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Irene Victoria Massimino Participates in the International Conference: “Memory and Justice: Remembrance in the Aftermath of Political Violence” in Beirut, Lebanon.

December 12, 2022 - AGBU Lebanon, in collaboration with the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs (IFI), and Lepsiushaus Potsdam, hosted a conference titled *Memory and Justice: Remembrance in the Aftermath of Political Violence*.

The conference was hosted on December 9th, on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime. Speakers from all corners of the world presented -virtually and in person- on different topics related to genocide, memory, and justice. The main focus was on archives and the aftermath of violence. Panelists also referred to different experiences of genocide and other crimes, and accountability processes such as Cambodia, Tunisia, Lebanon, and Iraq.

As an international legal expert and Co-President of the Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention, Irene Victoria Massimino was the speaker in the fireside chat with Ayman Mhanna, where she was asked several questions related to archiving and collecting evidence of genocide, accountability, new technologies for grassroots empowerment, and the influence of the arts in education and justice.

At the Lemkin Institute’s core is genocide prevention work at the grassroots level. The Institute engages in education and training to spread awareness about the ongoing risks and developments of genocide around the world. By mobilizing law, research,

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advocacy and education, the Lemkin Institute believes that equitable human security, peacebuilding awareness and prevention work can be attained. Ultimately, the organization analyzes and proposes different options for justice and accountability regionally, nationally, and internationally.

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