



Guide to the Frances Hasso Collection, 1983-2015 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Frances Hasso collection, 1983-2015

Abstract:

Printed materials from Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, and Dubai collected by Frances Hasso regarding women's rights, political activism, and feminism in the Middle East during the 1980s and 1990s. Includes publications from the Palestinian Federation of Women's Action Committee, the Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance, and the National Council of Women (Egypt).

Extent:

3 Linear Feet

Language:

English

Language:

Materials in Arabic and English

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Background

Scope and Content

This collection consists of printed materials collected by Hasso in the Middle East relating to gender, feminism, marriage, and women's rights in Egypt, Dubai, Palestine, and Jordan. Most of these items are printed materials from organizations such as the Palestinian Federation of Women's Action Committee, the National Council for Women (Egypt), and the Center for Egyptian Legal Assistance (CELWA). There are also reference materials relating to these topics,

produced by NGOs and other academic institutions. The collection also contains a marriage box, acquired by Hasso in 2003, from the Courts Department of Dubai. This box was intended for distribution to marrying couples and includes brochures, pamphlets, and other information about relevant laws and social programs impacting women and children.

Biographical/Historical

Frances S. Hasso is Associate Professor in Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies at Duke. She holds secondary appointments in the Department of Sociology and the Department of History. She is affiliated with the Duke Islamic Studies Center and the Duke University Middle East Studies Center. Professor Hasso is an Editor of the Journal of Middle East Women's Studies.

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Names and Subjects

- Human Rights -- Palestine
- Palestine -- Politics and government -- 1948-
- Dubayy (United Arab Emirates : Emirate) -- Marriage
- Jordan -- Politics and government
- Dubayy (United Arab Emirates : Emirate) -- Politics and government
- Women's rights -- Middle East
- Divorce -- Egypt
- Human Rights -- Middle East
- Palestinian Federation of Women's Action Committees
- Majlis al-Qawmī lil-Mar'ah (Egypt)
- Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance

Collection Inventory

"The intifada and some women's social issues"
conference proceedings, Women's Studies
Committee, Jerusalem, 1990

Box 1

National Council for Women: Egypt, 2007 and undated

Box 1
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Scope and Contents

Brochures and booklets produced by the NCW. Topics include polygamy, women's inheritance, religious interpretations of women's roles, women's rights to use technology. Includes 1 CD. Arabic.

Awareness of Women's Legal Rights Using Information Technology. National Council for Women: Egypt's cassette tape set, undated

Box 4

Scope and Contents

Tapes, in Arabic: ##### = al-Taw'iyah bi-ḥuqūqu al-mar'ah al- qānūniyah bi-istikhdām tiknūlūjyā al-ma'īlūmāt

Marriage and Divorce	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-001
Divorce	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-002
Inheritance of Divorced Women/Alimony	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-003
Alimony	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-004
Alimony	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-005
Alimony	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-006
Alimony/Custody/Social Life for Non-Muslims	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-007
Social Life for Non-Muslims	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-008
Social Life for Non-Muslims/'Khol/Family Court	Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-CS-009

Family Court

Box 4 > Audio-cassette
RL-11498-CS-010

Center for Egyptian Legal Assistance (CELWA),
2003-2009

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Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Reports, publications, and booklets. Titles include: "The Harvest Two Years After 'Khol" (English; khul'= ##### = (Islamic Law)); "CEDAW and Islamic Shariaa" (English); "The Social Consequences of Divorce" (Arabic); "The Law and Life of Christians" (Arabic); "Divorce in Christianity: Issues and Statistics" (Arabic); "The Economic and Psychological Consequences of Divorce in Egypt" (Arabic); "Social Impact of 'Khol" (khul'= ##### = (Islamic Law); Arabic)

"Marriage box" contents, Courts Department,
Government of Dubai, 2003

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Box 4 > Audio-cassette RL-11498-
CS-011

Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Contents

Literature and pamphlets intended for marrying couples; research; notes by Hasso summarizing the content of "Sea of Life" cassette tape. "Sea of Life" cassette tape also included. Arabic and English.

"Marriage box", Courts Dept., Government of
Dubai, 2003

Box 2

Physical Description: 1 box

Scope and Contents

Blue velvet box collected by Hasso in 2003.

Gender and feminist policy reports, profiles re:
Palestine, 1995-1999

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Scope and Contents

NGO and other organizational reports on topics relating to women in Palestine. English.

"Women in Contemporary Palestine: Between
Old Conflicts and New Realities," by Maria Holt,
1996

Box 3

Scope and Contents

Report published by PASSIA.

"Towards Legislation Based on Palestinian Identity, Progressive Ideals, and Just Content,"
Palestinian Model Parliament, 2015

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Box 4 > Optical-disc RL-11498-
OP-001

Palestinian Federation of Women's Action
Committees, 1983-1993

Box 3

Physical Description: 4 folders

Scope and Contents

Includes organization brochures, publications, pamphlets, and reports about women's rights, domestic violence, and public policy. Titles include: "Towards a Feminine Revolution" (newsletters, Arabic: ##### : ### ##### = Naḥwa ḥarakah jamāhīriyah niswīyah muwaḥḥadah: Itihād lijān al-'amal al-nisā'i al-Filastīnī); "The Woman's Voice" (Arabic); "The Woman's Fight" (Arabic); "The Woman's Battle" (Arabic); "The Woman's Journey" (Arabic); "The Woman's Path" (Conference proceedings, Arabic); "The Woman's Resistance and Standing Strong" (Arabic); "Jordan Parliamentary Election: Introductions and Results, 1993" (Arabic); "The Development of the Palestinian Women Movement in the Territories Occupied in 1967 After 20 Years of Israeli Occupation" (English, Arabic); "The Program and Internal Platform of the Palestinian Federation of Women's Action Committees in the Occupied Territories" (English); "The Palestinian Union of Women's Work Committees, paper presented at the International Decade for Women, Nairobi" (English).

Democratic Front for Liberating Palestine,
1991-1997

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Programs, reports (Arabic)

Democratic Populist Party (Hashd): Jordan,
1992-1996

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Programs, reports (Arabic)

Women Democratic Association (Ranad): Jordan,
undated

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Proposal (Arabic)

Feminism in Palestine between 1903-1990, 1991

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Arabic

Taybah magazine: Women and Resistance
(Center of Studies of the New Women), 2003

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Arabic

Women at the Crossroads: The Palestinian
women's movement between nationalism,
secularism, and Islamism, 2008

Box 4

Scope and Contents

Arabic text. #####
: ##### = Nisā'
'alá taqāṭu' ṭuruq : al-ḥarakāt al-nisawīyah al-Filasṭīnīyah bayna al-waṭanīyah
wa-al-'almānīyah wa-al-huwīyah al-Islāmīyah

Personal Situation/Status Law: explanatory notes
to the personal situation/status, 2006

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Arabic: #####
= Qānūn al-Aḥwāl al-Shakhṣīyah: al-Mudhakkirah al-
īdāḥīyah li-Qānūn al-Aḥwāl al-shakhṣīyah