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### **International Conference on Gender and Politics**

#### **WOMEN AND POLITICS IN AN AGE OF UNCERTAINTY: THE ROAD TO SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIZATION**

**October 24-26, 2017**

**Kenzi Azghor Hotel, Ouarzazate, Morocco**

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## DAY 1 | 24 OCTOBER 2017

08:00 am	<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b> (at the lobby of the conference room)
09:00 am	<p><b>WELCOME SPEECHES (We are starting on time)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Governor of Ouarzazate Province</li> <li>– <b>Omar HALLI</b> (President of Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)</li> <li>– <b>Moulay Abderrahmane Al Adarissa</b>, (President of Ouarzazate City Council)</li> <li>– <b>Youness BELAHSEN</b> (Dean of the Polydisciplinary Faculty of Ouarzazate, Morocco)</li> <li>– <b>Mohamed Laghdaf CHEIKH MAOULAININE</b> (Delegate of Tourism, Ouarzazate, Morocco)</li> <li>– <b>Aili TRIPP</b> (Conference Co-Organizer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA)</li> <li>– <b>Hanane DARHOUR</b> (Conference Organizer, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)</li> </ul> <p><b>MODERATOR: Moha ENNAJI</b> (President of the South North Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Migration Studies University of Fez, Morocco)</p>
09:30 am	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS (30 min max)</b></p> <p><b>Fatima SADIQI</b> (Professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies, University of Fez &amp; Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Morocco) sadiqi_fatima@yahoo.fr</p> <p><i><b>The Sources of Political Authority in North Africa: A Gender Perspective</b></i></p> <p><b>INTRODUCED BY Hanane DARHOUR</b> (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)</p>
10:30 am	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
11:00 am	<p><b>INAUGURAL LECTURE</b></p> <p><b>Nouzha GUESSOUSS</b> (University of Hassan II, Morocco) nouzhaguessous@gmail.com</p> <p><i><b>Women's Status Discrepancies in Current Moroccan Society between the Law, Social Practices and Culture</b></i></p> <p><b>INTRODUCED BY Ginger FEATHER</b> (University of Kansas, USA)</p>
11:45 am	<p><b>SESSION I</b></p> <p><b>PANEL I.1 Women's Rights and Activism after the Uprisings</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR: Aili Mari TRIPP</b> (University of Wisconsin-Madison)</p> <p><b>Moha ENNAJI</b> (University of Fez, Morocco) mennaji2002@yahoo.fr <i>Women's Activism and Gender Relations in Morocco in Post-Arab Spring</i></p> <p><b>Aitemad MUHANNA-MATAR</b> (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK), a.muhanma-matar@lse.ac.uk <i>Islamic and Secular Women's Activism and Discourses in Post-uprising Tunisia</i></p> <p><b>Jane D. TCHAICHA</b> (Bentley University, USA) jtchaicha@bentley.edu and <b>Khedija ARFAOUI</b> (Independent researcher) douja_win@yahoo.com <i>Women's Artistic and Literary Production in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia: Creating a Pathway to Sustainable Democratization?</i></p> <p><b>PANEL I.2. Theorizing Gender and Democracy</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR: Marwa SHALABY</b> (Rice University, USA)</p> <p><b>Birte SIIM</b> (Aalborg University, Denmark) siim@cgs.aau.dk <i>Gendering democracy in times of Rightwing mobilization – intersectional perspectives.</i></p> <p><b>Conny ROGGE BAND</b> (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands) c.m.roggeband@uva.nl &amp; <b>Mieke VERLOO</b> (Radboud University, the Netherlands) m.verloo@fm.ru.nl <i>Understanding of the Dynamic Relationship between Processes of (De)democratization and Gender Equality Progress: A Theoretical Contribution</i></p> <p><b>Saskia GLAS</b> (Radboud University, the Netherlands) s.glas@maw.ru.nl &amp; <b>Niels SPIERINGS</b> (Radboud University, the Netherlands) n.spierings@maw.ru.nl <i>Why Does Support for Gender Equality Vary Between Arab MENA Countries? The Role of Personal Religiosity, Institutionalized Islam, and Democracy</i></p>
12:45pm	<b>GROUP PICTURE</b> (at the Terrasse of the Hotel)
01:00pm	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
02:00 pm	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b></p> <p><b>Aili Mari TRIPP</b> (Wangari Maathai Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison)</p> <p><i><b>Global Women's Rights in an Era of Democratic Uncertainty: Challenges and Opportunities</b></i></p> <p><b>INTRODUCED BY Katja ŽVAN-ELLIOTT</b> (Al Akhawayn University, Morocco)</p>
03:00 pm	<b>SESSION II</b>

