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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 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.)
- 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