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CERTIFICATE IN STRATEGIC THINKING



**NOVEMBER 11, 14, 28, 2024 &
DECEMBER 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 2024**



Time: 5:30 pm till 8:00 pm (Lebanon Time)



Modality: in-person



Location: Campus of Innovation and Sports (CIS-USJ)



Price: 300\$



Number of hours: 20

Learning outcomes:

- Identify today's key mega-trends and discuss their global impacts—both opportunities and threats—specifically in the context of Lebanon.
- Highlight the critical issues facing world leaders and policymakers in 2024, based on recent international discussions.
- Analyze the economic trends in the Middle East and their effects on overall economic stability.
- Develop a clear understanding of the multifaceted crises in Lebanon, distinguishing between structural and emerging threats while identifying potential opportunities.



PROGRAM

MODULE 1: EMERGING MEGA-TRENDS WORLDWIDE

- The emergence of Modern Technologies:
 - Integrations of technologies in different sectors
 - Influence on the job market
 - Implications on privacy and security
 - Ethical concerns
- Climate Change:
 - Green energy and renewable energy transitions
 - Sustainable Finance and mainstreaming “Ecopreneurs”
 - The financial risks of climate change
 - Innovation around alternative energy
- Demographic Changes
 - Aging population
 - Slowing population growth implications on business models; pension costs, workforce, and customer preferences
- Urbanization:
 - Infrastructure demands and challenges
 - Youth unemployment and workforce dynamics
 - Strategies to address social challenges
- The Rise of the Individual:
 - Gig Economy and entrepreneurship
 - Cryptocurrencies and Decentralized Finance (DeFi)
 - Hybrid work models
 - Rising income inequality
 - Information, misinformation, and global governance
- Shift in global economic powers:
 - Implication for business
 - Implication for government

MODULE 4: LEBANON'S EXPOSURE TO ONGOING THREATS

- Overview of the crises Lebanon has been grappling with

MODULE 2: GLOBAL HIGH-STAKE ECONOMIC ISSUES AND TRENDS

- Financial Stability and Sustainability:
 - Rising inflation and cost of living
 - Global indebtedness
 - Interest rate adjustments
- Trade Tensions:
 - The China-US trade war
 - The India-Middle East- Europe economic corridor
 - East Asian influence in Europe
- The rise of BRICS:
 - Impact on global trade, currencies and financial systems
 - Political and Geopolitical influence
 - Impact on the Global South
- Impact of Geo-Political Tensions:
 - The US-China tensions
 - The Ukrainian War
 - The Middle Eastern War

MODULE 3: REGIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Impact of Political Instability:
 - The impact of the war in Gaza on the region (politically and economically)
 - The remnant of ISIS and the future of political Islam
- The return of regional powers:
 - The evolving Arab-Iranian relationship
 - The role of Turkey, KSA, Egypt, Qatar, UAE
 - Crisis in the Levant
- Understanding the economic trends in this region:
 - Oil and Energy Markets
 - Economic Diversification Efforts
 - Fiscal Sustainability and debt management

MODULE 5: RISK ANALYSIS WORKING SESSION

- Presentations
- Discussing specific trends
- Exercises on several scenarios & brainstorming innovative solutions or strategies

