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Dr. Lesch is a graduate of Swarthmore College (BA Honors, 1966) and Columbia University (PhD, 1973). She has been a research associate at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (Philadelphia, 1972-1974), the Associate Middle East Representative for the American Friends Service Committee (Jerusalem, 1974-1977), a Program Officer at the Ford Foundation (New York and Cairo, 1977-1984), the Middle East Associate for Universities Field Staff International (Cairo, 1984-1987), and a Professor of Political Science at Villanova University (Philadelphia, 1987-2004).

Dr. Lesch's connection to AUC dates back to Summer 1968, when she was a member of the first cohort selected for the Center for Arabic Studies Abroad. She joined AUC as Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences in Fall 2004. She became Associate Provost for International Programs in Fall 2009.

Dr. Lesch held Fulbright teaching fellowships in AY 1999-2000 (Cairo University, Faculty of Economics and Political Science) and Fall 2003 (Lebanese American University, Beirut) and enjoyed a residency at the Bellagio Study Center (Italy, March 1996). She had research grants from the U.S. Institute of Peace in 1990-1991 and 1996-1997 to complete manuscripts on Sudanese politics and in 2002-2004 to mount a conference and publication on the concept of the "right of return", co-organized by Professor Ian Lustick of University of Pennsylvania. In 2004 she received Villanova's Outstanding Faculty Research Award.

Dr. Lesch serves on advisory committees for Human Rights Watch (Middle East program), Middle East Report (MERIP), and the Palestinian American Research Center, which she co-founded in 1998 and directed from 2001 until 2004. She was an officer of the Sudan Studies Association (including president, 1998-2000), an officer of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (including president in 1995), and editor of MESA's book-review *Bulletin* (1998-2001).