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Program

Conveners:

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Day 1: Friday, January 19, 2018

9.00 – 9.45	Registration
9.45 – 10.30	Welcome and Introduction Room: West Hall, Bathish Auditorium Sara Mourad , Assistant Professor of Media Studies & Coordinator of the AUB Women and Gender Initiative Dina El Khawaga , Director of the Asfari Institute for Civil Society & Citizenship Opening Remarks Nadia El Cheikh , <i>Dean</i> , Faculty of Arts and Sciences
10.30 – 11.40	<i>Parallel Sessions:</i> Panel 1: Gender, Sexuality, and Public Health Chair: Jocelyn DeJong , Professor and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB

	<p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cynthia El Khoury (Arab Foundation for Freedoms and Equality) and Sara Wehbe (Baynetna) – “Baynetna or Mish Baynetna: Inclusion and Prioritization of the Health of Trans Feminine Individuals in Lebanon.” ▪ Ayesha al-Rifai (Women Training Center, UNRWA) – “Safe or Unsafe, Abortion Must Be Controlled: Reproduction as a Space for Contestation.” ▪ Inas Abdelwahed (American University of Beirut) – “Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Lebanese Newspapers: A Content Analysis.” <p>Panel 2: Arab Public Opinion on Gender and Politics</p> <p>Chair: Sawsan Abdulrahim, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Health Promotion and Community Health, AUB</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Niels Spierings (Radboud University) – “A Gender Lens on the Support for Democracy and Islam among the Public of 14 MENA Countries.” ▪ Saskia Glas (Radboud University) – “The Role of Personal Religiosity and Political Opportunity Structures.” ▪ Rim Saab (American University of Beirut) – “Politically engaged women from different corners of the Arab world: is there a common profile?”
11.40 – 12.00	Coffee Break, West Hall, 1 st floor
12.00 – 13.30	<p><i>Parallel Sessions:</i></p> <p>Panel 3: Queer Kinship and Politics</p> <p>Chair: Frances Hasso, Associate Professor of Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies, Duke University</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patrick Haddad (American University of Beirut) – “Friendship as a Way of Life: Foucault, Queer Friendship, and Rabih Alameddine’s Kooloids.” ▪ Jade Moussa (Diplomatic Academy of Vienna) – “Queering the Middle Eastern Queer: On How the Western Queer Discourse Limits the Queer Arab Man’s Identity.” ▪ Maha Aboraya (Ajman University) – “Media Coverage of the Phenomenon of ‘Boyat’ in Kuwaiti Society: A Feminist Approach.” <p>Panel 4: Islamic Feminism: Contemporary Frameworks</p> <p>Chair: Beth Baron, Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Middle East Center, CUNY</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beverly Dawn Metcalfe and Charlotte Karam (American University of Beirut) – “Re-imagining Radicalism’s: Islamic Feminism(s), Social Change and Development in New Middle East.” ▪ Aslı Karaca (Central European University) – “Women’s Politico-Religious Dissent and Transgression in Egypt and Turkey.” ▪ Meriem El Haitami (Université Internationale de Rabat) – “Islam and ‘Feminism’ in Morocco: Towards a Decolonial Praxis.” ▪ Connie Christiansen (Lebanese American University) – “Gender Equality and Islamic Family Laws – A Transnational Approach.”
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break, West Hall, 1 st floor

