

Call for papers to

Regional Symposium on
“The Roles of Feminist Movements during Regime Change”
November 24-25, 2014
and
PhD-course on
“Comparative studies of women in public life – theoretical and
methodological challenges”.
November 26-27, 2014

Dear colleagues,

The Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR) and the University of Stockholm are pleased to announce the Regional Symposium on “The Roles of Feminist Movements during Regime Change” to be held November 2014. This symposium is the third symposium organized within the framework of the International Research Collaboration project “New Avenues for Political Influence for Women in the Arab Region”, financed by the Swedish Research Council.

The aim of the symposium is to further international research collaboration between Nordic and Arab scholars studying women in public life in times of change. The dramatic changes in the MENA region call for further studies of the position and participation of women in the processes of change. The experiences of other countries will be included as well, opening up for comparative studies of the role of feminist movements during regime change.

We invite papers on a number of related themes: Feminism as a force of change during regime change; generations within the feminist movement; the relation between feminist and non-feminist women’s mobilization; feminism and the constitutional process; the (lack of) inclusion of women and of gender equality perspectives by the political parties; Islamic and secular feminism in times of change.

The symposium will be followed by a PhD-course, November 26-27, on “*Comparative studies of women in public life – theoretical and methodological challenges*”. The participating PhD-students will present their on-going research projects and will receive feedback from fellow participants as well as from a number of international scholars. It will be possible to obtain ECTS points based the presentation of a written paper and active participation in the discussions. The PhD students are welcome to also participate in the symposium.

The language of the conference is English with simultaneous translation into Arabic (and French?).

The project will be able to pay for travel and accommodation for about 25 scholars from the Arab region and the Nordic countries, who present papers at the symposium or at the PhD course. The symposium will be open for app. 20/30 additional scholars, researchers, practitioners and civil society activists, who can cover their own expenses. No conference fee. Meals will be served to all participants.

Given the limited number of participants selected for this symposium, please indicate your interest in participating in the symposium and/or in the PhD course. If you want to present a paper, please enclose an abstract of your paper before **June 10, 2014** to Dr. Maryam Ben Salem, CAWTAR, e-mail: maryams@cawtar.org or calling CAWTAR office (+216 (0)71 790511). The Nordic scholars should apply to professor Drude Dahlerup, Stockholm University, e-mail: drude.dahlerup@statsvet.su.se

We expect to receive your paper no later than **27th of October, 2014**.

The Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR) and the University of Stockholm will be pleased to welcoming you at the symposium and are looking forward to a fruitful discussion during the symposium and the PhD-course in November.

Best regards

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