

Day 1: Sunday 3 May, 2015

<p>9:00 – 10:30</p> <p>level 2 – room 238</p>	<p>Opening Plenary Session</p> <p>Venue: QNCC</p>	
	<p>Welcome Speech</p> <p>Ms. Noor Al Malki Al-Jehani, Executive Director of DIFI</p> <p>Dr. Darwish Al-Emadi, Director of The Social & Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI), Qatar University</p>	
	<p><u>Panel Discussion 1: Production of Knowledge on the Family in The Arab Countries: Challenges, Opportunities and the Way Forward</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Rogaia Mustafa Abusharaf- Associate Professor at SFS-Qatar, Anthropology, Georgetown University.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mokhtar El Harras- Professor, Sociology Department, Université Mohammed V-Agdal, • Dr. Islah Jad, Associate Professor, Women's Studies Institute, Bir Zeit University • Dr. Mohd Mohieddin, Director of Research, DIFI • Dr Paul Tabar, Associate Professor of Sociology/Anthropology at Lebanese American University 	<p>75 minutes presentation, discussion and Q&A</p>
<p>10:30 – 10.45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>10.45 – 12.15</p>	<p>2 Parallel Presentation Sessions</p>	<p>3 papers per session. 15 minutes presentation per speaker, 15 minutes discussion per paper.</p>
<p>Session 1</p> <p>Venue: level 2 - room 239</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Mark Farha, Assistant Professor at SFS-Qatar, Georgetown University.</p> <p>Session theme: Political, economic and cultural challenges facing the Arab Family</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Muhanned AlFarras, Head of Computer Communications Dept, Gulf University, Kingdom of Bahrain - <i>Impacts of Smart Devices on the Value System of Arab Families</i> 2. Dr. Amina Yassen, Psychologist and Educator, University of Oran, Algeria- <i>Family and Cultural Globalization: What are the best methods of Socialization?</i> 3. Dr. Mohamed Elker, Ph.D in Political Sciences & International Affairs, University of Algiers, Algeria - <i>Social Networks and the Problem of Family Estrangement: A Case Study on Algerian Families</i>
<p>Session 2</p> <p>Venue: level 2 – room 240</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Ahmed Zayed, Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Arts, Cairo University</p> <p>Session theme: Political, economic and cultural challenges facing the Arab Family</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Bakar Mourtajji, Ph.D Student, College of Arts and Humanities, Abdul-Malik al-Saadi University, Morocco- <i>Moroccan Family in the Countryside: Challenges and Opportunities of Integration into Development</i> 2. Mr. Hassan Shamran Alsa'ady, Statistical Analyst, Faculty of Education, Al-Zitouna University, Libya.- <i>Social and Psychological Impacts on Displaced Families: A Field Study in Tripoli</i> 3. Dr Ahmed Ali, Lecturer. Dept. of Political Science, College of Law and Political Science, University of Anbar, Iraq- <i>Children of Iraq's Wars: Future Warlords</i>
12.15-1.15	Lunch
1.15 – 2.45	<p>2 Parallel Presentation Sessions</p> <p>3 papers per session. 15 minutes presentation per speaker, 15 minutes discussion per paper.</p>
<p>Session 3</p> <p>Venue: level 2 - room 239</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Mehra Kamrava, Professor and Director of Center for International and Regional Studies at SFS-Qatar, Georgetown University.</p> <p>Session theme: Marriage and Divorce in the Arab world</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Abdallah Badahdah, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of North Dakota, USA- <i>Attitudes towards marriage among married and never married Qatari women</i> 2. Dr. Mohammad Khan, Research Associate Professor and Senior Researcher, SESRI, Qatar University- <i>Why are so many Qatari women marrying late or not marrying at all?</i> 3. Dr. Kaouache Raouf, Assistant Professor of Sociology, College of Arts, Languages and Social Sciences, University of Jijel, Algeria- <i>Algerian Single Women- Trends in Misyar Marriage in the State of Jijel</i>
<p>Session 4</p> <p>Venue: : level 2 -</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Hanan Abdul Rahim, Associate Director, Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI), Qatar University</p>