**PANEL II.3. New Initiatives to Promote Female Religious Authority: Muftiyas, Murshidat and Mujtahidas** (Panel funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York)

**CHAIR: Mirjam KÜNKLER**, (Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Sweden) Mirjam.Kuenkler@gmail.com

**Lilia LABIDI** (University of Tunis, Tunisia) labidi.lilia@yahoo.com

*Tunisian Women Judges Following the “Arab Spring”: The Growing Influence of Islamic Notions and the Arts with Regard to the Situation of Women*

**Irene SCHNEIDER** (University of Göttingen, Germany) ischnei@gwdg.de

*Family Law Reform in the West Bank, the Qaḍī al-Quḍāt, and the Women Judges of Ramallah*

**Mirjam KÜNKLER** (Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Sweden) Mirjam.Kuenkler@gmail.com

*Women’s Legal Authority in Islam: Forgotten Histories and New Initiatives*

**Sarah JACOBS** (Princeton University, USA) sj8@alumni.princeton.edu

*The Absence of Qadiyat in Israel*

**PANEL II.4. Literary and Media Expressions of Women**

**CHAIR: Fatima SADIQI** (Professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies, University of Fez, Morocco & Woodrow Wilson Fellow)

**Ismail FROUINI** (Chouaib Doukkali University, Morocco) ismail.frouini@gmail.com and **Abdelkader SABIL**

(ChouaibDoukkali University, Morocco)abdelkaders@gmail.com

*A Voice of Their Own: Gender, Trauma and Resistance in Moroccan Prison Writings*

**Nawel ZBIDI** (Higher Institute of Languages in Mognine, Tunisia) nawelzbidi24@yahoo.fr

*Trauma and Exile in Post- 9/11 Contemporary Arab-American Fiction by Women Writers: Laila Halaby's Once in a Promised Land*

**Douja MAMELOUK** (Researcher Le Moyne College, USA) mamelodm@lemoyne.edu

*The Dictator’s Granddaughters: Tunisian Women’s Post-Revolution Writing*

**Ouidyane ELOUARDAOUI** (University of California, Santa Barbara, USA) widiane16@hotmail.com

*Turkish Soap Operas and Censorship on Arab Television*

**Abderrahim AIT ABDESLAM** (Ibn Tofail University, Morocco) abdoabdeslam@gmail.com

*The Image of Muslim Women in French Print Media: Le Monde as a Case Study*

04:30 pm

**NETWORKING BREAK**

05:00 pm

**SESSION III**

**PANEL III.5. Re-examining Gender Issues in the Global Turn to the Right**

**CHAIR: Khanum SHAIKH** (California State University, Northridge, USA)

**Sheena MALHOTRA** (California State University, Northridge, USA) sheena.malhotra@csun.edu

*Rhetorical Violence and Strategic Silences: Gender, Resistance and State Violence*

**Tina BEYENA** (University of California, Irvine, USA) tinabeyene@gmail.com

*Grassroots Ethiopian Feminist Responses to State Feminism in Ethiopia*

**Sherine HAFEZ** (University of California, Riverside, USA) sherine.hafez@ucr.edu

*Taking Resistance Virtually Post-revolution: Gender and Sexuality Online in Egypt*

**Khanum SHAIKH** (California State University, Northridge, USA) Khanum.shaikh@csun.edu

*American Muslim Women and the Politics of National Security: Pre and Post 2016 Elections*

**PANEL III.6. Women and Politics**

**CHAIR: Najib MOKHTARI** (Université Internationale de Rabat, Morocco)

**Katja ŽVAN-ELLIOTT** (Al Akhawayn University, Morocco) k.zvan-elliott@au.ma

*Delays in Moroccan Legal Reforms: The Case of Gender-Based Violence*

**Nadia KAMEL** (Hassan II University, Morocco) nad.1980@hotmail.com , **Amina DRHIMEUR** (Hassan II University,

Morocco) amina.drhimeur@icloud.com and **Khalid TAMDY** (Hassan II University, Morocco) khalidtamdy@yahoo.fr

*What are the Perspectives for the Evolution of Women’s Political Rights? A Comparison between Morocco and Turkey*