14.30 – 15.30	<p><i>Keynote Address:</i></p> <p>Room: West Hall, Bathish Auditorium</p> <p>Hoda Elsadda (Cairo University) – <i>"Arab Feminisms in Postcolonial States: A Legacy of Appropriation and Contestation."</i></p> <p>Moderator: Rim Saab, Assistant Professor of Psychology, AUB</p>
15.30 – 16.40	<p><i>Parallel Sessions:</i></p> <p>Panel 5: Feminist Biography</p> <p>Chair: Jean Makdissi, Feminist Writer and University Lecturer</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Angela Kahil (American University of Beirut) – <i>"Angela Jurdak Khoury: A Historical Perspective of Political Feminism in Lebanon."</i> ▪ Yasmin Shafei (American University of Beirut) – <i>"Beyond the Public Sphere: Female Voices from the 'Margins'."</i> ▪ Sara Mourad (American University of Beirut) – <i>"Mothering Feminist Thought."</i> <p>Panel 6: Visual Cultures of Comic Art</p> <p>Chair: Jennifer Nish, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Composition, AUB</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sara Shaker (British University in Egypt) – <i>"Egyptian Adult Comics: A Place for Untold Gender Stories in Egyptian Society."</i> ▪ Hend Alawadhi (University of Rochester) – <i>"Killing Joy, Making Space: The Feminist Politics of Comicskilljoy."</i>
16.40 – 17.00	Coffee Break, West Hall, 1 st floor
17.00 – 18.30	<p><i>Keynote Plenary: "Feminist Critique: Pedagogy and Scholarship in Times of Crisis"</i></p> <p>Room: West Hall, Bathish Auditorium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beth Baron (City University of New York) ▪ Frances Hasso (Duke University) ▪ Islah Jad (Birzeit University) <p>Moderator: Sara Mourad, Assistant Professor of Media Studies, AUB</p>
19:30	<p>Screening of short films by Nazra (http://nazra.org/en) and dinner</p> <p>Room: West Hall Common Room</p>

Day 2: Saturday, January 20, 2018

9.00 – 10.30	<p>Parallel Sessions:</p> <p>Panel 7: Cultural Production and Women's Agency</p> <p>Chair: Kathryn Maude, Assistant Professor of Women & Gender Studies, AUB</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jennifer Nish (American University of Beirut) – <i>“Rhetorical Genres and the Limits of Feminist Activism: Can a Selfie Be a Feminist Act?”</i>▪ Liina Mustonen (European University Institute) – <i>“Performing ‘Successful Femininity’: Social Distinction in Egypt.”</i>▪ Salam Al-Mahadin and Hanan Ibrahim (Al-Ahliyya Amman University) – <i>“A Tale of two Jordanian Videos: De-Feminising Israeli Occupation.”</i> <p>Panel 8: State-led Gender Reforms: Evaluating Mechanisms and Impact</p> <p>Chair: Rima Karami Akkary, Associate Professor of Educational Administration, Policy, and Leadership, AUB</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Abouziene Daabaji (University of Sidi Mohammad Ben Abdallah) – <i>“The Crisis of Representation of Moroccan Women in Higher Economic and Political Institutions.”</i>▪ Fatimaezzahra Belfakir (American University of Beirut) – <i>“Parliamentary Performance of Moroccan Women: Study on Sociological Profiles and Legislative Role.”</i> <p>Panel 9: Gender, Militancy, and Radicalization</p> <p>Chair: Nadjé Al Ali, Professor of Gender Studies and Chair of the Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Isabel Käser (SOAS) – <i>“Militant Femininity: A Gendered Analysis of the PKK's Liberation Ideology.”</i>▪ Joseph Alagha (Haigazian University) – <i>“Radicalized Women: Social Movements and Collective Action.”</i>▪ Samar Kassis (Birzeit University) – <i>“The Union of Women Held Captive for Freedom: Reality, Possibilities and Challenges.”</i>▪ Sarah Boukhari (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom) – <i>“Daesh, or the Islamic State of Ultrapatriarchy: What Kind of a Gender Order is in the Making?”</i>
10.30 – 10.50	Coffee Break, West Hall, 1 st floor

