



Symposium on

**Artificial Reproductive Technologies and the Stance of Islam and Christianity**

Friday, October 20, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

Jean El Hawa Auditorium (Building H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**PROGRAM**

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**9:00 a.m.** Welcome and Registration

**9:30 a.m.** Presentation of the Problem

Rev. Fr. Gaby Alfred Hachem, Professor at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology (USEK)

**9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** Scientific Approach and Ethics of Artificial Reproductive Technologies: Catholic Perspective

Rev. Fr. Joseph Tham, MD, PhD, Professor, School of Bioethics, *Regina Apostolorum Pontificio Ateneo*, Rome, Italy

**10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Stance of the Orthodox Church

Rev. Fr. Bassam Nassif, Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Family Theology, St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology, University of Balamand

**10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** Stance of the Sunni Community

Sheikh Bilal Mohammad Al-Mulla, Secretary of the Religious Monitoring Committee of the Al-Baraka Bank

**10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Stance of the Shiite Community

Sheikh Shafiq Jaradi, President of the *Maaref Hekmiya* Institute for Religious and Philosophical Studies

**11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Break

**11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.** Roundtable

Moderated by Dr. Wadih Ghaname (Gynecologist-Obstetrician and Professor at the Faculty of Medicine – USEK) and Rev. Fr. Gaby Alfred Hachem (USEK)

**12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Conclusion

Prof. Francesco Ercolano, President of the International Association for Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue (AIEDI)

Rev. Fr. Charbel Chlela, Director of the Ethics and Bioethics Center (USEK)

**N.B: All contributions will be in Arabic, except for those of Prof. Tham and Prof. Ercolano, which will be made in English.**