**Fatima QURATULAIN** (University of Oxford, UK) qfatima6@gmail.com

*Female Legislators and Female Public Servants: An Alliance to Advance Pro-women Policy Process?*

**Souad BELHORMA** (University of Moulay Ismail, Morocco) Belhormasouad23@gmail.com

*The Gender Gap in Political Participation after the Arab Spring*

## DAY 2 | 25 OCTOBER 2017

09:00 am	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> (30 min max)</p> <p><b>Drude DAHLERUP</b> (Professor of Political Science, University of Stockholm, Sweden) <i>Women's Contribution to Processes of Democratization</i></p> <p><b>INTRODUCED BY Fatima SADIQI</b> (University of Fez, Morocco &amp; Woodrow Wilson Fellow)</p>
10:00 pm	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
10:30 am	<p><b>SESSION IV</b></p> <p><b>PANEL IV.7. The Role of International Institutions in Fostering Gender Equality in Relation to Democracy</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR: Rita STEPHAN</b> (Middle East Partnership Initiative, U.S. Department of State; Research Fellow at the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies at North Carolina State University) rita.stephan@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Hafssa AIT TABAMOUTE</b> (Corps Africa Volunteer, Morocco) hafssa.tabamoute@gmail.com <i>Supporting Women's Participation in Local Government in Tingbir, Morocco</i></p> <p><b>Slobodan MILIC</b> (National Democratic Institute, Resident Director, Morocco) smilic@ndi.org <i>Women's Representation in Parliament</i></p> <p><b>Aimee BRESLOW</b> (Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. State Department, USA) BreslowAL@state.gov <i>Women's Leadership: Theory and Practice</i></p> <p><b>Roula SYLLA</b> (Gender in Governance, Public Governance Directorate – OECD, France) Roula.SYLLA@oecd.org <i>Gender Equality in Public Life</i></p> <p><b>PANEL IV.8. Democratization, Democracy and Gender Equality</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR: Nawar Al-Hassan GOLLEY</b> (American University of Sharjah, UAE) nhgolley@aus.edu</p> <p><b>Sana SAYED</b>, (American University of Sharjah, UAE) ssayed@aus.edu <i>Democracy When? Latent Female Liberation in Pakistan</i></p> <p><b>Ginger FEATHER</b> (University of Kansas, USA) Ginger@daveandginger.com <i>Democratization of the Nuclear Family: A Precursor to National Democratization in Muslim-majority Countries</i></p> <p><b>Hoda Ragheb AWAD</b> (Misr International University, Egypt) hodaawad5@gmail.com <i>Gender, Women and Democracy: The Role of Women and Women's Councils in Sustaining Democracy</i></p> <p><b>Zakia SALIM</b> (Rutgers University, USA) zsalime@sociology.rutgers.edu <i>Women and Land Rights in Morocco</i></p>
12:00 pm	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
1:30 pm	<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b></p> <p><b>miriam cooke</b> (Braxton Craven Distinguished Professor of Arab Cultures at Duke University, USA) miriam.cooke@gmail.com</p> <p><i>Contesting Fatwa 64: Islamic State, Women and Violence</i></p> <p><b>INTRODUCED BY Doris H. GRAY</b> (Director Hillary Clinton Center for Women's Empowerment at AlAkhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco) <a href="mailto:d.gray@au.ma">d.gray@au.ma</a></p>
	<b>SESSION V</b>

