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## PROGRAM

### ISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG | RABAT OFFICE

#### **International Forum: The Escalation of Violence Against Women in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Region**

**Date :** 29-31 May, 2015  
**Venue:** Palais des Congrès, Fez, Morocco

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**Languages of the Forum:** Arabic, French, English (simultaneous translation provided)

While the post-Arab Spring turmoil is affecting men, women, and children, specific types of violence systematically target women and girls. The post-Arab Spring's initial backlash on women's rights is not only gathering momentum everyday, but it is developing into unprecedented new types of violence against women with the mounting tide of Jihadism. The new forms of violence range from the imposition of the niqab (total veiling), the ban of women from public unless they are accompanied by a male member of the family, a return of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) for women between the ages of 11 and 46, stoning to death of (supposedly) adulterous women, assassination of female activists, Jihad al-Nikah (brainwashed women offering sex in support of the Jihadists), and enslavement (buying/selling of women and girls). These new forms of violence are indirectly sanctioning the already familiar types such as moralization incriminating women for any social crisis, domestic battering, increased sexual harassment, forced marriage, and (gang) rape.

The seventh edition of the Mediterranean Women Forum aims at documenting and unveiling these new types of violence, linking them to the familiar types,



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understanding their social, economic and political ramifications, digging out their surface and deeper underpinnings especially in relation to Jihadism, and proposing strategies to alleviate and gradually stop them. The forum targets seven major axes:

1. The significance of the escalation of violence against women
2. The escalation of violence against women in the Middle East
3. The escalation of violence against women in North Africa
4. Patriarchy and violence against women
5. The impact of masculinity
6. Some strategies for fighting violence against women
  - Reform of school curricula
  - Reform of textbooks
7. International networking in the face of a transnational violence

### **Friday, 29 May**

- 8: 00 h Arrival  
9: 00 h Opening / Speeches  
10: 00 h Reception

#### **1st Session: What Does the New Escalation of Violence Against Women Mean?**

**Moderator: Moha ENNAJI**, President, INLAC, International Institute for Languages and Cultures, Fez

- 11: 00 h ***What Does the Escalation of Violence Against Women Hide?*** (in French)  
**Ahmed SMAOUI**, ex Minister of Social Affairs, Tunisia
- 11: 15 h ***Where Does the Escalation of Violence Against Women Lead?*** (in French)  
**Kahina BOUAGACHE**, Women Lawyers' Group, Coordinator of North Africa
- 11: 30 h ***The Masculinization of Values and Traditions in the Gulf Societies*** (in Arabic)  
**Sharifa AL-YAHYAI**, ex Minister of Social Development, Oman



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- 11 : 45 h ***Moroccan Women and Religious Extremism***  
**Loubna AMHAIR**, Member of the Moroccan Parliament
- 12: 00 h ***Moroccan Legislation and Violence Against Women*** (in Arabic)  
**Amina MAELAINAINE**, Member of the Moroccan Parliament
- 12: 15 h Discussion

**2nd Session: The Escalation of Violence Against Women: The Case of the Middle East (I)**

**Moderator:**

- 15: 00 h ***Styles of Political Violence Against Egyptian Women in the Aftermath of the «Arab Spring»*** (in Arabic)  
**Hoda AWAD**, Misr International University, Cairo
- 15: 15 h ***Extremism and Its Impact on Jordanian Women*** (in Arabic)  
**Dania AL-HJOJ**, Lawyer, Director, The Jordanian National Network of Combating Violence Against Women - Chamaa, Jordan
- 15: 30 h ***Silence and the Escalation of Violence Against Palestinian Women*** (in Arabic)  
**Hania BITAR**, Director, The Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation, Palestine
- 15: 45 h ***New Types of Violence Against Bahraini Women*** (in Arabic)  
**Rabab ALIWI**, General Coordinator, BRAVO (Bahrain Rehabilitation & Anti-Violence Organization), Bahrain
- 16: 00 h Discussion  
16: 30 h Coffee-Break

**3rd Session: The Escalation of Violence Against Women: The Case of the Middle East (II)**

**Moderator:** **Chouki EL HAMEL**, Arizona State University, USA

- 16: 45 h ***Disposable Bodies, Refugees, and National Honor : the Continuum of Gender-Based Violence in Post-2011 Lebanon***  
**Ghiwa SAYEGH**, Director, Kohl, Journal for Body and Gender Research, Lebanon



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- 17 : 00 h ***The Root Causes Behind the Increase in Violence Against Women in Turkey***  
**Sylvia TIRYAKI**, Director, Global Political Trends Center,  
Istanbul Kultur University, Turkey
- 17: 15 h ***Women and Escalating Violence in Yemen***  
**Mohamed BAobaID**, Director, Muslim Resource Centre for Social  
Support and Integration, Yemen and Canada
- 17: 30 h ***The Jihadists and Violence Against Women***  
**Mohamed MOUBTASSIME**, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Fez
- 17 : 45 h Discussion
- 20: 00 h Soufi Music Evening (Bab Makina)

**Saturday 30 May**

**4th Session: The Escalation of Violence Against Women: The Case of North Africa**

**Moderator: Khadija HASSALA**, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Fez

- 9 : 30 h ***Radical Islam and the Weakening of Women's Status*** (in French)  
**Khédiya ARFAOUI**, ATFD, Tunisian Association of Democratic Women,  
Tunisia
- 9 : 45 h ***Women and Political Violence in Algeria*** (in French)  
**Rachid TLEMCANI**, université d'Alger, Algérie
- 10 : 00 h ***The Tent and the Harem*** (in Arabic)  
**Fatimatou ABELWAHAB**, University of Nouakchott, Mauritania
- 10: 15 h ***The Recruiting of Women Jihadists in North Africa***  
**Moha ENNAJI**, President, INLAC, International Institute for  
Languages and Cultures, Fez
- 10 :30 h Discussion
- 11: 00 h Coffee-Break



