



Birzeit University's Institute of Women's Studies' 8th annual conference

Gender in Palestine: Approaches to Policies and Practice

Panels & speakers

Day 1

Panel 1: Concepts and Methodologies

Chair: Islah Jad

The Concept of Empowerment between Theory and Practice- International Experiences/Deniz Kandiyoti

Panel 2: Gender and Development in the Palestinian Context

Chair: Fatima Radaydeh

Commentator: Linda Tabar

1. The Problems of International Frameworks Affecting the Issue of Gender Based Violence in Palestine/ Rema Hammami
2. Prospects and Obstacles to Achieving a Developmental Paradigm for Steadfastness and Liberation in the Palestinian Context/ Eileen Kuttab
3. The Ongoing War against Gaza and its Impact on Household Dynamics/ Hala Al-Zibdeh

Panel 3: Economic Dependency and its Impact on the Formations of Gender

Chair: *Rania Jawad*

Commentator: Amira Silmi

1. Problems of the Dependency of the Palestinian Economy and its Impact on Women/ Samia Al-Botmeh
2. Export Agriculture in the Jordan Valley (Al-Aghwar) and its Impact on Working Women/ Iman Assaf
3. Prospects and Possibilities of Resisting Economic Dependency within Informal Labour/ Nidaa Abu Awwad

Day 2

Panel 1: Strategies and Policies: An Overview and Analysis.

Chair: *Mahmoud Ataya*

Commentator: *Soraida Hussein*

1. The Development of Gender Plans and Policies in Palestine on the Governmental level/ Sami Sehweil
2. Women's Movement and Women's Rights Declaration- a Critical Review/ Amal Khreisheh
3. The Analysis of Gender Equality Policies and Women's Empowerment/ Basma Abu Aker
4. The Political Framework and Models of Gender Policies Applied in the Palestinian Context (Gaza and West Bank)/ Islah Jad

Panel 2: Strategies and Work Mechanisms

Chair: Samar Qassis

Commentator: Ghada Al-Madbouh

1. The Relevance of Global Women's Rights Discourse to the reality of Palestinian Women: a Critical Reading of CEDAW and UNSCR 1325/ Rema Nazzal
2. Mechanisms and Procedures Implemented by the Ministry of Women's Affairs to Combat Violence against Women/ Ilham Sami
3. The Work of National Committees- Legislations Harmonization Committee as a Model/ Suha Elayyan
4. Legal Reforms for Gender Equality- Obstacles to Legislation Reform from a Gender Perspective/ Reem Al-Botmeh

Panel 3: A Discussion Session on Palestinian Women's Movement's Approaches to Women's Issues in the Palestinian Context

Chair: Rula Abu Duho

Representatives of the General Union of Palestinian Women, Women Committees and Women's Organizations:

General Union of Palestinian Women: Mona Al-Khalili

Representatives of Women Committees: Siham Al-Barghouthi, Khitam Saafin, Khawla Al-Azraq, Magida Al-Masri, Randa Siniora

Representatives of Women Organizations

Discussion and Recommendations