02:30 pm	<p><b>PANEL V.9. Negotiating Women's Rights Globally and Locally</b>  <b>CHAIR: Hoda Ragheb AWAD</b> (Misr International University, Egypt)</p> <p><b>Sara AL HARFAN</b> (American University of Sharjah, UAE) s.alharfan@gmail.com &amp; <b>Jeniece LUSK</b> (American University of Sharjah, UAE) jlusk@aus.edu  <i>Arab Women, Western Rights: Assessing the Limits of Cultural Hybridization</i></p> <p><b>Jennice McCafferty-Wright</b> (University of Missouri, USA) jmwright@mail.missouri.edu  <i>"We Have to Achieve our Dreams and our Mothers' Dreams": Critically Engaging the Civic Voices of Young Women in Morocco</i></p> <p><b>Ilham Bettach</b> (Mohamed V University, Morocco) Bettach.ilham@gmail.com  <i>The Burqa Affair in the Kingdom of Cautious Democracy: Delicate Balance between Individual Rights and Group Rights</i></p> <p><b>Kubra Guzin Babaturk</b> (University of Texas at Austin, USA) k.babaturk@utexas.edu  <i>Muslim Secularism: The Visibility of Hijab in the Public Sphere</i></p> <p><b>PANEL V.10. Women, Peacebuilding and Conflict</b>  <b>CHAIR: Aitemad Muhanna-Matar</b> (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK)</p> <p><b>Emel Elif Tugdar</b> (University of Kurdistan Hawler, Iraq) etugdar@gmail.com  <i>Politics of Gender in Iraqi Kurdistan: Resource Curse, Tribalism and Political Culture</i></p> <p><b>Nawar Al-Hassan Golley</b> (American University of Sharjah, UAE) nhgolley@aus.edu  <i>Syrian Women: Hope for Sustainable Peace</i></p> <p><b>Ibrahim Natil</b> (Dubin City University, Ireland) dr.natil59@gmail.com  <i>Challenges and Lessons: Facing Women in Civil Society, Peacebuilding, Development and Politics</i></p> <p><b>Samah Saleh</b> (An-Najah National University, Palestine) Samah.saleh@gmail.com  <i>Palestinian Women Negotiate: Resisting the Israeli Occupation</i></p>
04:00 pm	<p><b>NETWORKING BREAK</b></p>
04:30 pm	<p><b>SESSION VI</b></p> <p><b>PANEL VI.11. Women in Legislatures</b>  <b>CHAIR: Doris H. Gray</b> (Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco)</p> <p><b>Ella Prihatini</b> (University of Western Australia) ella.prihatini@uwa.edu.au &amp; <b>Graham Brown</b> (University of Western Australia) graham.brown@uwa.edu.au  <i>Representation or Leadership? The Impact of Women's Political Roles on Developmental Outcomes in Asia</i></p> <p><b>Marjeta Šinko</b> (University of Zagreb, Croatia) marjeta.sinko@fpzg.hr &amp; <b>Daniela Širinić</b> (University of Zagreb, Croatia) daniela.sirinic@fpzg.hr  <i>In Search of a Women-friendly Legislative Agenda: Case study of Parliamentary Questions in Croatia</i></p> <p><b>Marwa Shalaby</b> (Rice University, USA) mms5@rice.edu &amp; <b>Laila Elimam</b> (Rice University, USA) le13@rice.edu  <i>Women in Legislative Committees in Arab Parliaments</i></p> <p><b>Bozena Welborne</b> (Smith College, USA) bwelborne@smith.edu  <i>On Their Own: Investigating Women Running for Office as Independents in the Middle East and North Africa</i></p> <p><b>PANEL VI.12. Female Participation in North Africa</b>  <b>CHAIR: Rola El-Husseini</b> (Lund, university, Sweden)</p> <p><b>Pauline Finn</b> (Université Chouaïb Doukkali, Morocco) paulinecfinn@gmail.com &amp; <b>Daouia Laaboudi</b> (Université Chouaïb Doukkali, Morocco) a.laaboudi06@gmail.com  <i>Women's Empowerment and Morocco's Mosque-based Adult Literacy Program: A Case Study in El Jadida</i></p> <p><b>Rasmus Brandt</b> (University of Zurich, Switzerland) rasmus.brandt@uzh.ch  <i>Re-defining the National: Gender, Identity and Belonging among Tunisia's Ennabda Women Activists</i></p> <p><b>Anwar Mhajne</b> (University of Cincinnati, USA) anwar.mhajne@gmail.com  <i>Political Opportunities and Strategic Choices: The Case of the Muslim Sisterhood in Egypt</i></p> <p><b>Jabrane Amaghouss</b> (Université Cadi Ayyad, Morocco) j.amaghouss@gmail.com &amp; <b>Aomar Ibourk</b> (Université Cadi Ayyad, Morocco) aomaribourk@gmail.com  <i>Analysis of the Emancipation of Women in Morocco: A Comparative Study</i></p>
06:00 pm	<p><b>END OF SESSIONS</b></p>

