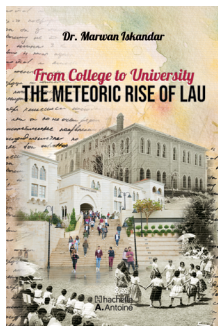


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# *From College to University* **THE METEORIC RISE OF LAU**



Through wars, the collapse of empires, changing views on the role of women in society, economic crises, and more, Lebanese American University has persevered for almost 200 years. From the first school for girls in the Ottoman Empire to an internationally ranked co-ed university serving over 8500 students, what is now Lebanese American University has experienced the excitement and challenges of a dynamic



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yet tumultuous region. First known as the American Junior College for Women, the institution moved through many iterations before becoming a full-fledged university in the 1980s.

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Drawing on personal recollections, geopolitical analysis, and institutional history, *From College to University: The Meteoric Rise of LAU* is a gripping account of how a commitment to the importance of broadly educated women and men to become the leaders of tomorrow can—and indeed, does—make a difference.

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