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The 1920s was a pivotal decade which saw important changes in the Arab world. During this period the foundations of modernity in politics and economics, as well as in social and artistic life, were laid down. The conference examined the participation of women in the creation of this modernity. Scholars from Egypt, Iraq, Palestine, Tunisia, Algeria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and of course Syria and Lebanon, as well as some who came from the United States and Europe, gave papers on theoretical, historical, literary, and social themes. The beginnings of Arab feminism, the participation of women in the various nationalist movements, the entrance of women to stage and screen, the problems of women's education, the changes in the legal status of women that took place during this period - all these and other questions were studied.

*Zakirah lil-Mustaqbal, Maousou'at al-Katiba al-'Arabiyya*. (Memory for the Future: an Encyclopedia of Arab Women Writers), a multi-volume work that covers the last two decades of the 19th century up to the end of the 20th century. The introduction surveys modern Arabic women's writing and raises questions concerning women's creativity. Ten essays explore women's writing in specific countries or regions. A bio-bibliography of individual writers contains 1,200 entries. There is also an anthology of poems, short stories and extracts from novels and autobiographies. Contributors include: Emad Abu Ghazi, Radwa Ashour, Yumna al-Eid, Hoda El-Sadda, Hatem al-Saqr, Soad al-Mane', Iman al-Qadi, Mohamad Barrada, Ferial Ghazoul, Sobhi Hadidi, Haidar Ibrahim, Hasna Mekdash, Amina Rachid.

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