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June 21, 2022 (Lebanese American University - Adnan Kassar School of Business)

9:00 am to 10:30 am	<p>Opening/Keynote – Irwin Hall Auditorium <i>Translation Will Be Provided</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myriam Sfeir, Director, Arab Institute for Women, Lebanese American University • Michel Mawad, President, Lebanese American University • Jennifer Olmsted, AMEWS President and Professor & Director of the Middle East Studies/Social Entrepreneurship Program, Drew University • Amaney Jamal, Former AMEWS President and Dean & Professor, Princeton University • Fatima Sadiqi – Past AMEWS President & Conference Chair and Professor, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University • Keynote Speaker: Amel Grami, Professor, University of Manouba
10:30 am to 10:45 am	Break – Irwin Hall Balcony
10:45 am to 12:15 pm	<p>PANEL 1 (AKSoB 903) Webex <i>Translation Will Be Provided</i></p> <p>Building Radical Feminist Futures: The Politics of Graduate Student Experience A Graduate Student Committee Roundtable Chair/Discussant: Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esraa Al-Muftah, Qatar University & University of British Columbia • Sarah Kaddoura, Lebanese American University • Laila Mourad, York University • Rana Sharif, University of California, Riverside & California State U, Northridge <p>PANEL 2 AKSoB 904</p> <p>Constructing Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Past and Present Chair/Discussant: Hanadi Al-Samman, University of Virginia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hussam Eldin Helmy, “(En)gendering Orientalism: The Representation of Women in Amin Maalouf’s Samarkand” • Emine Yüksel, “Women’s Memory, Women’s Words: The Process of Acquiring and Transferring the Religious Knowledge of Alevi Women in Anatolia” • Burcu Kalpaklıoğlu Yalçın, “Family, Relationality and Feminism: The Female Preachers’ Fatwas on Family Problems through the Hello Fatwa Hotline”
12:15 am to 1:15 pm	Lunch – AKSoB Lobby
1:15 pm to 2:45 pm	<p>PANEL 1 AKSoB 903 <i>Translation will be provided</i></p> <p>Debating Gendered Experiences and Consciousness Chair/Discussant: Fatima Sadiqi, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatima Ibork, "تجليات العلاقة وانعكاساتها" - / التدين والعقلية الذكورية لدى النساء بالمجتمع المغربي " - “The Effects of Religiosity and Masculinity for Women in Moroccan Society: Consequences and Repercussions” (<i>Presentation in Arabic</i>) • Fatim Zahra Rafali, “Women’s Agency in Moroccan Female Headed Households: Redefinition of Gender Roles” • Nadine Sinno, “Beirut Graffiti and the Gendering of Public Space” <p>PANEL 2 AKSoB 904 Webex</p> <p>Identity Struggles Across Borders: Migration, Diaspora, and Globalization Chair/Discussant: Jennifer Olmsted, Drew University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silvia Bruzzi, “Gender and Mobility across the Mediterranean and the Red Sea: Italy, Libya and Eritrea” • Esra Demirkol Colosio, “The Sacred Mother/Wife and (Un)Changing Gendered Roles: Women’s Lives after Husbands’ Migration” • Rasmieyh Abdelnabi, “Threads of Preservation: Palestinian Embroidery, Women’s Work, and Global Connectivity”

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm	Break - AKSoB Lobby
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm	<p>PANEL 1 AKSoB 903 <i>Translation will be provided</i></p> <p>Gendered Representations Chair/Discussant: Soha Bayoumi, Johns Hopkins University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezgi Güler, “An Unlikely Resistance: The Case of Transfeminine Sex Workers in Turkey” • Sara Farhan, “‘Baghdad is One Big Brothel’: Colonialism, Sex-Work, and the Institutionalization of Medicine in Mandate and Hashemite Iraq, 1921-1958” • Najate Nerci, La condition des femmes des minorités ethniques et raciales au Moyen Orient: pour une approche intersectionnelle / “The Conditions of Women in Ethnic and Racial Minority Groups in the Middle East: An Intersectional Approach” <i>(Presentation in French)</i> <p>PANEL 2 AKSoB 904</p> <p>Health: Physical, Mental, and Reproductive Chair/Discussant: Zina Sawaf, Lebanese American University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasmin Shafei, “Majnūna: Women’s Madness and the Professionalization of Psychiatry” • Zeina Fathallah, “Obstetrician-Gynecologists’ Experiences in Providing Abortion Services in Lebanon • Mai Mohamed Aboul-dahab, “Women Spaces: Spatial Experiences of Egyptian Women within Women-only Gyms and Health Clubs”
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Break
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Dinner Reception – Co-hosts Freidrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and AMEWS Location: Gefinor Rotana

