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## “Teaching Gender” Curriculum Workshop - Yemen



IWSAW director Dima Dabbous-Sensenig at the workshop in Yemen.

The Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) through its director Dima Dabbous-Sensenig along with two LAU graduate students participated in the workshop titled “Teaching Gender: Curriculum Workshop” that took place at the universities of Sana’a and Aden from June 9–12, 2007. The two graduate students, Rebecca Ammar and Abir Ward, were nominated by the Comparative Literature department because of their academic distinction and because their Master’s thesis deals with gender issues.

The purpose of the workshop was to develop a two-week intensive course to be offered at the University of Oldenburg, Germany, in October 2007, to international students. During the workshop, attended by faculty and students from

the five partner institutions, the participants sought to examine ways of teaching gender as a framework and analytical tool in social science research. Moreover, they looked into the potential that the international cooperation offers in terms of strengthening the gender studies program at the respective universities.

The Yemen partner meeting is the initial phase of a larger project titled “Politics and Gender – A Transnational Research and Teaching Network” that involves cooperation between five universities institutions from Germany and various Arab countries namely the Gender Development Research and Studies Center (GDRSC) at San’a University, Yemen; the Women’s Research and Training Center (WRTC) at the University of Aden; the Center



Group picture of the participants from the five workshop partners.

for Studies and Research on Women (CSAROW) at University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdallah, Fes, Morocco; the Working Group Gender-Migration-Politics (WGGMP) at Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany; and the Institute for Women's Studies (IWSAW) at the Lebanese American University, Lebanon.

The trip was fully funded by the German-Arab University Dialogue of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). DAAD will also be funding the intensive course that will be given at the University of Oldenburg in October 2007. As part of the intensive course, IWSAW director Dima Dabbous-Sensenig will be teaching two seminars, one on gender and religion and the other on gender and the media.



From left to right: Rebecca Ammar, Dima Dabbous-Sensenig, and Abir Ward.