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**5th Session: Patriarchy and Violence Against Women**

**Moderator :** **Soumia BOUTKHIL**, Mohamed I University, Oujda

- 11: 15 h ***Patriarchy and Violence Against Women in Morocco***  
**Chouki EL HAMEL**, University of Arizona State, USA
- 11: 30 h ***Poverty, Inequalities and Gender-Based violence :A Case Study of the Drop-Out Girls in the Region of Fez-Boulmane***  
**Souad SLAOUI**, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Fez
- 11 : 45 h ***Hassani Social Tradition: Denouncing Violence Against Women***  
**Slimane DOUIH**, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Fez
- 12: 00 h Discussion

**6th Session: More Aspects of Violence Against Women**

**Moderator:** **Kahina BOUAGGACHE**, Women Lawyers' Group, Coordinator of North Africa

- 15 : 00 h ***The Phenomenon of Conjugal Violence*** (in Arabic )  
**Aicha NASSIRI**, President, Women Judges Union, Rabat
- 15 : 15 h ***The "Comfort Women" in Japan***  
**Ki-young SHIN**, Ochanomizu University, Japan
- 15 : 30 h ***The Emergence of Amazigh NGOs, Their Objectives and Their Actions*** (in French )  
**Meryam DEMNATI**, Coordinator, Amazigh Women of Tamazgha Forum and Coordinator of the Women Commission, Amazigh Observatory of Rights and Freedoms
- 15 : 45 h ***Najia Adib's "Touche pas à mes enfants" Organization to Combat the Rising Issues of Pedophilia and Child Servitude in Morocco***  
**Ginger FEATHER**, University of Kansas, USA
- 16 :00 h Discussion
- 16 :30 h Coffee-Break



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7th Session: The Impact of Masculinities

Moderator: **Soumaya BELHABIB**, Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra

16: 45 h ***Men Against Women? Moroccan Masculinities and the Neoliberal Authoritarian State***

**Katja ZVAN-ELLIOT**, Al Akhawyn University, Ifrane

17: 00 h ***Waltzing Across Norms: The Cultural Transition of Political Masculinity***

**Najib MOKHTARI**, International University of Rabat

17: 15 h ***Masculinities and Violence in the Mena Region***

**Mohamed YACHOULTI**, Moulay Ismail University, Meknes

17 : 30 h ***The Socio-Psychological Aspect of the Violence Against Women*** (in Arabic)

**Ghali AHARCHAOU**, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Fez

17 : 45 Discussion

18: 15 h **Documentary Film: The Problem of Honor Crimes**

**Director and Presenter: Jumana Mustapha QUNEIS, Department of Media, Birzeit University, Palestine**

**Moderator : Faiza SHEREEN**, California State University at Cal Poly Pomona, USA

**Sunday, 31 May**

8th Session: How to Fight the Escalation of Violence Against Women?

Moderator: **Khédija ARFAOUI**, ATFD, Tunisian Association of Democratic Women, Tunisia

9: 15 h ***Education Reform Through Religious Reform: Post-Islamist Approach to Women's Issues***

**Soroush DABBAGH**, University of Toronto, Canada

9: 30 h ***Concepts and Perceptions of Symbolic Violence in Higher Education***

**Souryana YASSINE**, Mouloud Mammeri University, Tizi Ouzou, Algeria



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- 9: 45 h ***Combating Violence Against Women in Kenya***  
**Achola PALA**, ex Director, UNIFEM for Africa, Kenya
- 10: 00 h ***The Real and the Virtual: Violence Against Women and the New Media***  
**Faiza SHEREEN**, California State University at Cal Poly Pomona, USA

- 10 :15 Discussion  
10: 45 h Coffee-Break

9th Session: **International Networking Against A Transnational Violence Against Women**

Moderator: **Jane BAYES**, California State University, Northridge, Los Angeles, USA

- 11: 00 h ***Global Campaigns Against Gender-Based Violence as Transcultural Learning Experiences? Reflections on the Ambivalences of Activists Networks***  
**Uklrike LINGEN-ALI and Lydia POTTS**, Oldenburg University, Germany
- 11: 15 h ***Female Sex Trafficking: Globalized Violence Against Women***  
**Vidyamale SAMARASINGHE**, American University, Washington DC
- 11: 30 h ***The Last Frontier: Protecting Women Human Rights Defenders in MENA Region***  
**Sussan TAHMASEBI**, Director, Regional Program MENA/Asia, International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN), Iran and Washington, USA
- 11: 45 h ***Women and International Networking in the Face of Violence*** (in French)  
**Simone SUSSKIND**, Free University, Belgium, Brussels

- 12 :00 h : Discussion

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**12: 30 h Recommendations and Closure**  
**Moderator Fatima SADIQI**

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- 12: 45 h End of the Forum



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**Book Exhibit:** Librairie Mékouar – Fez  
Anouar Diffusion - Fez  
Lefennec - Casablanca

**Painting Exhibit:** **Khadija MADANI ALAOUI**, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah  
University, Fez

**Exhibit of Feminines Products:** **Rajae SLAOUI-HAMMOUDA**, President, ESPOD,  
Local Association for small female entrepreneurship, Fez