

Kvinnors Nätverk

Conference on Women's Struggles against Religious Fundamentalism

ABF Sveavägen 41, Stockholm, Sweden, 4th to 6th of September

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Friday 4th of September Hall: Z-salen

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:40 **Welcoming Speech and Introduction to Kvinnors Nätverk (Women's Network)**

Leila Qaraee, Chair and Founder, Kvinnors Nätverk

Introduction to the Conference Objectives and Agenda

Najia Haneefi, Co-Chair of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan Ottawa Chapter, Co-Founder Women's Political Participation Committee

Roots of Religious Fundamentalism and its Impact on Women's Rights in Afghanistan

Shaharзад Akbar, Country Director of Open Society Afghanistan, OSA

Role of the West in the Rise of Religious Fundamentalism in the Middle East and South Asia

Weeda Mehran, PhD in Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge, Consultant at AREU (Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit)

10:40-11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 **Grassroot Work and Supporting Women in Combating Religious Fundamentalism in Pakistan**

Sameena Nazir, Director, Potohar Organization for Development Advocacy (PODA) in Pakistan

Impact of Religious Fundamentalism on Women in Iran

Shadi Amin, Author and Activist

Questions from the Audience

Shaharзад Akbar, Weeda Mehran, Sameena Nazir, Shadi Amin

12:00-13:15 Lunch Break

13:15-14:40 **Identifying Lessons from the Intervention in Afghanistan: Can We Become Better at Supporting Women?**

Sari Kouvo, European External Action Service (EEAS), Board member of the Afghanistan Analysts Network (AAN), University of Gothenburg, PhD in International Law

Strategies and Approaches in Combating Religious Fundamentalism and Strengthening Women's Rights in Kobane and the Region

Sinam Mohamed, Co-Chair of the Movement for a Democratic Society

Strategies and Approaches in Combating Religious Fundamentalism and Strengthening Women's Rights in Turkey

Nebahat Akkoc, Managing Director and Founder, KAMER

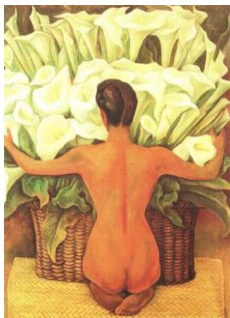
14:40-15:00 Tea/Coffee Break

15:00-16:00 **Religious Fundamentalism and the Struggle for Women's Rights in Sweden**

Azam Qarai, Kvinnors Nätverk, BSC in Social Work, Managing Director at Linnamottagningen Mariet Ghadimi, Managing Director at TRIS and postgraduate at Department of Social Work, Stockholm University

Questions from the Audience

Sari Kouvo, Sinam Mohamed, Nebahat Akkoc, Azam Qarai, Mariet Ghadimi



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Saturday 5th of September Hall: Z-salen

9:30-10:40 **Introduction to Panel Presentations by Women's Rights Activists from Afghanistan**
Nahid Baqi, *Journalist and Women's Rights Activist*

Facts and Factors: Religious Fundamentalism and its Impact on Women's Lives in:

Western Region, Afghanistan – Aziza Khairandish, Khaleda Khorsand

Southern Region, Afghanistan – Mursal Rahimi

Central Region, Afghanistan – Munera Yousufzada

10:40-11:00 **Tea/Coffee Break**

11:00-12:00 **Panel Presentation Continues:**

Northeast Region, Afghanistan – Diana Saqib, Nargis Azaryon

Northern Region, Afghanistan – Sahra Mosawi

Questions from the Audience

12:00-13.15 **Lunch Break**

13:15-16.00 **Workshops: Analysis of the Women's Movement's Current Status**

Sunday 6th of September

9:30-12:00 **Continued, Workshops: Developing Effective Strategies to Combat Religious Fundamentalism**

12:00-13.15 **Lunch Break**

Hall: Z-salen

13:15-14:00 **Presentations of the Results from the Different Workshops**

14:00-14:20 **Tea/Coffee Break**

14:20-16:00 **Closing Remarks and Presentation of the Conference Resolution**

Tea/Coffee will be served by Kvinnors Nätverk.

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