




# Forum on Women's Rights in the MENA Region

*Program, Thursday December 3, 2020*

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	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Welcome Addresses</b>	<p><b>Elizabeth Stroble</b> — <i>Chancellor, Webster University</i></p> <p><b>Clementina Acedo</b> — <i>Executive Director, Webster University Geneva</i></p> <p><b>Jubin Goodarzi</b> — <i>Co-Director, MENA Center for Peace and Development</i></p> <p><b>Maryvelma O’Neil</b> — <i>Co-Director, MENA Center for Peace and Development</i></p> <p><b>René Schegg</b> — <i>Development Director, MENA Center for Peace and Development</i></p> <p><b>Rascha Osman</b> — <i>Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs</i></p>
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<p><b>Hoda El Sadda</b> — <i>Chair in the Study of the Contemporary Arab World at the University of Manchester</i></p>


**1** PANEL **THE ROLE OF EDUCATION ON WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**

	MODERATORS	SPEAKERS
<b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	<p><b>Pierre Krähenbühl</b>  <i>Global Advisory board of the Treelion Foundation; Advisor to the Center for Creative Economies at Zürich University of the Arts; Member of the Webster MENA Center Steering Committee</i></p>	<p><b>Salma Al Nims</b> — <i>Jordanian National Commission for Women</i></p> <p><b>Fatima Sidiqi</b> — <i>Professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies, President of the Association for Middle East Women’s Studies (AMEWS)</i></p> <p><b>Asma Mustafa</b> — <i>Global Teacher Award, 2020, Ministry of Education, Gaza, Palestine</i></p> <p><b>Randa Siniora</b> — <i>General Director of the Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC) in Jerusalem</i></p> <p><b>Fouzi Mourji</b> — <i>Professor of Econometrics at Université Hassan II, Casablanca</i></p>


**2** PANEL **FEMINISM AND IDENTITY POLITICS: THE RISE OF NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**

 11:45 – 13:15	MODERATORS	SPEAKERS
	<p><b>Sarah Grosso</b> <i>Webster University, Faculty, Researcher and Lead Professor, MA in Communications Management; Independent Consultant, Gender, Research &amp; Communication</i></p>	<p><b>Asma Khalifa</b> — <i>Luxembourg Peace Prize (2016) and PhD candidate, University of Hamburg</i></p> <p><b>Khawla Ksiksi</b> — <i>Co-Founder of the collective “Voices of Tunisian Black Women”</i></p> <p><b>Hibaaq Osman-Elkarama</b> — <i>Founder of Karama, MENA NGO</i></p>

**3** PANEL **WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT: TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITALIZATION OPPORTUNITIES**

 14:00 – 15:30	MODERATORS	SPEAKERS
	<p><b>Carla Haddad Mardini</b> <i>Director, Public Partnerships Division at UNICEF</i></p>	<p><b>Marwa Fatafta</b> — <i>Palestinian writer, researcher, and policy analyst</i></p> <p><b>Hayat Mirshad</b> — <i>Co-Founder and Co-Director at FE-MALE</i></p> <p><b>Hind Kabawat</b> — <i>Director of Interfaith and Peace Building, The Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution (CRDC) at George Mason University; Board Member of Tastakel</i></p> <p><b>Anna Therese Day</b> — <i>Award-winning international reporter and filmmaker</i></p>

**4** PANEL **FEMINISM AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19:  
REIMAGINING THE FUTURE**

	MODERATORS	SPEAKERS
<b>15:45 – 17:15</b>	<b>Lama Jbarah</b> <i>President, International-Lawyers.org Webster University Faculty, International Relations Department</i>	<b>Hania El Sholkamy</b> — <i>Associate Professor at Social Research Center, American University Cairo (AUC)</i> <b>Zarah Langhi</b> — <i>Co-Founder and CEO of Libyna Women Platform for Peace (LWPP)</i> <b>Hafsa Halawa</b> — <i>Non-Resident Scholar at the Middle East Institute</i> <b>Rouaida El Hage</b> — <i>Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: Regional Representative for MENA</i>

	CONCLUDING REFLECTIONS
<b>17:15</b>	<b>Francis Piccand</b> — <i>Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs; Faculty, Webster University International Relations Department</i> <b>Aili Mari Tripp</b> — <i>Wangari Maathai Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars</i>



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