

# Prisons and Penology

April 11, 2019

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

On April 11, 2019, the Faculty of Arts & Sciences will host a conference on themes relevant to criminology, penology, and prisons in Lebanon. The conference will survey different penal systems and philosophies, best practices, current challenges and inroads in penal legislation and structures, and the management and construct of prisons.

Lebanon has historically faced challenges in its penal system which has been aggravated by internal instability and, in recent years, an inflow of refugees. Its prisons suffer from overcrowding, mismanagement, recidivism, and human rights violations. The conference will explore the status quo, and propose ideas to address existing challenges.

Among keynote speakers addressing the conference are:

- Former Minister of Justice Chakib Courtbaoui
- Head of Prisons Directorate Judge Raja Abi Nader
- Professor of Criminology Alfredo Verde, University of Genoa
- CEO of Innovative Prison Systems Pedro das Neves
- Professor Omar Nashabe, Lebanese University
- Mr. Samir Youssef, media personality focusing on prisons and penology

The languages of the conference are English and Arabic. Simultaneous translation will be provided.