**Formal or Informal Justice for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon?**

**Roundtable & Workshop on access to justice for displaced Syrians**

1 March 2016

LAU Beirut Campus, Nicol 222

Dear Partners and Friends

The Institute of Social Justice and Conflict Resolution (ISJCR) at the Lebanese American University (LAU), the International Centre for Human Sciences (CISH) and International Alert (IA) have the pleasure to invite you to a second Roundtable on Syrian Refugees’ Access to Justice.

The roundtable takes place in the framework of a joint project implemented by CISH, International Alert and LAU, on Syrian Refugees’ Justice Concerns and Access to Formal and Informal Justice Systems in Lebanon. The project is coordinated by CISH, and the two partner organizations are the Lebanese American University and International Alert. It is funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research and aims to contribute to a more people-centred approach for rule of law programmes.

The Consortium’s researchers will present key findings from qualitative and quantitative research on Syrian refugees’ recourse to justice in Lebanon. The research has used focus group discussions and a representative survey with displaced Syrians, and has generated new information on the perceptions and practices of seeking justice.

You are also invited to join a workshop in the afternoon on the formal and informal justice mechanisms that displaced Syrians draw on. This one-hour session will take place following the roundtable and the lunch break, and will bring together academics and practitioners for a conceptual discussion. The results of the workshop will inform the development of a conceptual model for understanding the role of different actors in providing or facilitating access to justice for refugees.

This event follows an earlier roundtable organized by the consortium in December 2015, during which findings from analysis of lawsuits against Syrian nationals were shared.

We would be honoured by your presence on Tuesday, 1st March 2016 at 11.00 in the LAU Beirut Campus, Nicol 222. Coffee will be served from 10.30, and the roundtable will be followed by lunch.

Please note that the event will be held in the English language.

We look forward to seeing you at the roundtable.

Sincerely,

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Agenda

10.30 – 11.00 Registration and coffee

11.00 – 11.15 Welcome note, Dr. Imad Salamey, associate Professor of Political Sciences,

 ISJCR director, LAU

11.15 – 12.15 *Conversations with Syrian Refugees in Lebanese provinces: Relief or Justice?*

## Dr. Karim El Mufti, university professor, Senior Researcher, CISH

*The nexus between formal and informal justice mechanisms: insights from our survey study*

*Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury, assistant professor of political science and ISJCR associate director, Senior Researcher on the project, LAU*

12.15 – 12.45 Discussion

 *Moderator: Ilina Slavova, Senior Advisor, International Alert*

12.45 – 13.00 Closing remarks

*13.00 – 14.00 Lunch*

14.00 – 15.30 Workshop on formal and informal justice mechanisms