly, France and the United Kingdom. LFU continuously strives for academic excellence aiming at becoming one of the leading institutions in the Middle East. Thus, the university constantly improves and upgrades its capacity in all areas: teaching methods, staff competence, academic processes, and international collaborations. It operates out of modern educational facilities located on its 50,000 square meters Erbil campus, 100-meter Street, Near Mosul Road. It is on a single campus which consists of flats – built, modern, fully equipped, and spacious building for administration offices. Now, it witnesses a tremendous construction of a spacious complex of buildings, which hosts academic departments, computer and language laboratories, library and student service facilities.

The university has also a complex on its campus for students' accommodation. LFU offers undergraduate degrees in Law, Business Administration, Accounting and Finance, Information Technology, English Language, French Language, Legal Administration, General Education, Marketing, Diplomacy and International Relations and Sociology, Tourism Management , Hospitality Management , Accounting Information Technology , Computer Networking , Russian language , Kurdish language , Arabic language , Art Education It also offers postgraduate degrees in Business Administration, Accounting and Finance, and Information Technology. LFU is an associate member of the Association of Arab Universities Union (AAU).



## Rojava University

Rojava University is the second Kurdish university in western Kurdistan, established in 2016 after Afrin University, which was established in 2015. It is a university that adopts the principle of alternative education to meet the educational, health, economic, legal and other needs of the community. It includes 8 faculties and 4 institutes so far, and it adopts the co-presidency system, and a semester evaluation system that adopts the principle of credits, and its educational system is free. The number of current students ranges from 1500 students, and preparations are being made to receive 1400 students for the new academic year in 2022/2023.

The university seeks to build academic relations with international universities, cultural institutions and study centers all over the world in order to benefit from their experiences and work with them in all scientific fields, and exchange students, teachers, and administrative and technical experiences with them.

Rojava University currently works to build its local academic staff by importing scientific and academic expertise from abroad and preparing postgraduate programs in all majors. Some of these programs have already been worked on, such as: biotechnology, agricultural/crop engineering, petrochemical, mathematics, and chemistry, Kurdish literature, history and archeology. And the work is underway to prepare for other projects.

The signing of the memorandum of understanding with your honorable university came in the same context, and we hope to work with you to develop scientific, technical, professional and administrative expertise to elevate both universities together to the ranks of a good reputation universities.

# Programme

## The International Workshop

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08.30-09.30 am

### Registration & Refreshments

Lebanese French University Main Campus  
Conference Hall

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09.30-10.30am

### Welcome Speeches

Location: Conference Hall

### Sheraz Ibrahim – Introduction

**Asst. Prof. Dr Amin Mohammad Salih - Lebanese French University (President)**

**Welcome Speech from the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research**

**Dr Ebdul Elah Al Mustafa – Rojava University (Co-Chair)**

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11.00am-13.00pm

### Workshop 1 – IR, Security, Foreign Policy

#### Kurdistan Regional and International Geopolitics

Location: Seminar Hall #BC

**Chair: Dr Marianna Charountaki (Senior Lecturer, University of Lincoln & BRISMES trustee)**

**Paper Title: Engineering Durable Autonomy Arrangements for Iraq: The Benefits for the Kurds of a Fledged out Federal System.** (Prof. Liam Anderson, Wright State University, USA)

**Paper title: How to achieve political stability in a divided country as Iraq** (Dr. Jaffar Eminki, Director of the Advisory Board of the KRI Presidency).

**Paper title: The KRG-US relations: Past, Present and Future** (Dr Nahro Zagros, Vice President of Scientific Affairs, Soran University)

**Paper title: Rojava and its international relations under the threats of the Turkish state** (Dr. Ebdul Ilah Al Mustefa, Co- Chair, Rojava University, Syria)

**Paper title: Iraqi Kurdistan: The new Regionalization process in the Middle East** (Dr. Shallaw Abdulkhaleq Mohammed, senior lecture at Salahaddin University/ college of political science/ international relations and diplomacy department)

### Workshop 2 - Political Economy, Sustainability and Development

#### The Political Economy of the Kurdistan Region in Iraq

Location: Cafeteria Building 2 #BC

**Chair: Dirwar Sadiq Zawity (Lecturer at American University of Duhok)**

**Paper Title: The Essentiality in Good Governance: Case of KRG** (Ribaz Chato Biro, Director of Economic Research Center – Soran University)

**Paper Title: From an economic perspective, lessons the Kurdistan region can learn from South Korea?** (Lecturer Ramyar Ismael Jamal, International relations, college of Law, University of Knowledge)

**Paper Title: The reality and obstacles to the development of agricultural production in the regions of northern and eastern Syria** (Dr.

Mohamed Shawki Mohamed, Academic Researcher Rojava University, Syria)

**Paper Title: Sustainable human resource management strategy; the future challenge for Kurdistan public sector development** (Dr Nabaz Nawzad Abdullah (Dean of College of Business Administration and Economics, Lebanese French University).

**Paper Title: Reliant on the investment sources to develop the economy status in Kurdistan Region of Iraq.**( Omar Mohammad Faraj, Director of Legal Affairs, Secretary Assistant, Council of Ministers).

