

THE INSTITUTE CONFERENCES  
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Wellesley Workshop

The Institute is organizing a workshop that will study the possibility of developing a curriculum on Arab Women .

The workshop is going to be held at Wellesley College , U.S.A , on the 7-8-9 of June , 1976 . An Arab Institute organizing an Arab workshop to study the possibility of developing a curriculum on Arab women . Why in the U.S.A ? Why at Wellesley ?

A comparative conference on " Women and Development " is going to be held at Wellesley College from June 5-6, 1976. The conference will be international in scope and character . Scholars from developed and developing countries will come together to discuss the impact of modernization on women's economic , social and political roles in Africa , Asia , Latin America and the Middle East . I W S A W thought it would be of great

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Women and Progress Conference

I W S A W had scheduled a conference to be held in Beirut in November, 1975, but due to political events that have taken place in Lebanon, the conference was postponed. The Institute will decide on the date of the conference when peace will return to Lebanon .

The theme of the conference is "Women and Progress." The Institute has already contacted members of the academic field and experts involved in all aspects of the study of women in the Arab world . Research findings , ideas, and information will be exchanged at this conference, and plans for future work will be developed .

The conference proceedings will be given a wide distribution and will be included in the Documentation Center for reference .

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THE DOCUMENTATION CENTER

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I W S A W inaugurated its Documentation Center in April, 1975. The Center, which is housed in a wing of the Beirut University College Library has already a collection of over 600 books and a substantial number of periodicals research papers and reports on the subject of women . About half of this material is in Arabic, the rest in English and French . While the major goal of the Center is to index and maintain all books and materials known to the Institute on Arab Women, there is also a large collection pertaining to women throughout the World .

I W S A W is intensifying its research and documentation work in order to have as complete a collection and indexing as possible, not only on works available in Lebanon and the rest of the Arab Middle East , but from other parts of the World as well . Wherever possible, we will add to our collection these books and papers of most value to the work of the Institute .

New acquisitions which are added to the Center's collection will be announced in subsequent newsletter .

In this newsletter we will list the main fields of our collection :

1. Woman and religion : in Islam, in Christianity, in Judaism, in Buddhism .
2. Woman's rights : suffrage, emancipation .
3. Woman and education .
4. Woman and Labor : employment , wages, hours of work .
5. Arab Woman in literature & art.
6. Woman in different fields of work; vocational guidance for women .
7. Women in developing countries.
8. Biographies .
9. Women and national development.
10. Women and psychology .
11. The rural woman .
12. Sexual behaviour .

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A RESEARCH PROGRAM ON POPULATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The Rockefeller and Ford Foundations jointly announce the sixth year of a world wide program of awards in support of social science research relevant to the formulation and implementation of population policy .

In this year's program, the Foundations wish to emphasize projects focused on the reciprocal relationships between population policy and social and economic development .

Proposals should focus on :

- 1) empirical relationships between development processes and population trends ;
- 2) reciprocal effects of development and population policies ;
- 3) means of modifying development processes and population trends to achieve improvements in human welfare .

There are no specific eligibility criteria except demonstrated research ability . The program is open to researchers at various points in their career development .

The proposed research should begin in January, 1977 and be fully completed within two years. Proposals must be received by July 1, 1976 .

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benefit to our workshop if all the participants could attend the Wellesley conference as a condition for participation in the workshop .

The major aim of the workshop is to develop a curriculum on Arab Women - her status and role in the socio-economic development in her country. We hope that participants will play a critical role and that our workshop will achieve its purpose .

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Those who would like to have further information about the conference on " Women and Progress" and how to become one of its participants, can write to the Institute .

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13. History and condition of women .
14. Women and social services : cooperative societies , charities , clubs , associations ....
15. Women in politics .