

WOMEN IN MENA REGION:

between rights construction,
gender-based violence
and inclusive practices

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8.30 Institutional Greetings

Rector of Sapienza University of Rome **Antonella Polimeni**

Rector's Delegate for Equal Opportunities policies **Anna Maria Giannini**

Dean's Delegate of the Faculty of Political Sciences, Sociology and Communication **Federica Fabrizzi**
Head of Department of Social and Economic sciences **Emma Galli**

First session

9.00 Violence against Women in the 20th century

Moderator: Alessandra Tarquini

9.00 **Huma Ahmed-Ghosh**, San Diego State University, *Gender Violence in Afghanistan: Through Culture, Conflicts and Chaos*

Discussant: Alessia Melcangi

10.00 **Marcello Flores**, University of Siena, *The Growing Awareness of Violence against Women in the 20th century*

Discussant: Guido Panvini

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 **Shalva Weil**, University of Jerusalem, *Extreme Violence against Women during Peace and War*

Discussant: Lia Fassari

12.30 **Carmen Trimarchi**, University of Messina, *A Crime that could never be condoned: the UN Security Council Resolution 1820*

Discussant: Francesco Clementi

13.30 Light Lunch

Second Session

15.00 Women's Rights in the MENA Region

Moderator: Emma Galli

15.00 **Enrico Campelli**, Sapienza University of Rome, *Constitutional Trajectories of Women's Rights in the Middle East*

Discussant: Alessandra Tarquini

16.00 **Silvia Muzi**, World Bank Group, *Empowering Women in the MENA Region: Labor Market, Participation, and Female Entrepreneurship Trends*

Discussant: Ornella Tarola

17.00 Tea break

17.30 **Helen Rizzo**, American University in Cairo, *Activists Fighting for Their Right to Public Spaces in Egypt*

Discussant: Assunta Viteritti

18.30 **Shirin Zakeri**, Sapienza University of Rome, *Female Emancipation and the Editorial Sector in Iran*

Discussant: Marina Ciampi

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Third Session

9.00 The Good Practices

Moderator: Lia Fassari

9.00 **Mareya Bashir**, Former Chief Prosecutor in Afghanistan, *The Right to Education, the Right to Live: The Call of Afghan Women to the World*

Discussant: Lucia Corso

10.00 **Greta Privitera**, Corriere della Sera, *Woman, Life, Freedom: The Iranian Girls' struggle*

Discussant: Silvia Polettini

10.45 **Kherieh Rassas**, President of Unimed, *Promoting Women's Empowerment in the South Mediterranean: A Path to Political Stability & Economic Prosperity*

Discussant: Luisa De Vita

11.30 **Mona Maroun**, Rector of University of Haifa, *Diversity and Inclusion in Israeli Higher Education*

Discussant: Silvia Lucciarini

12.15 **Lia Quartapelle**, Chamber of Deputies, *Women, Peace, and Security: Overcoming Obstacles to Women's in Peacebuilding*

Discussant: Emma Galli

13.00 Lunch

