Empowering Women, Embracing Families

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**March 11th**
**12:45-2:00**

**Lebanese American University**
**211 E 46th St**

on 46th Street between 2nd and 3rd Ave – Room 401

# Architects of Humanity:
## Why Motherhood is a Global Priority

**Advancing women's wellbeing and children's outcomes –together**

Across the globe, many nations face declining birthrates, rising maternal stress, and growing youth mental health challenges. Research is clear: the first three years of life are critical for brain development and lifelong resilience, and one factor matters most — stable, responsive maternal bonding.

When mothers are supported with time and flexibility to care for their young children, they benefit as well, experiencing lower anxiety and depression, greater life satisfaction, stronger families, and more stable workforce participation.

**Supporting motherhood isn't a setback for women — it's a public health, equity, and a sustainable development strategy.**

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Permanent Representative of the Mission of Burundi**
- **Erica Komisar**
  Psychological consultant, Georgetown & Columbia graduate, Author of Being There: *Why Prioritizing Motherhood in the First Three Years Matters*. Featured on CBS, ABC, FOX, NPR, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post.
- **Dr. Jenet Jacob Erickson**
  Associate Professor, Brigham Young University Ph.D., Family Social Science, Maternal & child wellbeing researcher. Featured in the New York Times, U.S. News, Today Show.

All are welcome. Come early — seating is limited.