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## WORKSHOP ON:

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

Coordinators: **Josephine Dawuni** (Howard University), **Monika Lindbekk** (University of Oslo), **Rania Maktabi** (Østfold University College) & **Ulrike Schultz** (FernUniversität in Hagen)

5 – 6 July 2018

## Programme

Meeting room: Karl Renner & Achille Loria

Please ensure that your paper is distributed by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **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*
- Maaïke 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.)
- Nahda Shehada** (International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands): “The Sociology of Judging: Comparison between Gaza and Damascus Sharia Courts”
- 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