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Arab spring: a chance or a risk for women's rights

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1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Conference room 7

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H.E Noor Al Malki Al-Jehani
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Dr. Nadine Naber
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Dr. Rabab Al Mahdi
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H.E. Noor Al-Malki Al-Jehani

Executive Director of the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (DIIFSD), member of Qatar Foundation. Ms. Al-Jehani was a member of the Board of the Governors of DIIFSD since its establishment in 2006. She is currently a member of the United Nations committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women (CEDAW). Before joining DIIFSD, She worked as Secretary General for the Supreme Council for Family Affairs (SCFA), a national higher entity entrusted with preparing strategies, policies and program relating to the family. She was also a member of the National Committee for Human Rights in the State of Qatar (2003 - 2011).



Dr. Nadine Naber

Associate Professor in The Department of Women's Studies, Department of American Studies, and Arab American Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is author of Arab America: Gender, Cultural Politics, and Activism (NYU Press, 2012). She is co-editor, with Rabab Abdulhadi and Evelyn Alsultany, of Arab and Arab American Feminisms (Syracuse University Press 2011) and co-editor, with Amaney Jamal, of Race and Arab Americans (Syracuse University Press, 2007). She is co-founder of Arab Movement of Women arising for Justice and has been a national board member of INCITE! Women of Color against Violence and the Women of Color Resource Center.



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Lecturer in Gender and Middle East Studies at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University, with a broad research interest in gender theory and women's activism in the Middle East. Her book manuscript entitled "How Women Do Politics: Peace building, Resistance and Survival in Palestine" won the 2012 National Women's Studies Association/Illinois Press First Book Prize. She has published translations and reviews of Arabic literary works, as well as several journal articles on Palestinian and Iranian women's activism. Her work also includes research on Palestinian refugees, Palestinian cultural production, and the Naqab Bedouins.



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Associate Professor of Political Science at the American University in Cairo and co-editor of Egypt: The Moment of Change (Zed Press, 2009). She is also the author of a number of publications including, most recently: Empowered Participation or Political Manipulation? Civil Society and the State in Egypt and Bolivia (Brill 2011), "Orientalizing the Egyptian Revolution", Jadaliyya (April 2011), "Does Political Islam Impede Gender Based Mobilization? The Case of Egypt" Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions (December 2010), and "Women in the Revolution" (co-authored with Lila Abou Lughud) Feminist Studies, January 2012.