## DAY 3 | 26 OCTOBER 2017

09:00 am	<p><b>SESSION VII</b></p> <p><b>Panel VII.13. Gender Quotas and Women's Political Rights</b>  <b>CHAIR: Fatima QURATULAIN</b> (University of Oxford, UK)</p> <p><b>Hanane DARHOUR</b> (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) hanane.darhour@gmail.com  <i>What Do Gender Quota Implementation and Reform mechanisms tell us about the Moroccan Democratization Process?</i></p> <p><b>Marta RAWLUSZKO</b> (University of Warsaw, Poland) m.rawluszko@uw.edu.pl  <i>Promoting Gender Quotas: Successful Feminist Strategies and their Unintended Effects</i></p> <p><b>El Houcine BOUALILI</b> (University of ChouaibDoukkali, Morocco) elhoucineboualili82@gmail.com &amp;  <b>Mohammed DERDAR</b> (University of ChouaibDoukkali, Morocco) derdarmohammed@yahoo.fr &amp; <b>Abdelkader SABIL</b> (University of Chouaib Doukkali, Morocco) abdelkaders@gmail.com  <i>Rethinking Women's Political Empowerment in Morocco: Questioning the Validity of Gender Quota</i></p> <p><b>Jana BELSCHNER</b> (University of Bergen, Norway) Jana.Belschner@uib.no  <i>Complementary Advantage: The Interaction of Youth and Gender Quotas in Tunisia</i></p> <p><b>PANEL VII.14. State Uses and Abuses of Women's Rights</b>  <b>CHAIR: Bozena WELBORNE</b> (Smith College, USA) bwelborne@smith.edu</p> <p><b>Zeinab FAROKHI</b> (University of Toronto, Canada) zeinab.farokhi@mail.utoronto.ca  <i>The Body as Frontier</i></p> <p><b>Rola EL-HUSSEINI</b> (Lund, university, Sweden) Rola.elhousseini@gmail.com  <i>The Instrumentalization of Feminism by Arab Regimes</i></p> <p><b>Saleena SALEEM</b> (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) issaleena@ntu.edu.sg  <i>The State, Religious Actors and Women's Empowerment: Higher Education and Muslim Women Activism in Malaysia</i></p> <p><b>Amal MIRI</b> (Ghent University, Belgium) amal.miri@ugent.be  <i>Bordering Family Life: Tensions Within Marriage Migration Policy in Belgium</i></p>
10:30 pm	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
11:00 am	<p><b>SESSION VIII</b></p> <p><b>PANEL VIII.15. Women on the Frontlines of Resisting Terrorism and Extremism</b>  <b>CHAIR: Tina BEYENA</b> (University of California, Irvine, USA)</p> <p><b>Najib MOKHTARI</b> (Université Internationale de Rabat, Morocco) najib.mokhtari@uir.ac.ma  <i>Remapping Radicalism: A Re-Gendering of CVE Prevention Plans in Morocco</i></p> <p><b>Mahjouba KAOUKAOU</b> (Mohammed V University, Morocco) hajibakaoukaou@gmail.com  <i>Gender and Terrorism</i></p> <p><b>Lucky Igohosa UGBUDIAN</b> (Federal Ndufu-Alike Ikwo, Nigeria) liugbudian@gmail.com  <i>The Role of Women in Countering Terrorism: The Nigerian Perspective</i></p> <p><b>PANEL VIII.16. Women's Civil and Political Participation in Nigeria and Morocco</b>  <b>CHAIR: Katja Zvan-ELLIOTT</b>, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco</p> <p><b>Bashir SA'AD IBRAHIM</b> (Federal University Dutse, Nigeria) bashirsaad@fud.edu.ng  <i>The Marginalisation of Women Participation in Nigeria's Politics: An Assessment of the 2015 General Elections</i></p> <p><b>Lamidi Kamal OLANIYI</b> (Federal University Dutse, Nigeria) kamal.lamidi@fud.edu.ng  <i>An Examination of Factors Facing Women Participation in Nigerian Politics</i></p> <p><b>Hicham ZYAD</b> (Hassan II University, Morocco)zyadhicham@gmail.com  <i>Civic Education and Gender Equity: The Role of Media Literacy in Female Youths' Civic Engagement</i></p>
12:30 pm	<p><b>CLOSING ADDRESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Youness BELAHSEN</b> (Dean of the Polydisciplinary Faculty of Ouarzazate, Morocco)</li> <li>– <b>Hanane DARHOUR</b> (Conference Organizer, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)</li> </ul>
1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
3:00-5:00 pm	<b>GUIDED TOUR</b> to Ouarzazate famous Atlas Studio and Kasbat Ait Benhaddou
<b>Exhibition of women's handicrafts</b> (from 24 to 26 October, at the lobby of the Hotel)	