Conference Program:
Muslim women’s Challenges in the Middle East and Beyond

Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Holbergsgate 30, Oslo
Time: 25.-26. October 2013, 09.30-16.00
Registration by e-mail to: s.m.igesund@nchr.uio.no by no later than 10. October 2013

Friday 25. October 2013

09.30-09.45 Welcome by Lena Larsen, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
10.30-10.45 Coffee Break
10.45-12.15 Session I: The life of the family - legal and social approaches
Moderator: Anne Hege Grung, Faculty of Theology
Mulki al-Sharmani (University of Helsinki): Feminist Religious Knowledge and Gender Activism in the Family Domain: Reflections from Post-Islamist Egypt.
Batool al-Toma (UK): Muslim converts and their attitudes towards isolation, Sharia courts, Muslim scholarship, marriage, domestic violence and sexuality.
12.15-14.00 Lunch
14.00-15.30 Session II: Legal approaches to Muslim women’s challenges
Moderator: Ragnhild Zorgati, Institute for Cultural and Oriental Studies
Lynn Welchman (SOAS, London): Qiwamah and wilayah as legal postulates in modern family laws.
Rania Maktabi (Østfold University College): Female citizenship and family law in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA): Political Transition or Old Rules with New Rulers?
Monica Lindbekk (University of Oslo): Challenges Facing the Enforcement of CEDAW in Egypt.
15.30-16.00 Discussion
Saturday 26. October 2013

09.30-11.00 **Session III: Democracy vs. Women’s rights?**
Moderator: Anne Hege Grung, Faculty of Theology

Dalenda Largueche (le Centre de recherche d’études, de documentation et d’information sur la femme (CrediF), Tunisia). *Tunisian Women’s Rights and the challenge of the political Islam.*


Mona Abdel-Fadil (Fafo, Oslo): *Playing the Shame and Blame Game: Public Debate on Sexual Assaults in Tahrir Square.*

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-12.15 **Session III (continues): Democracy vs. Women’s rights?**
Moderator: Anne Hege Grung, Faculty of Theology


Sadigheh Vasmaki (Uppsala/Iran): *Shariah, Muslim Women’s basic challenge.*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 **Session IV: New conservative interpretations of women’s questions**
Moderator: Lena Larsen, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights


Kristina Großmann (Goethe University): *Muslim women activists in the implementation of the Islamic Criminal Code in Aceh Indonesia.*

Lanny Octavia (Yayasan Rumah Kita Bersama, Indonesia): *Three Reasons Why Islamic Fundamentalism is Attractive to Women.*

15.00-15.15 Coffee Break

15.15-16.00 **Panel discussion**
Moderator: Ragnhild Zorgati, Institute for Cultural and Oriental Studies

Panel: Lynn Welchman, Mulki al-Sharmani, Dalenda Largueche, Batool al-Toma and Maryam Borghée.