



State of Palestine
Ministry of Women's Affairs



Gender in Palestine: Approaches to Policies and Practice

March 27-28, 2019 Birzeit University, Palestine

Hall 243 IOL Annex

The conference considers the current policies and institutional strategies related to gender issues and seeks to review the analytical frameworks, concepts, and methodologies adopted by governmental and nongovernmental actors as well as funding institutions active in the gender and development field. The conference focuses on assessing the links between the policies and practices of gender and development in Palestine and the achievement of community steadfastness, social justice and gender equality.

The conference brings together academics and activists through interventions on gender-specific issues in Palestine.

Program

Day One- Wednesday, March 27, 2019	
09:30-10:00	Reception and Registration
10:00-10:40	Opening Session Dr. Henry Jaqaman, Birzeit University Acting President Dr. Haifa Al-Agha, Minister of Women's Affairs Ms. Maryse Guimond, UN Women Special Representative Mr. Jordi Lopez, Senior Programme Manager- Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation Lena Meari, Institute of Women's Studies: Introduction to the conference concept and goals

10:40- 11:20	<p>First Session: Concepts and Methodologies <i>Chair: Islah Jad</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deniz Kandiyoti: The Concept of Empowerment between Theory and Practice- International Experiences - Discussion
11:20- 11:30	<p>Break</p>
11:30- 13:00	<p>Second Session: Gender and Development in the Palestinian Context <i>Chair: Fatima Radaydeh</i> <i>Commentator: Linda Tabar</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rema Hammami: The Problems of International Frameworks Affecting the Issue of Gender Based Violence in Palestine - Eileen Kuttab Prospects and Obstacles to Achieving a Developmental Paradigm for Steadfastness and Liberation in the Palestinian Context - Hala Al-Zibdeh The Ongoing War against Gaza and its Impact on Household Dynamics - Discussion
13:00 -13:30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
13:30 - 15:30	<p>Third Session: Economic Dependency and its Impact on the Formations of Gender <i>Chair: Rania Jawad</i> <i>Commentator: Amira Silmi</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samia Al-Botmeh: Problems of the Dependency of the Palestinian Economy and its Impact on Women - Iman Assaf: Export Agriculture in the Jordan Valley (Al-Aghwar) and its Impact on Working Women - Nidaa Abu Awwad: Prospects and Possibilities of Resisting Economic Dependency within Informal Labour - Discussion

Day Two –Thursday, March 28, 2019

10:00-11:30	<p>Fourth Session: Strategies and Policies: An Overview and Analysis. <i>Chair: Mahmoud Ataya</i> <i>Commentator: Soraida Hussein</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sami Sehweil: The Development of Gender Plans and Policies in Palestine on the Governmental level- Amal Khreisheh: Women’s Movement and Women’s Rights Declaration- a Critical Review- Basma Abu Aker: The Analysis of Gender Equality Policies and Women’s Empowerment- Islah Jad: The Political Framework and Models of Gender Policies Applied in the Palestinian Context (Gaza and West Bank)- Discussion
11:30-11:45	Break
11:45 - 13:15	<p>Fifth Session: Strategies and Work Mechanisms <i>Chair: Samar Qassis</i> <i>Commentator: Ghada Al-Madbouh</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rema Nazzal: The Relevance of Global Women’s Rights Discourse to the reality of Palestinian Women: a Critical Reading of CEDAW and UNSCR 1325- Ilham Sami: Mechanisms and Procedures Implemented by the Ministry of Women’s Affairs to Combat Violence against Women- Suha Elayyan: The Work of National Committees- Legislations Harmonization Committee as a Model- Reem Al-Botmeh: Legal Reforms for Gender Equality- Obstacles to Legislation Reform from a Gender Perspective- Discussion
13:15-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:00	<p>Sixth Session: A Discussion Session on Palestinian Women’s Movement’s Approaches to Women’s Issues in the Palestinian Context <i>Chair: Rula Abu Duho</i></p> <p>Representatives of the General Union of Palestinian Women, Women Committees and Women's Organizations: General Union of Palestinian Women: Mona Al-Khalili Representatives of Women Committees: Siham Al-</p>

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Representatives of Women Organizations
Discussion and Recommendations

Final Remarks