

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Part One. Personal Data, Academic Background, and Work Experience

#### A. Personal Data

Name : Fatima Sbaity Kassem  
Date of Birth : 19 August 1944  
Nationality : Lebanon/USA  
Languages : Arabic (mother tongue), English, French (working knowledge)

#### B. Academic Background

B.B.A. (1965), Bachelors of Business Administration, American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon  
M.D.A. (1970), Masters of Development Administration, American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon. **Thesis**: "Job Opportunities for Lebanese Women Graduates and their Impact on National Development"  
M.I.A. (1991), Masters of International Affairs / International Economics, Columbia University in the City of New York, USA  
M.Phil. (1995), Masters of Philosophy in International Relations / International Political Economy, Columbia University in the City of New York, USA  
Ph.D (2011), Political Science, Columbia University. **Dissertation** "Party variation in religiosity & women's leadership: Lebanon in comparative perspective"

#### C. Pre-UN Work Experience

1962 - 1965: Chief Ground Hostess & Ticketing Trainer: Middle East Airlines  
1965 - 1969: College Instructor (Principles of accounting, cost accounting, Mathematics for business, Statistics, Commercial law), Chweifat National College, Lebanon.  
1969 - 1970: Graduate Assistant: Graduate Programme of Development Administration, AUB, Lebanon (statistics, fiscal system in Lebanon)

#### D. United Nations Career (35+ years)

In 1970 joined the United Nations Economic and Social Office of Beirut (UNESOB) in Beirut. In 1974, UNESOB was transformed into the United Nations Economic & Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA). It relocated to Baghdad, Iraq, in 1982. In 1992, the Commission and staff relocated to Amman, Jordan. Finally, in 1998 ESCWA moved permanently to Beirut, Lebanon.

1970-1990: Economic researcher, international & intraregional trade, regional cooperation & integration issues  
1993-2002: Chief, Women & Development Section, Social Development Division, UN-ESCWA  
2003-2005: Director, UN-ESCWA Centre for Women  
Oct. 2005: Retired from the United Nations  
June 2011 to January 2012: Re-appointed **Director a.i., UN-ESCWA Centre for Women, Beirut, Lebanon**

#### E. October 2005 - to date

--- 2007-2010: Carried out field research in Lebanon and 25 other countries in Asia, Africa and Europe (12 Arab, 7 non-Arab Muslim-majority, 5 European countries & Israel), defended PhD Dissertation, Columbia University (March 2011);  
--- 2007-2009: Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia University;  
--- 2006- to date: Freelance socio-economic consultant on Arab women and gender issues;

- 2007: Launched the UNDP, Arab Human Development Report 2005 *Towards the Rise of Arab Women*, Commission on the Status of Women, New York, March 2007;
- 2006-2012: Delivered talks, gave lectures, and presented research papers at regional and international conferences and expert meetings on women and gender equality including on findings of ongoing research on women in politics, gender mainstreaming, implementation of CEDAW in Arab countries; and upon request participated in panel discussions in the Middle East Program of the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars (Washington, Amman, Beirut, Rabat), Aspen Institute (Berlin); Iraqi Foundation (Washington, Amman); and the European Union (EU).
- Co-Chaired and presented working paper on CEDAW in the Arab countries at the Workshop for Iraqi Women parliamentarians organized by the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars and the Iraqi Foundation (Beirut, Lebanon, 2010)
- Featured Speaker on “Gaps & Challenges facing Women in The Arab World” at annual conference of National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), Difficult Dialogues II, launching Feminist Formations special edition on women in the Middle East (Denver, Colorado, November 2010).
- Panelist on “Women’s Movements in The Arab World” at UNFPA Panel (New York, December 2010)
- Speaker on Women in the Arab Spring, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars (Washington, May 2012)
- Facilitated the Conference on Arab Women and how to be effective parliamentarians, Iraqi Foundation (Amman, June 2012)
- Panelist on Democracy in the Arab World: A Mirage, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars (Washington, June 2012)
- Lecturer, Speaker, and Mentor in the Women in Public Office Project of the Seven Sisters at Wellesley College (Wellesley, June 2012)
- Lecturer, Speaker, and Mentor in the Women in Public Office Project of the Seven Sisters housed at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars at Bryn Mawr (Bryn Mawr, May 2013).

