Thursday, January 30, 6.00 pm

Launching of the year Houda Kassatly at Alice Mogabgab – Beirut with a roundtable on

the abused heritage

with participation:

- **Dr. Nadine Panayot Haroun**, moderator: *Material and immaterial heritage through natural and cultural components*.
 - M. Levon Nordiguian: Beirut and its Houses.
 - **Dr. Yasmine Makaroun Bou Assaf**: Houda Kassatly's work in Trablous context.
 - **Dr. Jad Chaaban**: Environment Destruction, Bankruptcy Construction.

Nadine Panayot Haroun holds a Doctorate in Archaeology, Classical Mediterranean and Near Eastern Civilizations, from Paris I - Sorbonne. She is currently member of the Executive Committee of ICOM - Lebanon and former Member of the Executive Committee of ICOM - ARAB. She joined ICOMOS Lebanon since its inception, in 2016. She has been a faculty member at the University of Balamand since 1999 and is currently Director of the Research Department of Archaeology and Museology and the Chairperson for the Department of Museum Studies and Cultural Heritage Management. Nadine Panayot Haroun has directed several excavations in the Near East. Since 2010, she has been directing a terrestrial and maritime archaeological and ethnographical survey and excavation project in the coastal town of Enfeh, Lebanon. The purpose of which is to promote the use and the conservation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage as a necessary tool for ecotourism and sustainable development.

She has published several articles in different scientific journals and is the chief editor and co-author for many books.

Lévon Nordiguian is currently the director of the photo library of the Oriental Library of Saint-Joseph University in Beirut. He was the founder and the first director of the Museum of Lebanese Prehistory, as well as a founding member of the Association for the Restoration and Study of Medieval Frescoes in Lebanon.

An archaeologist by training, he taught the subject for 30 years and published numerous studies in the field of Roman and medieval archeology.

He is also the author of several publications devoted to the architectural heritage of Lebanon: Castles and Churches of the Middle Ages in Lebanon (in collaboration with J.-Cl. Voisin), Temples of the Roman era in Lebanon and The Abillama', emirs of Metn, history and palace (in collaboration with Ray Jabre Mouawad).

He was named Knight of the Academic Palms and has won numerous distinctions including the Phoenix Prize for Literature, the Gloria Artis Silver Medal and the Insignia of Mesrobe Mashtots.

Yasmine Makaroun Bou Assaf. Graduated in architecture from the Institute of Fines Arts at the Lebanese University in Beirut in 1988, Yasmine Makaroun Bou Assaf completed her studies with a master in management of archaeological sites and holds a Ph. D in archaeology from Ecole Pratique Hautes Etudes – Paris (EPHE). Since 1992, she worked intensively into archeological excavations and on conservation projects for major sites in Lebanon (Byblos, Nahr El Kalb, Beit mery, Citadel of Tripoli, Tyro, Baalbek). Her wide experience in archeological conservation is extended to historical monuments and cities in Lebanon and in the MENA region. She teaches at the Faculty of Architecture at the Lebanese University since 1997 and was the chairman of the Department of Architecture from 2013 to 2015. Member of the academic team of the Center of Conservation and Restoration, at the Lebanese University in Tripoli since 1997, she is since 2015 in charge of the direction of the Center.

In parallel, she practices as freelancer in the field of architecture and cultural heritage. As consultant in built-up heritage, she shared her expertise with international institutions like Iccrom and World Bank. Member of several associations dedicated to Cultural Heritage as APSAD, ACA and ICOMOS, Yasmine Makaroun has many publications on archeological sites, vernacular architecture and heritage practices in Lebanon and abroad.

Dr. Jad Chaaban is an Associate Professor of Economics at the American University of Beirut (AUB). His primary research interests are in development economics and industrial organization, and his extended interests include public economics of health, education and labor policies, in addition to agricultural and environmental economics. His work focuses mostly on using tools in micro and applied economics to tackle public policy issues that affect the lives of the most vulnerable groups in society. His interdisciplinary work has been published in several academic journals in disciplines including Economics, Area Studies, Demography, Agricultural Policy and Public Health. Dr. Chaaban has served as an economic policy advisor to various Lebanese ministries and public agencies. Prior to joining AUB in September 2006 he was an economist in the World Bank's Middle East regional office, where he undertook research related to poverty reduction and economic management in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. He was also the president and one of the founding members of the Lebanese Economic Association (LEA) 2007-2014. Dr. Chaaban regularly contributes to economic policy analysis on Middle Eastern and global development issues to various international institutions and UN agencies, and his research and advocacy work has often been featured in local and international media. In 2014-2015 he served as the Lead Author of UNDP's Arab Human Development Report 2016, a flagship publication authored by leading scholars and policymakers working on the Arab countries. Dr. Chaaban holds a BA in Economics from AUB, an MBA from the European School of Management (2000), a master's in Agricultural, Environmental and Natural Resources Economics (2001) and a PhD in Economics (2004) from the Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) in France.