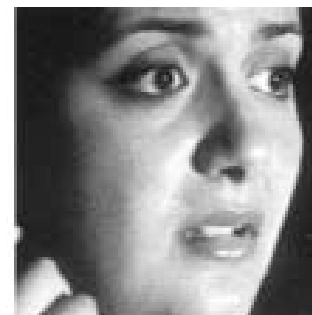


Film Festival: Women and Sexuality (June 28-30, 2004)



The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Lebanese American University - in consultancy with Beirut-DC - held its Fifth Annual Film Festival from June 28-30, 2004. The festival's program included short films by students from various universities in Lebanon that tackled issues such as premarital sex, body image, and relationships. The festival also screened two documen-

taries that openly address the killing of female prostitutes in Iran and the AIDS virus in South Africa. Last but not least, four feature films from Egypt, Tunisia and Spain were screened. The films and documentaries selected are directed by several renowned directors, such as Pedro Almodovar, Moufida Tlatli, and Raja Amari to mention a few.



Seminar/ distance-learning course entitled "Gender Mainstreaming and MDGs - The role of universities", December 6, 9 and 15, 2004

IWSAW was the coordinator for the seminar/ distance-learning course entitled "Gender Mainstreaming and MDGs - The role of universities" organized by the World Bank Institute on December 6, 9 and 15, 2004. The sessions included students from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, and Saudi Arabia. The Lebanon group included students from LAU, AUB and Haigazian University. The December 6 seminar was held at the LAU conference room; Irwin Hall, and the other two at the World Bank office, UN building, Riad El-Solh Square, Beirut. The aim throughout the sessions was to provide university students with an opportunity to exchange opinions and ideas on the MDGs (Millennium Development Goals), and to discuss the role they could play in achieving these goals.