room 240	Session theme: Marriage and Divorce in the Arab world <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Hamood Al Nofali, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology and Social work, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman- <i>Marriage Requirements in Arab Gulf States: A Comparative Field Study Applied to Would-be Young Couples</i> 2. Dr. Ahmed Abdel Monem, Manager, Pan Arab Project for Family Health, Cairo, Egypt- <i>Impact of Societal Changes on Marriage Trends in Arab Countries</i> 3. Dr Sanaa Alharahsheh- Senior Researcher at DIFI, Dr Mohamad Moheiddin- Director of Research at DIFI, Feras Almeer, Research Assistant at DIFI- Mixed marriages amongst Qataris: Trends, patterns and implications 	
2.45-3.00	Coffee break	
3.00 – 4.30	2 Parallel Presentation Sessions	3 papers per session. 15 minutes presentation per speaker, 15 minutes discussion per paper.
Session 5 Venue: level 2 - room 239	Moderator: Dr. Batoul Muhieddin S. Khalifa, Associate Professor, Psychological Sciences, College of Education, Qatar University Session theme: Marriage and Divorce in the Arab world <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Humoud Alqashan, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs & Graduate Studies, College of Social Sciences, Kuwait University- <i>Does Parental Divorce Affect the Attitudes Towards Marriage and Divorce: A Comparative Study of Intact and Divorced Families</i> 2. Dr. Walaa Rabei Mostafa Ali, Associate Professor in Special Education, University of Ha'il, Saudi Arabia - <i>Psychological Impact of Emotional Divorce on Arab Families: A Comparison between Egypt and Saudi Arabia</i> 3. Dr Shehata.M. Taha, Professor, Family Consulting Center (FCC), Qatar- Ms Moza Al Hajry , Director, FCC, and Ms.Dabya. Bouainin , Senior Statistical Specialist, Ministry of Administrative Development, Qatar- <i>'Divorce and its implications on the Qatari family'</i> 	
Session 6 Venue: : level 2 - room 240	Moderator: Dr. Asma Abdulla M. Al-Attiyah, Head of Department of Psychological Sciences, Qatar University Session theme: Marriage and Divorce in the Arab world <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Wafaa Al-Mamari, Lecturer.Dept of Sociology and Social Work, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman- <i>Divorce in Omani Society: Causes and Effects</i> 2. Dr Omar A. Rahim Rababah, Associate Professor - Head of the Educational Sciences Dept, Ajloun College, Balqa Applied University, Jordan – <i>'Divorce in the Arab World: Causes and Solutions –Jordan as an Example'</i> 3. Dr Mohamad Moheiddin-Director of Research at DIFI, Sanaa Alharahsheh-Senior Researcher at DIFI, and Feras Almeer Research Assistant at DIFI- <i>'A Diamond is not forever: A critical analysis of the divorce rates in Qatar'</i> 	

