



President of Beirut Arab University, Prof. Amr Galal El- Adawi Speech  
Faculty of Arts  
The International Conference: Health & Illness  
A Psychological Perspective  
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Your Excellencies

Distinguished Guests

It is my pleasure to welcome today to BAU an elite group of scholars and academics who come together to discuss a most prominent topic in today's world. Entitled "Health and Illness: A Psychological Perspective", the conference covers a scope of aspects relevant to both health and illness, especially in the light of increasing rates of physical, mental and social ills and illnesses, both nationally and internationally.

With the rapid progress in science and technology, our lifestyles have changed and evolved. As more and more conflicts erupt around us, human attitudes and behaviors are changing, too. Although many of these issues may apply the world over due to such dominant movements as globalization and far-reaching means of communication, there is no doubt that as many issues remain culture-specific or particular to certain geographic areas. It has, thus, become essential to find answers that will help the Arab nations to achieve progress and regain their rightful place world-wide.

As part of our unshakable belief in research and the role of universities, academics and researchers in offering solutions and mechanisms to serve their communities, BAU hosts this conference. It aims to bring together researchers from all over the world, from all over the Arab World, from all over Lebanon and from a variety of relevant disciplines, to discuss issues of health and illness, to raise awareness of the complexity informing aspects of health, and propose mechanisms and solutions for the ills of society and the illnesses of humans. Through the work and discussions of the sessions of this conference, BAU offers its community and the world a multidisciplinary collection of studies, proposals and recommendations towards a sustainable promotion of health.

As I once again welcome you all to Lebanon and to Beirut Arab University, I would like to extend a very special welcome to Prof. Ahmed Okasha, the famous Egyptian psychiatrist, and the keynote speaker for this conference.

I wish you two days of rich and fruitful discussions that will, no doubt, contribute to a healthier world and healthier people.