



**Lebanese Association for
Sociology**
الجمعية اللبنانية لعلم الاجتماع

KNOWWHY GLOBAL RESEARCH

**HEINRICH
BÖLL
STIFTUNG
MIDDLE EAST**



AUB American
University
of Beirut
الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت



International Conference

***Social sciences in Arab countries
facing a scientific multi-versalism:
pathways, challenges and constraints***

8th and 9th of July 2011

Venue:

**College Hall, Auditorium B1
American University of Beirut**

Organizing Committee:

Chebib Diab (Lebanese Sociology Association), Michael Kuhn (KNOWWHY GLOBAL RESEARCH), Jacques Kabbani (Lebanon), Sari Hanafi (American University of Beirut), Layla Al-Zubaidi (Heinrich Böll Foundation), Rigas Avantis (Institut de Recherche pour le développement –France)

Day 1 (8th of July)

- 09.00 – 09.15** **Inauguration and welcome talks**
Layla Al Zubaidi, Director, HBF- Middle East
Chebib Diab, President, LSA
Peter Dormant, President, AUB
- Section 1:** **Approaches towards internationalisation: social sciences and humanities in the era of globalisation**
Chair Ahmad Baalbaki and Jacques Kabbanji
- 09.15 – 09.45** **A world social science system beyond the hegemony of the Western concept of science**
Michael Kuhn, Germany
- 09.45 – 10.15** **Internationalization of social research: A case in Lebanon**
Sari Hanafi and Justine Baer, Lebanon
- 10.15 – 10.45* *Coffee break*
- 10.45 – 11.15** **Indigenised while internationalised: Tensions and dilemmas in China's modern transformation of social sciences**
Rui Yang, China
- 11.15 - 11.45** **Arab social sciences and its internationalisation – some epistemological issues**
Yousef Salame, Syria
- 11.45 - 12.15** **Isn't anthropology already a multiversalist discipline? Assessing the status of anthropology in Asian social sciences**
Nestor Castro, Philippines
- 12.15 - 13.00** **General Discussion Section 1**
- 13.00 – 14.00* *Lunch break*
- Section 2:** **Theories traveling between spaces of knowledge production**
Chair Boutros Labaki and Rigas Arvanitis
- 14.00 – 14.30** **The 'internationalization' of social sciences as an 'obstacle' in understanding the on-going Arab revolts**
Jacques Kabbanji, Lebanon
- 14.30 – 15.00** **La lecture africaine de Michel Foucault**
Léon-Marie Nkolo Njodo, Cameroon
- 15.00 - 15.30** **Teaching Giddens in the Arab world**
Ray Jureidini, Lebanon

- 15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*
- 16.00 – 16.30 **A periphery's bind: geographical location, conceptual resources and public engagement in Lebanese social scientific practice**
Fadi Bardawil, Samer Frangie, Germany & Lebanon
- 16.30 - 17.00 **Scientific knowledge on migration in/from Africa or Arab countries**
Lama Kabbanji, France
- 17.00 – 17.30 **Knowledge production: A perspective from the periphery?**
Carmen Bueno Castellanos, Mexico
- 17.30 – 18.00 **Between Arab and Western universities: similarities and differences in the graduate studies**
Melhem Chaoul, Lebanon
- 18.00 - 18.30 **Research priorities in Egyptian sociology**
Ahmad Badawi, Egypt
- 18.30 - 19.00 **Sociological university production in Lebanon: A bibliographic analysis**
Hala Awada, Lebanon
- 19.00- 19.30 **General Discussion Section 2**

Day 2 (9th of July)

Section 3: Collaboration and encounters

Chair Marlene Nassr and Layla Al-Zubaidi

- 09.00 – 09.30 **Cultural translation, civilization encounter and social reflexivity. A note on Sociology in Japan**
Shujiro Yazawa, Japan
- 09.30 - 10.00 **Scientific collaboration within the Mediterranean: the practical making of 'International' knowledge**
Rigas Arvanitis, Lebanon
- 10.00 – 10.30 **The Franco-Maghrebi co-operation: between national traditions and the new liberalism of the EU**
Adel Selmi, France
- 10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee Break*
- 11.00 - 11.30 **La pratique de la sociologie au Maroc à l'épreuve de l'internationalisation des savoirs**
Kamal Mellakh, Morocco
- 11.30 - 12.30 **General Discussion Section 3**

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break

Section 4: Approaches towards multi-versal knowledge production
Chair Raif Rida and Michael Kuhn

13.30 – 14.00 The dynamics of global social knowledge transformation processes
Hebe Vessuri, Venezuela

14.00 - 14.30 An alternative concept of culture with an Islamic outlook
Mahmoud Dhaouadi, Tunisia

14.30 - 15.00 Observing the call for Islamisation of the scientific social science knowledge
Wiebke Keim, Germany

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.00 Alternative intellectual practice in Tamil Nadu and their possible lessons for Arab social sciences
Kumaran Rajagopal, India

16.00 - 18.00 General Discussion Section 4 and Concluding Discussion

18.00 Farewell and end of Conference

18.00 – 19.00 Business meeting of the World SSH Net
(For network members and all other workshop participants)

Preparatory Discussion Forum

Prior to the conference an online discussion forum about issues crosscutting the individual papers will be available. The World SSH Net (<http://worldsshnet.org/forum/>) will offer an opportunity for such a discussion forum.