**June 2011 to January 2012: Acting Interim Director, UN-ESCWA Centre for Women, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Beirut, Lebanon**

**Part Two. Research papers & publications; Conferences, meetings & workshops**

**Phase I. International Trade and Regional Cooperation (December 1970-August 1990)**

**A. Research Work and Publications**

1. Trade and Payments Aspects of Import Procurement in Selected Countries of the Middle East (UNITAR/UNESOB/PTP/73/WP4/Add.1), September 1973.
2. Foreign Trade and Payments Statistics in Countries of Western Asia (E/ECWA/MTN/SEM.1/11), August 1975
3. Evolution of Economic Co-operation and Integration in Western Asia (E/ECWA/DPD/WG.15/3), December 1980; Also **published** in Economic Integration in Western Asia (Frances Pinter Publisher Ltd., London) 1985.
4. Compendium of Intra-regional Trade Statistics in Western Asia, 1972-1974 and 1976, (Beirut, December 1980)
5. Trade and Economic Relations between the Countries of Western Asia and the Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe: Trends and Prospects (E/ECWA/DPD/83/4), May 1983; and the Statistical Appendix: Trade Flows between the Countries of Western Asia and Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe (E/ECWA/DPD/83/4/Appendix), February 1983.
6. Trade of Western Asia with Other Developing Regions: Statistical Review and Summary Developments (E/ECWA/DPD/84/9), September 1984.
7. Recent Developments in International Trade and Payments in Countries of Western Asia: A review (E/ECWA/DPD/84/16), November 1984

8. Recent Developments in International Trade and Payments in Countries of Western Asia: A review (E/ECWA/DPD/85/6), April 1985
9. Recent Developments in Economic co-operation and Integration in Western Asia (E/ECWA/DPD/85/7), April 1985
10. Performance of General Industrial Organizations in the Syrian Arab Republic (E/ESCWA/DPD/85/11 Supp.1), July 1986
11. Trade and Economic Co-operation between the ESCWA Countries and the Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe: with Particular Reference to Bulgaria (1975-1984), (E/ESCWA/DPD/86/3), October 1986
12. Statistical Developments in the External Sector of the ESCWA Region: Intra-regional Trade and Trade with Other Developing Regions, 1975-1985 (E/ESCWA/DPD/86/4), October 1986
13. Developments in the External Sector of the ESCWA Countries, 1975-1985, (E/ESCWA/DPD/86/5), December 1986
14. Trade and Economic Co-operation between the ESCWA Countries and the Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe, 1975-1986 (E/ESCWA/DPD/87/20), December 1987
15. Recent Developments in International Trade and Payments in Countries of Western Asia: A review (E/ESCWA/DPD/88/2), April 1988
16. Developments in the External Sector of the ESCWA Region: Terms of Trade Index Numbers (E/ESCWA/DPD/88/3), December 1988
17. Developments in the External Sector of the ESCWA Region: in the 1980s (E/ESCWA/DPD/89/2), April 1989
18. Developments in the External Sector of the ESCWA Region: Performance of New Export Products in the 1980s, Parts I and III (E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/1), December 1992

#### **B. Intergovernmental and Expert Group Meetings and Workshops**

1. UNESOB/ITC/UNCTAD/GATT, **Regional Seminar on Export Promotion** (Beirut, 1971)
2. UNESOB, **Regional Seminar on the Generalized System of Preferences** (Beirut, 1972)
3. UNESOB/UNITAR/SIDA, **Regional Seminar on Import Procurement** (Beirut, 1973)
4. ECWA, **Regional Seminar on Multilateral Trade Negotiations** (Beirut, 1977).

#### **C. Representation and Presentation of Papers**

1. UNCTAD, **Regional Seminar on Trade between Arab Countries and socialist countries of Eastern Europe** (Sofia and Moscow, 30 September - 14 October 1983)
2. UNCTAD, **Interregional Workshop for Trade Representatives and Economic Counselors of Developing Countries based in Moscow** (Moscow, December 1984)
3. UNCTAD, **Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Expansion of Trade between the Arab Countries and Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe** (Moscow, January 1985)
5. UNCTAD/ESCWA, **Sub-regional Seminar on Trade and Economic Co-operation between the ESCWA Countries and Bulgaria** (Sofia, 6-10 October 1986)
6. UNCTAD/UNDP/ESCWA, **Colloquium for Chambers of Commerce of the Arab and Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe** (Amman, 1-4 December 1987)

#### **D. Substantive Servicing & Presentation of Papers**

1. ESCWA, **Expert Group Meeting on Feasible Forms of Economic Co-operation and Integration in Western Asia** (Beirut, December 1981).
2. ESCWA/UNCTAD/UNCTC, **Intergovernmental Meeting on Trade in Services and Development in the ESCWA Region** (Baghdad, 17-19 January 1989)

**Phase II. Arab Women & Gender Equality (incl. Family and Ageing issues)** (May 1993 to date)

Served as the **regional coordinator** among Arab countries for preparation and follow-up of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing 1995), the International Year of the Family and ten-year follow-up (1994, 2004), and the World Summit on Ageing (Vienna 2002). Also, served as the coordinator of the gender focal points network for gender mainstreaming.

