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For an analysis of the Lebanese protests and the role of the youth beyond the paradigm of confessionalism

Virtual Kick Off Meeting

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IRHAL project (funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International cooperation) intends to analyse the participation of the youth community (and within it specifically students) in the protest movements that took place in Lebanon in 2019, also to analyse the possible influence on the progress of the aforementioned protests.

What was the role of young people and students? What is the possibility of creating a new inter-and supra-confessional leadership? What the economic condition of the young people who pushed them towards such protests? What was and is nowadays the reaction of the *ancien regime*? Why have other young people chosen to stay and defend the confessional scheme by siding with the government and the various parties? What was the role played by the teachers and some rectors? What is the role of university institutions and therefore in particular of the youth and student component?

The research, developed with the collaboration of four Lebanese universities, associated with the UNIMED network, and under the scientific supervision of the Italian University of Cagliari, will contribute to defining the frustrations and aspirations of the Lebanese youth by tracing an unprecedented profile with respect to political dynamics of this country, which is central in the action of Italian foreign policy.



10.30-12.30 CEST

11.30-13.30 Lebanese Time

10.15	Virtual Gathering
10.30-10.40	Opening and Welcome Dr. Marcello Scalisi, UNIMED Director
10.40-11.00	Overall presentation of the IRHAL project Prof. Patrizia Manduchi, University of Cagliari - Project Scientific coordinator
11.00-11.45	Lebanese protests and the role of the youth beyond the paradigm of confessionalism UL presentation <i>Prof. Noma Ziadeh Mikati, Lebanese University</i> LIU presentation <i>Prof. Walid Raad, Lebanese International University</i> <i>Prof. Asaad Sadaka, Lebanese International University</i> USEK presentation <i>Prof. Francisco Barroso Cortes, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik</i>
11.45-12.00	Introduction to the IRHAL outputs Dr. Marco Di Donato, UNIMED
12.00-12.30	Q&A <i>Moderated by UNIMED</i>

