

Women in War

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*Où sont les femmes dans un Moyen-Orient
en plein bouleversement ?*

*Universitaires et activistes débattent
de la dimension de genre dans les conflits actuels*

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Conference Venue

Inaugural Session

The opening session for the conference will take place at:

Adnan Kassar School of Business

Lebanese American University
Room 903.

Conference Sessions

All other conference sessions will be held at:

Crown Plaza Hotel

Hamra Main Street,
Beirut, Lebanon,
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Program

8:30—9:00	Registration
9:00—10:00	Opening Ceremony – Welcome Words
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Joseph Jabbra, <i>President, Lebanese American University</i> • Dr. Samira Aghacy, <i>Director, Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World at the Lebanese American University</i> • Mrs. Hana Nasser, <i>Administrative Director – Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Beirut office</i> • Ms. Connie Carøe Christiansen, <i>Program Manager, KVINFO</i> • Ms. Dilek Elveren, <i>Specialist in the Gender Equality program, Office de la Francophonie</i> • Dr. Carol Mann, <i>Director, Women in War, Paris</i> • Dr. Evelyne Accad, <i>co-director, Beit El-Hanan</i>
10:00—11:00	Keynote Speech
	<p>Dr. Nawal El-Saadawi, <i>Founder of The Arab Women’s Solidarity Association (Egypt): Women, War and Revolution</i></p>
11:00—11:30	Coffee break
11:30—1:00	Panel I
	<p>Gender and Armed Conflict Moderator: Dr. Carol Mann, <i>Director, Women in War, Paris.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gendered Borders and the Arab Uprisings, <i>Dr. Jennifer Skulte-Ouais, Lebanese American University (Lebanon-USA)</i> • Gender and the Globalization of War, <i>Dr. Awatef Ketiti, University of Valencia (Spain)</i> • Gender Reforms and Anti-Colonial Peace-Building, <i>Maliha Chishti, Former Director of the Hague Appeal for Peace (Canada)</i> • Quel avenir pour les femmes sous l’emprise de l’Islam radical, <i>Dr. Khedija Arfaoui, University of Tunis (Tunisia)</i>

1:00—2:30	Lunch
2:30—4:00	Panel II
<p>Lebanon: Women, War, and Displacement Moderator: Dr. Evelyne Accad, <i>University of Illinois (USA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “J’ai déposé les armes”, <i>Régine Sneifer, writer (Lebanon)</i> • The Persistence of Gendered Narratives in Times of War & Displacement: Syrian Women Refugees in Lebanese Public Discourse, <i>Adriana Qubaia, Central European University (Hungary)</i> • From “Invisibility” to “in visibility”, <i>Tracy Chamoun (Lebanon)</i> • The Impact of the Syrian Refugee Crisis on Lebanese Host Communities’ Security Perceptions Across the Country: A Gendered Angle, <i>Lana Khattab, International Alert (UK)</i> 	
4:00—4:15	Coffee break
4:15—6:00	Panel III
<p>Radicalism: The Many Faces of Religious Extremism Moderator: Dr. Sami Baroudi, <i>Lebanese American University (Lebanon)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Yazidi Women, <i>Dr. Ilham Hammadi, University of Saint-Joseph (Lebanon)</i> • War, Religious Fanaticism, and Gender: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina, <i>Nermine Trbonja, University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)</i> • From Comrades to Casualties: Women, Transformation, and Conflict in the North Caucasus, <i>Khalida Nurmetova, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany-Azerbaijan)</i> • Femmes françaises djihadistes en Syrie et en Irak, <i>Dr. Armelle Le Bras-Chopard, Université de Saint-Quentin en Yvelines (France)</i> 	

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9:00—10:00	Keynote Speech
<p>Professor Valentine Moghadam, <i>Northeastern University, (USA)</i>: Explaining Divergent Outcomes of the Arab Spring: The Significance of Gender and Women's Mobilizations</p>	
10:00—11:30	Panel IV
<p>Fundamentalism: Its Many Facets and Faces Moderator: Alia Ibrahim, <i>Al-Arabiya News (Lebanon)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Psychology of Terror and the Active Role of Women Within it, <i>Dr. Hussein Sharah, Mutah University (Jordan)</i> • Quelle révolution pour les femmes tunisiennes: printemps féministe ou hiver islamiste? <i>Dr. Najet Limam-Tnani, University of Tunis (Tunisia)</i> • Islamic Feminism in Iraq, <i>Dr. Nahla Al Nadawi, University of Baghdad (Iraq)</i> • Femmes Africaines et Fondamentalisme (Boko Haram au Nigeria, Ansar Dine et Mujao au Mali), <i>Dr. Catherine Vidrovitch, University Paris Diderot (France)</i> 	
11:30—11:45	Coffee Break
11:45—1:15	Panel V
<p>The Decentering of the Intimate Sphere Moderator: Dr. Azza Sharara Beydoun, <i>Lebanese University & Bahithat (Lebanon)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Marriage in Sunni and Shia Islam: Comparative Case Studies of Iran and Egypt after the Arab Spring, <i>Dr. Atieh Asgharzadeh, CADIS (France-Iran)</i> • La condition de la femme syrienne après le printemps arabe, <i>Dr. Afraa Ismael, Tishreen University (Syria)</i> • Women in Libya: The Ongoing Armed Conflict, Political Instability and Radicalization, <i>Asma Khalifa, Hacettepe University (Turkey)</i> • Addressing the Needs and Supporting the Roles of Widow Victims of the Conflicts in the Middle East, <i>Dr. Margaret Owen, Widows for Peace (UK)</i> 	

