

## Publication Received by IWSAW

Our Institute, IWSAW, has recently received a book on women and the law and politics in the Arab World.

The book, *Al-Mara' Wa Al-Tatawor Al-Siyasi Fi Al-Watan Al-Arabi* i.e. **Woman And Political Development In The Arab Nations**, includes a literature review and empirical study on the issue. Thus, it presents a historical and theoretical account of woman and political development in the Arab Nations in general. Then it reports the results of an empirical analysis of the role of woman in the political legislation of Iraq.

The aim of the inquiry and the author, **Manal Younes Abd-Al-Razaq Al-Alousi**, is to define, in a scientific way, the link between the Arab woman and political development. The emphasis is that woman is a **core variable** that affects and is affected by political development, and that her role is not merely an

outcome of this development. In addition to woman being a core and independent variable that prompts change; economic, political, cultural and social aspects of development are examined in the book.

The book is an important reference for researchers and scholars who are interested in women's issues. It may also be useful to decision-makers in politics and the law who are interested in gaining a scientific insight into various aspects of society, especially since woman is a primary element of society.

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Manal Younes Abd-Al-Razaq Al-Alousi, *Al-Mara' Wa Al-Tatawor Al-Siyasi Fi Al-Watan Al Arabi: Dirasah Tatbiqiyah Li-Tahlil Al-Siyasa Al-Tashri'iyah Fi Al-Khibra Al-Iraqiyah*, Baghdad: Dar Al-Shou'oun Al-Thaqafiyah Al-'Ammah, 1989, 349 pages.

We thank the Iraqi Women's Federation for their generous gift and we are fortunate that the topic of the book, Women and Law and Politics coincides with this issue of *Al-Raida* dealing with the same topic.

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