WORKSHOP ON:
Gender and Judging in the Middle East and Africa: Emerging Scholarship and Debates

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5 – 6 July 2018

Programme
Meeting room: Karl Renner & Achille Loria

Please ensure that your paper is distributed by Saturday 30th June. Each presenter has 20 minutes to present followed by comments and discussion. The workshop is structured around the following topics:
1) Gendered patterns in the judicial selection processes and
2) Gender Aspects of Judging.

Wednesday 4th July 2018
21:00 Welcome drinks in Residencia Antia and reception with finger food.
Introduction of participants

Thursday 5th July 2018
08:00 – 08:45 Breakfast at the Residencia
09:00 – 09:15 Registration
09:15 – 11:00 Introduction
09:15 – 09:45 Welcome by Monika Lindbekk and Rania Maktabi, and organisational remarks Ulrike Schultz
09:45 – 10:15 Leire Kortabarria: Activities of the Institute and the publication process
10:15 – 11:30 Ulrike Schultz (FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany): Gender and Judging – Comparative Aspects of an Ongoing Project
Mirjam Künkler (University of Bonn, Germany): “Pioneers in the Courtroom: Female judges in Indonesia’s and the Sudan’s Islamic Courts”
Chair and discussant: Monika Lindbekk
11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break
**Thursday 5th July 2018 (continuation)**

12:00 – 13:45 Gendered patterns in judicial selection processes I: Individual country presentations from Africa

**Rebecca Badejogbin** (University of Cape Town, South Africa): “The African Woman Judge: Too Early to say How Well?” *by Skype*

**Tabeth Lynn Masengu** (Human Rights Centre, Ghent University and University of Cape Town): “Legitimacy Perceptions and the Case of Zambian Women Judges”

**Rachel Ellett** (Beloit College, USA): “The Gendering of Judicial Selection and Promotion in Malawi and Zambia”

Chair and discussant: **Enibokun Uzebu**

14:00 – 15:30 Lunch

15:30 – 17:15 Gendered patterns in judicial selection processes II: Individual country presentations from the Middle East

**Nijmi Edres** (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany): “Becoming a shari’a judge: an interview with Hana Khatib, the first female shari’a judge appointed in Israel”

**Rania Maktabi** (Østfold University College, Norway): “Gender and Judging in Kuwait: Female Judges in the Making after 2012”

**Fatima Alhewail** (Kuwait University, Kuwait): “Kuwaiti Women in The Judiciary; A Twisted Logic”

Chair and discussant: **Monika Lindbekk**

17:15 – 17:30 Break

17:30 – 18:30 Preliminary conclusions and open discussion

20:20 Meeting at the Residence building, brief walk to the restaurant.

20:30 Dinner

**Friday 6th of July 2018**

08:00 – 08:45 Breakfast at the Residencia

09:00 – 10:30 Gender Aspects of Judging I: Individual country presentations from Africa

**Anakech Getnet Ayele** (Tilburg University, Netherlands): “Gender in the Ethiopian Judicial System”

**Enibokun Uzebu** (University of Benin, Nigeria): “Women Judges Making a Difference? Anecdotal Evidence from Nigeria”

Chair and discussant: **Tabeth Lynn Masengu**
Friday 6th of July 2018 (continuation)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:15 Gender aspects of judging II: Individual country presentations from Africa and the Middle East

Lydia A. Nkansah (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology – Faculty of Law, Ghana): “Assessing the Impact of Women Judges in Addressing Gender - Based Issues in Ghana” by Skype

Maaike Voorhoeve (Universiteit van Amsterdam, The Netherlands): “A child is better off with its mother’: The reproduction of gendered norms in custody rulings issued by Tunisian female family judges”

Monika Lindbekk (University of Oslo, Norway): “Women Judges in Egypt between Legalism and Equity”

Susanne Dahlgren (University of Tampere, Finland): “Gendered Justice in Adeni Court: Three Judges, Historical Periods”

Chair and discussant: Monique Cardinal

13:15 – 13:45 Brief tour of the university building

14:00 – 15:30 Lunch

15:30 – 16:45 Gender aspects of Judging II (ctd.)


Monique Cardinal (Université Laval - Canada): “The Empowerment and Disempowerment of the Judiciary in Syria since the March Revolution of 2011: What Role for Women Judges and Prosecutors?”

Chair and discussant: Rania Maktabi

16:45 – 17:00 Break

17:00 – 18:00 Concluding reflections by Monika Lindbekk and Rania Maktabi.

Final discussion: Toward theorizing a comparative perspective on gender and judging in Africa and the Middle East. Possibilities of book publication.

20:15 Meeting in front of the Residence. If the weather is nice we can also start earlier and take a walk uphill before we sit down in Torre Zumeltzegi.

20:30 Dinner