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cordially invite you to a panel discussion for the newly released book

# **At the Edge of the City**

## **Reinhabiting Public Space toward the Recovery of Beirut's Horsh Al-Sanawbar**

with panelists

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**Monday 31 May 2010 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Auditorium B1, College Hall, AUB**

### **Book Synopsis:**

Since the early 1990s, Beirut's Park, *Horsh Al-Sanawbar*, was sealed off from the lives of many Beirut residents and visitors, with numerous justifications for their exclusion. *At the Edge of the City* is a multidisciplinary research, documentary, and advocacy project about Beirut's park and public space culture and discourse. The undertaking is a contemporary critique of urban governance and spatial production in Beirut, which aspires to chart alternative public space policies and strategies. The book is an edited volume and a visual reference that includes essays, policy memos, personal experiences, art contributions, infographics, photographs, and newspaper articles. It is published by *DISCURSIVE FORMATIONS* and supported by the *Heinrich Böll Foundation–Middle East Office*.