



Invitation

The Research Journalism Initiative (RJI) and An-Najah national University in Nablus are proud to present:

"The Leadership Training Institute, Lecture Series"

Lecture "6"

"Language as a Crossroads"



**Presented by Yahya Jabr, Ph.D.
Department of Arabic Language and Literature**

An-Najah National University

**Martyr Zafer Masri Auditorium, Old Campus
30 June 2009
1:00pm – 2:30pm**

The presentation will be in English. The Leadership Training Institute is part of RJI's efforts to provide Palestinian university students with professional opportunities and meaningful international cooperation. For more information, please visit us online at www.ResearchJournalismInitiative.net



A Lecture on Language as a Cross Road Held at An-Najah:

29/6/2009

Leadership Training Institute 2009 concluded its series of lectures with a lecture held at Zafer Al-Masri Auditoriums at An-Najah National University's Old Campus, on "Language as a crossroad". The lecture was given by Prof. Yahya Jabr, from the Department of Arabic Language.

Prof. Jabr talked about the shared origins of languages, the shared elements in these languages and the conflict that is taking place though. At a crossroads, people can meet or separate. Language serves a similar function, as it can bring people together or separate them, as well as both reflecting and constructing relationships between people. Language as he says is about man interaction with the other, and with the surrounding environment.

Similarities across languages indicate common if not one origin. However, there can also be different meanings for the same words, as well as the positive and negative meaning implied when a certain word is mentioned. Prof. Jabr also discussed humanitarian language, in terms of its development, and the relations connecting humanitarian languages.

Prof. Jabr concluded his lecture with talking about coexistence through neglecting certain terms, and reconsidering our view to the others.