Pre-Conference Workshop
October 8, 2015

Psychology in the Arab Region:
Between Adversity and Resilience

Call for Abstracts
October 8th - 10th, 2015
Hotel Gefinor Rotana, Beirut, Lebanon
In celebration of its 10th Anniversary, the Lebanese Psychological Association (LPA), in collaboration with the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), is holding its first Regional Conference from 8th to 10th of October, 2015 in Beirut, Lebanon.

This conference intends to be a dialogue platform between mental health experts, as well as an opportunity to share ideas and experiences on a variety of topics under the general theme of Adversity and Resilience; where psychology is to be seen not only as a profession and a scientific discipline, but also as a peaceful instrument to revert adversity and strengthen human resilience.

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“Working With Couples and Loving It”

Dr. Susan Heitler will be talking about the challenges and rewards of therapeutic work with couples, in a Pre-Conference Workshop entitled: “Working With Couples and Loving It”

- **Date:** Thursday October 8, 2015
- **Time:** From 9:00 am till 5:00 pm
- **Location:** Hotel Gefinor Rotana, Beirut.
- **Workshop Registration fees:**
  - LPA members: 100 $
  - Others (including Masters-level Psychology students): 120$
Scope of the Conference:

Papers from different disciplines and specialties in psychology are solicited. Papers should contain new and meaningful insights with implications for both theory and practice.

Suggested Conference Topics

- Adversity in Human Development
- Resilience in the Face of Workplace Adversity
- Education in Emergency Situations: Updates
- Psychological First Aid
- The Role of NGOs During Times of Crises
- Impact of War on Individuals and Communities
- The Double-Edged Impact of Media
- Problems of Acculturation Among Immigrant and Refugee Arab Youth
- Trauma-Related Psychological Disorders
- Minorities Facing Violence
- Psychological Interventions in Dealing with Trauma-Related Disorders

Conference language(s): Arabic, English, French
**Types of Presentations:**

**The LPA Scientific Committee welcomes:**

- **Oral presentations:** Individuals are invited to submit 15-minute oral presentations for the conference program.
- **Symposium presentations:** Oral presentations will be grouped together by the Organizing Committee into parallel 90-minute symposia with other individual talks on similar topics.
- **Poster presentations:** Individuals or Groups are invited to submit 8-slide PowerPoint poster presentations to be displayed electronically on screens in the exhibition area of the conference venue.

**Abstract Submission and Review:**

All abstracts for single papers, for symposium presentation and for poster presentations are peer reviewed by LPA Scientific Committee members, and will:

- Accurately reflect the content of the presentation in no more than 500 words
- Include in this order: author's name, affiliation, email address, title of paper, body of abstract, and up to 8 keywords
- Be in Word format, using Times Roman 12, 1.5 space

In addition to the Abstract, each participant will send a short supporting biography (to be included in the Conference Program and Abstract Book, in case of approval). Participants are invited to submit their abstracts as an email attachment to abstract@lpa2015.org or online through the Conference website: www.lpa2015.com.

Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged by email.

**Registration:**

All presenters (for single papers, symposium and posters) are required to register for the conference. Unfortunately, LPA does not cover the costs of conference registration, travel or accommodation.
REGISTRATION FEES:

You can register online by visiting www.lpa2015.org

Please note that registration fees do not include pre-congress ultrasound course, congress dinner, accommodation, airport transfer and touristic excursions.

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<td>LPA Member</td>
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<td>On-Site Registration</td>
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CONFERENCE DINNER will be held on October 9, 2015, venue to be announced.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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<th>Submission of Abstracts</th>
<th>Open till June 30, 2015</th>
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<td>Approval Notification</td>
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<td>Early Bird Registration</td>
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<td>Regular Registration</td>
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<td>On-site Registration</td>
<td>October 8, 9, 10, 2015</td>
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**Gefinor Rotana Hotel - Venue of the Conference:**

The Conference will be held at Hotel Gefinor Rotana, Beirut, Lebanon. This hotel is in close proximity to the main business and banking districts in the downtown area and is a 5-minute walk from both the vibrant popular Hamra street with all its new upscale bars, cafes, restaurants, and shops, and the busy and youthful Bliss street, next to the beautiful campus of the American University of Beirut, overlooking the Mediterranean sea. The hotel is also a 15-minute car drive to Beirut’s Rafic Hariri International Airport.

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*The above rates are inclusive of “Bed and Buffet Breakfast” per room per night, but subject to 10% VAT.*
### Site Seeing Tours:

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<th>Tour A</th>
<th>Jeita, Byblos &amp; Harissa</th>
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<td>The tours start with the beautiful Phoenician city of Byblos, then continues with the famous Jeita grottos with their fabulous sceneries. Lunch and ends in Harissa (one way cable-car) with a panoramic view of Jounieh bay.</td>
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<th>Tour B</th>
<th>Beirut, Beiteddine &amp; Deir El Kamar</th>
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<td>The visit starts with the National Museum followed by the Beirut city center then we visit Beiteddin Palace followed by Deir El-Kamar with the visits of Kayssarieh, Notre Dame Church, Fakhreddine Mosque and Marie Baz museum.</td>
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<th>Tour C</th>
<th>Sidon, Tyre &amp; Maghdouche</th>
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<td>The tours start by visiting the Sea Castle, Khan El Franj and Soap museum in Sidon then the Necropolis and Sea site of Tyre and Lunch.</td>
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<th>Tour D</th>
<th>Beirut Historical Tour</th>
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<td>Half day to visit Beirut down with its constructions built during the French mandate and restored starting 1993, the Roman Bath, the churches and mosques, and the national museum.</td>
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<th>Tour E</th>
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<td>The tours start with a visit to Baalbeck, one of the most amazing archeological sites, then you will visit Anjar and have a lunch at Ksara, the famous winnery house.</td>
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*Each tour should have a minimum of 10 people*
Cancellation and Refund Policy:

Refund of cancellations of registration and accommodation will be made subject to the following deadlines and administrative charges:

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All cancellations must be made in writing to the Congress Secretariat and the refund will be made after the Congress. Please note that substitution is permitted on the basis that written notice is received before 30 August 2015.

Notes:

- Each registrant should complete a separate registration form.
- Written confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your registration form and full payment. If this confirmation has not been received within two weeks, please contact the Registration Department.
- The Congress Program is subject to change without prior notice. In the unlikely event of cancellation of the Congress, the only liability of the Congress Organizers is to refund all the fees paid.
- All enquiries, changes and cancellations should be made in writing to the Congress Secretariat.