Day 2: Monday 4 May, 2015

<p>9:00 – 10:00</p> <p>Room :238</p>	<p>Opening Plenary Session Invited Keynote Speaker <u>Dr. David Finkelhor</u>- Director of Crimes Against Children Research Center, Professor of Sociology, University of New Hampshire, USA- <i>"Family Factors in Preventing Childhood Exposure to Family, Peer and Community Violence"</i></p>	<p>30 minutes presentation – 30 minutes discussion</p>
<p>10.00- 11.30</p>	<p><u>Panel Discussion 2: The Family Strategy in Qatar</u></p> <p>Moderator-Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Horr, CEO of Qatar Financial Business Academy</p> <p>Dr. Jamal Alyafei , Expert - Social Policies and Development Planning , Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics: <i>The family strategy in Qatar: The Vision and Challenges of implementation</i></p> <p>Ms. Amal Al-Mannai, Executive Director of Social Development Center: <i>Challenges facing the implementation of the Family Strategy in Qatar.</i></p> <p>Ms. Lolwah Al-Khater, Researcher and PhD candidate - <i>Family policies in Qatar: Between the comprehensive initiative and the partial adaptation</i></p>	<p>90 minutes presentation, discussion and Q&A</p>
<p>11.30 – 11:45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>11.45 – 1:15</p>	<p>2 Parallel Presentation Sessions</p>	<p>3 papers per session. 15 minutes presentation per speaker, 15 minutes discussion per paper.</p>
<p>Session 7</p> <p>Venue: level 2 - Room 239</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Musa Shteivi, Director, Centre For Strategic Studies (University of Jordan)</p> <p>Session theme: The role of state policies on family formation and stability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Hafiz Khan, Senior Lecturer in Applied Statistics, Department of Criminology and Sociology, School of Law, Middlesex University, England - <i>Changing family structure, living arrangements and care support to elderly in GCC Countries: Some policy implications</i> 2. Prof. Salehddine Ben Faraj, Professor in the Department of Sociology, Tunisia - <i>Reducing Childbearing: Problems and Risks – Tunisia as an Example</i> 3. Mrs. Susan Roylance, Founder of United Families International, USA- <i>Policies Affecting Arab Family</i> 	

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Session 8 Venue: : level 2 - room 240	Moderator: Dr. Zeinab Khadr, Research Scientist, The Social Science Research Center, The American University in Cairo Session theme: The role of state policies on family formation and stability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Laura Ferraro, Ph.D. in Anthropology, Turin University, Italy - <i>“Marriage with the absent” in time of Migration</i> 2. Dr. Assia Chekireb, Lecturer in Comparative Religion, Emir Abdelkader University, Algeria - <i>Returning Expatriate Families: Problematic Reality and Integration Policy</i> 3. Dr. Paola Gandolfi, Junior Lecturer, University of Bergamo, Italy - <i>Multiple Families in Changing Societies in Maghreb: The case of Morocco</i>
1:15 – 2:15	Lunch
2.15 – 3.45	2 Parallel Presentation Sessions
	3 papers per session. 15 minutes presentation per speaker, 15 minutes discussion per paper.
Session 9 Venue: level 2 - room 239	Moderator: Dr. Abdul-Aziz Mohamed Farah, Advisor for Strategic Planning, Supreme Council for Family Affairs - Qatar Session theme: The role of state policies on family formation and stability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Jocelyn Mitchell, Assistant Professor in Residence, Northwestern University, Qatar - <i>Majlis Al Hareem in Qatar: Participation, Engagement and Empowerment.</i> 2. Dr. Shefaqat Shehzad, Associate Professor, Department of Health Sciences, Qatar University - <i>Socio-economic, Demographic, Housing and Health Conditions of Qatari Women By their status of Marriage and Implications for Family Policies.</i> 3. Dr. Walid Rashad Zaky, Sociology Instructor, The National Centre for Social and Criminological Research, Egypt- <i>Families Formed through Cyberspace: A Case Study of Some Online Married Couples</i>
Session 10 – Level 2 - room 240	Moderator: Dr. Maher Khalifa, Head of Department of Social Sciences, Qatar University Session theme: The role of state policies on family formation and stability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Azza Abdelmoneium , Senior Associate Researcher at DIFI - <i>Internally displaced families in Khartoum, Sudan: Challenges and Coping Strategies</i> 2. Ms. Kristen Hope, Child Protection Co-ordinator, MENA Region, Terre des hommes - <i>Situating the best interests of the child in community-based arbitration of marriage disputes: reflections from a pilot intervention of Terre des hommes Foundation in Assuit, Egypt.</i> 3. Dr. Jamel Mezni, PhD Student ,College of Law and Political Science, University of Tunis El-Manar, Tunisia - <i>Best Interests of the Child and Assigning Guardianship in Mixed Marriages</i>