### **Workshop 3 – International Law and Constitutional Interpretations**

#### **The case of Kurdistan**

Location: Cafeteria Building Library #BC

**Chair: Ms Sheraz Ibrahim (Lecturer at Lebanese French University and PhD candidate, University of Lincoln, UK)**

**Paper title: The Kurdish issue in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights.** ( Dr. Seve Izouli, Lecturer, Rojava University, Syria)

**Paper Title: Constitutional regulation of the competence of regions to pact international treaties (in accordance with Iraq Constitution 2005.** (Dileen Sardar Zuhdi Alnoori, Lecturer, University of Zakho)

**Paper Title: Iraq and Disputed Areas after ISIS** (Dr Mirza Dinnayi, Senior Advisor General Board for Kurdistan Areas Outside the Region)

**Independent Advisor on Counter-terrorism, War Crimes and the Rule of Law and Good Governance** (Sir Howard Morrison QC, Former President of the Appeals Division of the International Criminal Court, UK)

**Paper title: The legal status of the international relations of KRI within International Law.** (Wzhar Fahri Saadi, Lecturer at Lebanese French University

### **Workshop 4 – Gender Studies**

#### **Kurdish Women, Perceptions and Reality**

Location: Pedagogy Hall, Building 2 #B2

**Chair: Dashne Sedeeq (Lecturer in English Language and Linguistics, Erbil Polytechnic University)**

**Paper title: Gender Quotes in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq; obstacles, resistances and possibilities.** Ana Cristina Marques, Mamilan Hussein (MSc at SOAS, University of London & Researcher at UKH)

**The situation of the Kurdish woman and her role in Rojava.** (Randa Mostafa, Lecturer, Rojava University, Syria)

**Paper title: Kurdish Women in Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities** (Vienna Salam, Adjunct Faculty and Researcher at the University of Kurdistan-Hewler)

**Paper title: Women's Rights Struggle in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.** (Suzan Sabri, Department of Sociology, College of Arts, Salahaddin University, Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan)

**Paper title: Unveiling sensationalism of the Yezidi women representation in the media: A postcolonial feminist perspective.** (Arazoo Rasool Ahmed, PhD Candidate, College of Arts and Sciences, Universiti Utara Malaysia)

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**13:00 – 14:30**

**Break for Lunch**

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**14:30 Workshops will resume after lunch break**

**16:45**

**Closure**

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**19:00**

**Closing Dinner (only for the participants)**

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**\*Please note that the programme may be subject to change without prior notice**

## Organising Committee

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Marianna Charountaki is Senior Lecturer in International Politics at the University of Lincoln (School of Social and Political Sciences). She has acted as Director of the Kurdistan International Studies Unit (2016-2019) at the University of Leicester. She is a BRISMES trustee and convener of the BISA Foreign Policy Working Group. She is Research Fellow at Soran University (Erbil, Iraq) and trustee of the Greek Council for IR. She has worked as consultant at the Iraqi Embassy in Athens (Greece, 2011-2012). Marianna has been researching the Middle Eastern region, in light of IR discipline, but also through extensive field work research (2007 to present). Her research lies at the intersection of IR theories, foreign policy analysis and area studies with an emphasis on the interplay between state and non-state entities. She is the author of the books *The Kurds and US Foreign Policy: International Relations in the Middle East since 1945*, (Routledge, 2011) and *Iran and Turkey: International and Regional Engagement in the Middle East* (I.B. Tauris, 2018). She has published articles in *Harvard International Review*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Third World Quarterly*, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* and others.

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Abdul Ilah Al Mustafa is the Co- chair of Rojava University, and Lecturer in the faculty of education sciences- History department, and Furat University previously. He is a member of Al Furat Center for Studies. He is a candidate for membership of the Kurdistan National Congress.

He has some articles in the Al Furat Center like a "International developments and their impact on American policy in the Middle East and its reflection on Turkey, the Kurds and the Syrian crisis" and "Turkey .. From the dream of joining the European Union to the neo-Ottoman policy" and other articles. He is preparing a study about the Turkey- American relationships and about Kurds History.

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Dashne Sedeeq is a lecturer of English Language and Linguistics in the department of International Marketing and Languages at the Erbil Polytechnic University. I was awarded a PhD by the School of English at the University of Leicester, Leicester/ UK in 2018. I mostly teach modules like English language for non-native speakers, grammar and general linguistics. I, also, teach intensive modules of academic writing for Post-graduate and undergraduate students. My research ranges across variety of areas in linguistics, such as sociolinguistics, lexicography. I am, also interested in conducting research on education in the Kurdistan Region in general. Further, to my career as a teacher.

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Dirwar Sadiq Zawity is an adjunct lecturer at the American University of Kurdistan-Duhok (AUK). He is also a PhD candidate at the University of Soran (UoS). His research is focused on the disputed territories and the role of non-state actors.

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Sheraz Ibrahim is a lecturer in the Law department at the College of Law and International Relations at Lebanese French University. Sheraz has a demonstrated history of working in higher education institutions. Sheraz is currently a PhD student at University of Lincoln, UK, focusing on Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and Non State actors. She has conducted research in legal status of ICL, military intervention and the special relationship of ICC and UN security Council. Further research interest has been on current developments in higher education and the application of new pedagogy in middle east and Iraq specifically.

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