10.50 – 12.00	<p><i>Parallel Sessions:</i></p> <p>Panel 10: Intersectional Feminism: Thought and Practice</p> <p>Chair: Dina El Khawaga, Director, Asfari Institute for Civil Society & Citizenship</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Menna Ahmed Agha (University of Antwerp) – <i>“Finding a Place for the Nubian Feminist.”</i> ▪ Allison Finn (American University of Beirut) – <i>“Coloniality and Complicity in Feminist Research and Activism.”</i> ▪ Ginger Feather (University of Kansas) – <i>“Entering a Post-Feminist Phase and the Rise of Youth Social Justice Movements?”</i> <p>Panel 11: Structural Barriers to Female Solidarity and Empowerment</p> <p>Chair: Islah Jad, Associate Professor of Gender and Development, Birzeit University and Qatar University</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sarah El Masry (Lebanon Support) – <i>“From Cairo to Beirut: The Demise of Cross-National Feminism.”</i> ▪ Rola al-Husseini (Lund University) – <i>“Gender and Sectarianism: Women’s Political Representation in Iraq and Lebanon.”</i> ▪ Carmen Geha (American University of Beirut) – <i>“Sectarian Power-Sharing and the Myth of Women Political Empowerment in Lebanon.”</i>
12.00 – 13.30	<p><i>Parallel Sessions:</i></p> <p>Panel 12: Silencing and Recognition</p> <p>Chair: Hoda Elsadda, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Cairo University</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fidaa Chehayeb (University of Birmingham) – <i>“Breaking the Silence.”</i> ▪ Shereen Abouelnaga (Cairo University) – <i>“Let’s Grieve Over Misrecognition.”</i> ▪ Doris Gray (Al Akhawayn University) – <i>“Transitional Justice in Tunisia: The Forgotten Victims Six Years After the Uprising, Who are the Winners and the Losers?”</i> <p>Panel 13: Women’s Empowerment: Institutional Approaches</p> <p>Chair: Charlotte Karam, Associate Professor of Organizational Behaviour and Associate Dean, Olayan School of Business, AUB</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sabah Ikhmayees (Al-Quds University) – <i>“The Implications of Gender Quota in Palestine as a Conflict-Torn, Divided Society.”</i> ▪ Hanane Darhour (Ibn Zohr University) – <i>“Gender Quota Reforms in Morocco and the Politics of Sidelineing.”</i> ▪ Maissam Nimer (Koç University) – <i>“Understanding the Production and Reproduction of Gender Inequalities in Lebanon: Case of a Scholarship Development Program in an Elite Higher Education Institution.”</i>

13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break, West Hall, 1 st floor
14.30 – 16.00	<p><i>Parallel Sessions:</i></p> <p>Panel 14: Sexual Violence: Strategies for Change and Containment</p> <p>Chair: Rima Majed, Assistant Professor of Sociology, AUB</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allison Finn (American University of Beirut) and Nay El Rahi (HarassTracker) – “<i>Why Are We Still Here? The Gaps in Feminist Advocacy for a Sexual Harassment Law in Lebanon.</i>” ▪ Fatima Moussawi and Mona Khneisser (American University of Beirut) – “<i>Public Policy and Sexual Violence in Lebanon: Questioning Public/Private Binaries.</i>” ▪ Helen Rizzo (American University in Cairo) – “<i>Redefining Masculinities in Anti-Gender Based Violence Initiatives.</i>” ▪ Kamile Dinçsoy (Istanbul University) – “<i>Negative Gendered Effects of Turkey’s Asylum Regime.</i>” <p>Roundtable</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Auditorium B</p> <p><i>Building Collective Power: Lessons Learnt in the Forming of a Feminist Bloc</i></p> <p>Feminist Bloc: Sarah Kaddoura, Youmna Mroue, Mira Al Mawla, and Islam Khatib</p> <p>Moderator: Rim Saab, Assistant Professor of Psychology, AUB</p>
16.00 – 16.20	Coffee Break, West Hall, 1 st floor
16.20 – 17.20	<p><i>Keynote Address:</i></p> <p>Room: West Hall, Bathish Auditorium</p> <p>Nadje Al Ali (SOAS University of London) - “<i>Intersecting Crises: So What Can Feminism Accomplish?</i>”</p> <p>Moderator: Rim Saab, Assistant Professor of Psychology, AUB</p> <p><i>Closing Remarks:</i></p> <p>Carmen Geha, Assistant Professor of Public Administration, AUB</p>
20:00	<p>Closing Dinner</p> <p>Room: West Hall, Common Room</p>