



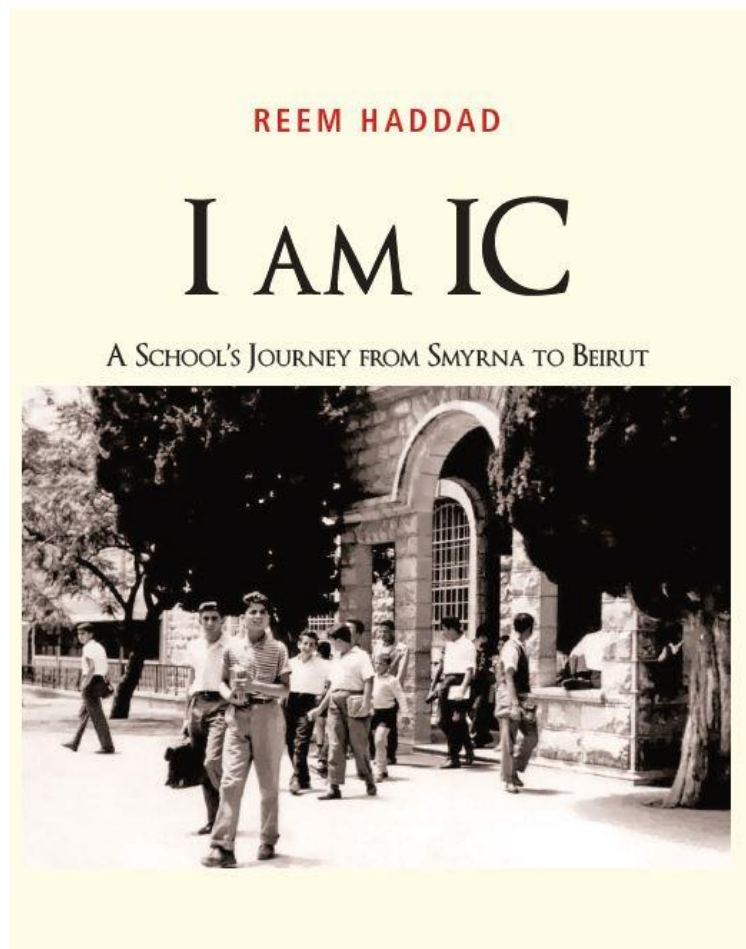
28th Levantine Heritage Foundation Zoom lecture gathering with guest speaker Reem Haddad
3 July 2023, 6pm (UK time)

From Smyrna to Beirut: The Story of International College

'I am IC, a School's Journey from Smyrna to Beirut', traces the story of International College from its 1891 founding in the cosmopolitan city of Smyrna (today's Izmir) to its present location in Beirut, Lebanon. The tale begins with Protestant Minister Rev. Alexander MacLachlan and his struggle to keep the school open through the tumult of World War I, the Greek-Turkish war and Turkish nationalism. The story continues with IC's move to Beirut and its merging with the American University of Beirut's Preparatory School. It was thought to be a safe move and one which would ensure IC's survival. But once again, the school found itself having to find a way to live through the turmoil of Arab nationalism and the horrific 16-year Lebanese civil war while simultaneously struggling to become independent from AUB.

'I am IC', is a touching story of a school looking for a place it could finally call 'home'.

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Reem Haddad worked as a journalist for several years before assuming the role of writer/editor at International College (IC) in Beirut. While there, she stumbled upon the name of Rev. Alexander MacLachlan and, utilizing her journalistic skills, embarked on a quest to unearth long-hidden treasures. Gradually, she unravelled the school's history and found herself on a journey from Izmir to Connecticut to Beirut, piecing together the fascinating story of the creation of International College.