

International Women's Day

On March 7, 2002 the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Lebanese American University along with the Public Affairs Section, Embassy of the United States of America hosted Dr. Miriam Cooke renowned writer and scholar. In her talk, Cooke shared with the audience her experience in writing on controversial subjects pertaining to women's issues.



Mona Khalaf, Miriam Cooke, and Deborah B. Smith

Tunisian Activist at IWSAW

The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World hosted Ms. Amel Ben Aba a Tunisian woman activist who gave a lecture "Feminism in Tunisia: Past and Present." The lecture took place on April 18, 2002 and was attended by LAU professors, students and women activists.

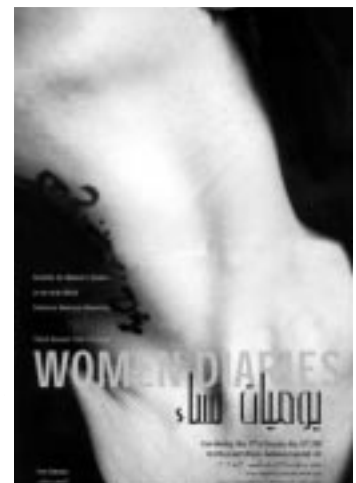


Evelyne Accad, Amel Ben Aba, and Mona Khalaf

Film Festival

Women Diaries

The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Lebanese American University - in consultancy with Cine-Club Direct Line - held its third annual film festival from May 27-30, 2002. The movies and documentaries selected tackled three themes namely violence, work, and how women relate to their bodies. The films screened were selected because they highlight universal women's issues and offer an unconventional, non-commercial and alternative vision of the image of women.



International Colloquium on Women and Education

IWSAW Director Mona Khalaf attended the International Colloquium on Women and Education held at the University of Fes in Morocco from April 11-13, 2002. Khalaf spoke in the opening session where she presented a paper entitled “The Impact of Education on the Status of Lebanese Women.”



Mona Khalaf with conference participants

Globalization and Economic Participation of Arab Women

IWSAW Director Mona Khalaf participated in the Arab Women and Economy forum held in Kuwait from April 26-28, 2002 where she presented a paper “Globalization and Economic Participation of Arab Women.”



IWSAW director Mona Khalaf in one of the panels



Evelyne Accad singing

Evelyne Accad Lectures at IWSAW

The Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World organized an informal gathering with Dr. Evelyne Accad on June 4, 2002. Accad gave a talk “Gender and Violence in the Lebanese War Novels.” Her talk was accompanied with songs written and sung by Accad herself.

UNIFEM Expert Meeting

IWSAW Director Mona Khalaf attended the UNIFEM Expert Meeting that took place in Tunis from June 16-21, 2002. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the training program prepared by the UNIFEM Arab States Regional Office on “Arab Women’s Human Rights in the Context of CEDAW.” Khalaf critically reviewed the first part of the program which dealt with “Women and Economic Rights.”