

Guest Lecture

## "Beyond the Veil" – Human Rights and Gender in Arab Contexts

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 2015, 4pm – 6pm

Campus Griebnitzsee, Building 6, Room S24

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The Chair of Sociology of Gender kindly invites to a guest lecture held by

### **Gihan Abou Zeid.**

Gihan Abou Zeid is an Egyptian human rights researcher and practitioner located in Egypt. She is head of the *Egyptian Women Union* and editor of *Al Maktaba Al Seya-seya*, a monthly book series published by the Egyptian Ministry of Culture.

She worked for several institutions on national and international level. Her fields of research connect Arabic Human Rights issues with gender and adolescents.

Gihan Abou Zeid will address the tension between women rights given by religion and by law, present other factors that shape the social relations in the Arabic context and talk about women in public spaces in Arabic countries. She emphasizes the different degrees of inequality between Arabic countries, that are a clear indicator of variation within the region.

To give an overview of Gihan Abou Zeid's work a few publications were selected:

- "Tahrir squire women ", Arab research centre, Lebanon, Published book (2015).
- "Women between Civic inclusion and Religious Exclusion", a case study, Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA). Published (2012).
- "Arab Adolescents and Human Rights Values", regional study, Centre of Arab Woman for Training and Research (CAWTAR). Published (2010).
- "The Role of the European Union in Democracy Building: The Impact on Women's Political Participation in the Arab World", report, IDEA. Published (2009)
- "Introducing Quotas in Africa: Discourses in Egypt", paper, IDEA, Sweden. Published (2006)

The lecture is part of two seminars: "Contextualizing Gender & Social Change" and "Human Rights".

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