1:15—2:45	Lunch Break
2:45—4:00	Panel VI
<p>Female Fighters During Armed Conflicts Moderator: Dr. Samira Aghacy, Director, IWSAW, Lebanese American University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Women’s Revolution in Rojava, <i>Meral Cicek, Kurdish Women’s Relations Office REPAK (Kurdistan-Iraq)</i> • Women as Active Participants in Armed Conflict: Muslim and Non-Muslim Female Suicide Bombers, <i>Dr. Joseph Alagha, Haigazian University (Lebanon)</i> • Forgotten Actors? Women-Soldiers in a Comparative Perspective (the cases from Armenian-Azerbaijani Armed Conflict for Karabakh and PKK Movement), <i>Dr. Nona Shahnazaryan, National Academy of Sciences, Yerevan (Armenia)</i> 	
4:00—4:15	Coffee Break
4:15—6:00	Panel VII
<p>Screenings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abounaddara, <i>Le Cinéma pour Réinventer la Syrie</i>, <i>Chourouq Nasri, University of Mohammed I (Morocco)</i> • Mission Rape - A Tool of War, <i>Dr. Connie Christiansen, University of Roskilde (Denmark)</i> 	

9:00—10:30

Panel VIII

Displacement Through Occupation or Exile

Moderator: Samira Atallah, (ESCWA)

- **Palestinian and Kurdish Women in Occupied Areas, Conflict or Post-Conflict Areas in Different Countries in the Middle East,**
Maria Hagberg, Lund University (Sweden)
- **The Kurdish Women's Movement: Challenging Gendered Militarization and the Nation-State,**
Meral Duzgun, University of Westminster (UK)
- **Syrian Women and LGBTI Refugees in Istanbul: In the Middle of Legal and Structural Violence,**
Dr. Zeynep Kivilcim, Istanbul University (Turkey)
- **Gender, Conflict and Development in Yemen,**
Dr. Connie Christiansen, University of Roskilde (Denmark)

10:30—11:00

Coffee Break

11:00—12:30

Panel IX

Sexual Violence in Conflict

Moderator: Ghida Anani, ABAAD-Resource Center for Gender Equality (Lebanon)

- **Gender-Based Violence: Rape as Weapon of War,**
Lydia Farah, AUB (Lebanon)
- **I Will Teach My Daughter How She Can Defend Herself: Fighting Back Against Street Sexual Harassment and Assault in Post-Revolution Egypt,**
Susana Galan, Rutgers University (USA)
- **Blood, Bodies, and Violence: Women's Bodily Experiences and Symbolic Meaning in the Egyptian Arab Spring,**
Katherine Van Den Bogert, Utrecht University (Netherlands)
- **De la femme kamikaze au djihad du sexe: une guerre faite sur le corps des femmes,**
Dr. Iqbâl Al-Gharbi, University of Zeytouna (Tunisia)

12:30—2:00	Lunch Break
2:00—3:30	Panel X
<p>Cyberactivism and Journalism Moderator: Diana Mukalled, <i>Asharq Al-Awsat (Lebanon)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Activism for Women’s Rights in the Arab World, <i>Aline Sara, journalist and researcher (USA)</i> • Women’s Digital Activism and the Changing Nature of Politics in the Middle East, <i>Dr. Annabelle Sreberny, SOAS (UK)</i> • Women, War and the Media: Women’s Online Activism and the Gender Digital Divide, <i>Samina Kabir, SOAS (UK-Afghanistan)</i> • The One Per Cent Syrian Women in Media and Journalism, <i>Reem Maghribi, Director of Sharq CIC (Lebanon)</i> 	
3:30—4:00	Coffee Break
4:00—6:00	Panel XI
<p>Creativity in Times of Conflict Moderator: Emilie Mansour, <i>Sorbonne Nouvelle (France)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing for Gaza Textual (Dis)Embodiment, Dissident Creativity and Social Justice in Arab Women’s Writing, <i>Dr. Brinda Mehta, Mills College (USA)</i> • Sawtuha ‘ali min zaman: Arab Female Musicians’ Collaborative Revolution, <i>Alejandra Aguero and Angela Williams, University of Illinois (USA)</i> • Representing Violence Against Women Since 2012, <i>Dr. Miriam Cooke, Duke University (USA)</i> • Song and Survival for Syrian Women and Children Living as Refugees in Northern Jordan, <i>Karen Boswall, SOAS (UK)</i> 	

9:00—10:30	Panel XI
Legal Accountability, International Instruments, and Peace-Building Moderator: Former Minister Wafa Dika Hamzeh, (Lebanon)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On Legal Accountability and Peace Building initiatives in Egypt, <i>Ambassador Moushira Khattab (Egypt)</i>• Legal Accountability for Sexual Violence in Syria: Taking Charge of Future Prosecution, <i>Aarif Abraham, International Legal Accountability Unit (UK)</i>• Why the Arab World Needs more Female Decision-Makers : Evaluating the Effectiveness of UN Resolution 1325 and the UN's Subsequent Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security, Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights, <i>Senator Mobina S.B. Jaffer, Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights (Canada)</i>• Violence, War and Accountability: Gendered and Sexualized Dynamics of the 2014 Israeli Assault on Gaza, <i>Dr. Rabab Ibrahim Abdulhadi, San Francisco State University (USA)</i>	
10:30—11:00	Coffee Break
11:00—12:30	Closing Session
Recommendations	
Lunch	