June 22, 2022 (American University of Beirut – West Hall)

10:00 am to 11:30 am	<p>PANEL 1 – West Hall Auditorium A</p> <p>Gendered Approaches to History and Memory Chair/Discussant: Hoda ElSadda, Cairo University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasmin Amin, “‘Wa ka’anaha majhūla’ (As if She is Unknown): The Mystery Surrounding Umm Ishāq” • Sara Sabban, “Crafting the Lebanese Nation under the French Mandate: Evelyne Bustros (1878-1971) as a Patron of the Arts and Crafts” • Cafer Sarıkaya, “Women and Gender in the Middle East after the First World War: Food Narratives in Fethiye Çetin’s My Grandmother” <p>PANEL 2 – West Hall Auditorium B <i>Translation will be provided</i></p> <p>Contradictions of State Feminism Chair/Discussant: Amaney Jamal, Princeton University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amina Drhimeur, “Gender Reforms and ‘Islamic Feminism’ under the AKP and the PJD: A Comparison between Morocco and Turkey” • Dana Olwan, “Reforming the State: Monarchical Interventions and the Fight Against Gender-Based Violence in Jordan” • Dina Hadad, “Intersectionality, Gender and Development: The Other Side of International Standards”
11:45 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch – West Hall Balcony
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Field Visits – Organized by the Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Break
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Dinner Reception – Co-hosts Arab Council for Social Sciences (ACSS) and AMEWS Location: Gefinor Rotana

June 23, 2022 (American University of Beirut – West Hall)

9:00 am to 11:00 am	<p>PANEL – West Hall Auditorium B <i>Translation Will Be Provided</i> From Research to Practice: A Panel Discussion that Bridges Activism and Feminist Knowledge Chair: Jennifer Fisher, American University of Beirut Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dayna Ash, Haven for Artists • Vivienne Badaan, American University of Beirut • Amal Charif, HalTek and Disability Advocate • Siham Fadil, ISIS Center for Women and Development • Mozn Hassan, Nazra for Feminist Studies • Zakaria Nasser, Qorras • Rym Nouicer, Human Rights Activist </p>
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Break – West Hall Balcony
11:15 am to 12:45 pm	<p>PANEL 1 – West Hall Auditorium A Women and Labor in the Political, Human Rights, and Educational Fields Chair/Discussant: Cassie Guarino, University of California, Riverside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esraa Al-Muftah, “Five Tales of (Im)Mobility: Female Academics’ Journeys at Qatar University” • Reem Awny Abuzaid, “The Allegories of Feminist Legal Activism: Local Tools and Anticolonial Discourses” • Amel Hammami, “Women Legislative Participation as a Factor of Political Change in the MENA” PANEL 2 – West Hall Auditorium B <i>Translation will be provided</i> Questions of Agency: Women and Religion in the Middle East Chair/Discussant: Amel Grami, University of Manouba <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maha Ghalwash and Amany Elhedeny, “Salafi Women in Contemporary Egypt: the Challenge of Integration” • Dina Hosni, “‘Official’ Female Preaching in Egypt and the Reshaping of Women’s Agency” • Mateo Mohammad Farzaneh, “The Other Women: Iran’s Mighty and Marginalized” </p>
12:45 pm to 1:45 pm	Lunch – West Hall Balcony
1:45 pm to 3:45 pm	<p>PANEL 1 – West Hall Auditorium A Marriage and Household Formations: Implications for Women and Girls Chair/Discussant: Kathryn Rebecca Maude, American University of Beirut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali Capar, “Child (Minor) Marriages in Muslim Communities in the Ottoman Empire: In the Light of Fatwas and the Ottoman Court Records” • Merve Kütük-Kuriş, “Between New Conservatism and the Ritual Economy of Marriage: Being a Newlywed Bride in Turkey” • Abir Kamara, “Mixed Marriage in Cosmopolitan Alexandria” PANEL 2 – West Hall Auditorium B <i>Translation will be provided</i> Sexual and Gender-Based Violence: State, Employer, and Activist Responses Chair/Discussant: Gretchen King, Lebanese American University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farah Ghazal, “The Basha’s Tools? Reconsidering Carceral Approaches to Sexual Harassment” • Michaela Grančayová, “An Egyptian Phoenix? The Role of Authoritarian Sexual Harassment in the Reactivation of Egyptian Feminism in 2011” • Sofiane Bouhdiba, “Sexual Emancipation and Violence against Women in the 21st Century: The Case of the Gulf Region” </p>