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reading key to better understand the actual situation, allowing an analytical perspective "from below" of the dynamics of social transformation. The project "Lebanon: between aspiration of changes and the ancien regime" has been developed in the framework of the project IRHAL - For an analysis of the Lebanese protests and the role of the youth beyond the paradigm of confessionalism, financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and coordinated by UNIMED.