**A. Substantive editing and finalization of the following publications (published by United Nations)**

1. Re-integration of women returnees and their families into their societies of origin (E/ESCWA/SD/1993/5/Rev.1), October 1994 (prepared by Heba Nassar, Ph.D. Professor of economics, American University of Cairo), in Arabic
2. Women and poverty in the ESCWA Region: Issues and Concerns (E/ESCWA/SD/1994/4), August 1995 (prepared by Camellia El-Solh, Ph.D., Oxford Development consultant), in English and Arabic
3. Review and Assessment of Progress Achieved in the Situation of Arab Women in light of the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies (E/ESCWA/SD/1994/WG3-WOM/3), October 1994 (by Soheir Lotfy, Ph.D., Member of the Egyptian National Council of Research and Professor of Sociology at Cairo University), in Arabic
4. Arab Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women to the Year 2005 (E/ESCWA/SD/1994/Wg.3-WOM/4), October 1994, in Arabic and English
5. Equality and Partnership in the Arab Family: a Legal Perspective (E/ESCWA/SD/1994/WG3-WOM/9), September 1994 (by Advocate Ms. Asma Khader), in Arabic
6. A Critique of Personal Status Codes in Selected Arab Countries (E/ESCWA/SD/1994/WG3/WOM/8), September 1994 (by Azizah Al-Hibri, Ph.D. and Juris doctor, Professor, Philosophy of Law, University of Richmond, USA), in Arabic and English
7. Women and peace in the Arab Region (E/ESCWA/SD/1994/WG3-WOM/5), December 1994 (by Aida Najjar, Ph.D., Sociology, Development Consultant), in Arabic
8. Change in values in the Arab Family (E/ESCWA/SD/1994/WG4-WOM/8), September 1994 (by Soraya Altorki, Ph.D. Professor of Sociology, Georgetown University, and Huda Zurayk, Ph.D., Statistics and Public Health, Professor at American University of Beirut, Lebanon (in Arabic)
9. Values and self-identity of Bedouin and urban women: A comparative analysis (E/ESCWA/SD/1994/WG4-WOM/10), December 1994 (by Najla Hamadeh, Ph.D. Philosophy, Professor of Cultural Studies at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon (in Arabic and English)
10. Feasibility and Operationalization of Micro-Credit Lending facilities for Poor Women in Urban and Rural Areas in Selected Arab Countries: Theoretical Perspectives and Practical Considerations (E/ESCWA/SD/WOM/99/1), prepared by Dr. Camillia El-Solh, ESCWA consultant (in Arabic and English)
11. Plan of Action for gender mainstreaming in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/1998/WG.1/6), as coordinator of the ESCWA Working Group on Gender Mainstreaming (in Arabic and English)
12. Guidelines and Criteria for institutionalization of national machineries for women and gender equality (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/1998/WG.1/3), prepared by Dr. Aida Najjar, ESCWA consultant (in Arabic)
13. Mainstreaming a gender perspective into policies, plans and programmes at the national level: A model action plan (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/1998/WG.1/7), prepared by Ms. Lina Abou Habib, ESCWA consultant (in Arabic and English)
14. Model for national action plans with a vision for gender equality in the next millennium (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/1998/WG.1/4), prepared by Hoda Badran, PhD, ESCWA consultant\_ (in Arabic)
15. The role of non-governmental organizations in implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: Critical assessment (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/1998/WG.1/10), prepared by Shahida El-Baz, PhD, ESCWA consultant (in Arabic)

16. *Studies on Arab Women and Development Series : Gender and citizenship and the role of NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip*, in *Series of Arab Women and Development* (No. 27), (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/1999/2), prepared by Ms. Zahirah Kamal, ESCWA consultant
17. *Indices on the situation of Arab women: A critical review* (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/1997/5), prepared by Ms. Maysoun Melek, ESCWA consultant (in English)
18. *Arab Women 1995: Trends, Statistics and Indicators* (E/ESCWA/STAT/1997/3), prepared by Matar, PhD, Cairo
19. *Studies on Arab Women and Development Series : Gender, citizenship and the role of NGOs in conflict-stricken ESCWA areas: Case study of Lebanon* (No. 28) (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/2000/1), prepared by Fadia Kiwan, PhD, ESCWA consultant
20. *Female-headed household in conflict-stricken ESCWA countries: An exploratory survey for formulating poverty alleviation policies* (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/2001/1), in *English and Arabic*, prepared by Camillia Fawzi El-Solh, PhD, as ESCWA consultant
21. *Studies on Arab Women and Development Series : Gender and citizenship and the role of NGOs in the Yemen*, in *Series of Arab Women and Development* (No. 29), prepared by Abdallah Al-Alem, PhD, ESCWA consultant
22. *The role of non-governmental organizations in the implementation of and the integrated follow-up to the United Nations Global Conferences of the 1990s* (E/ESCWA/SD-WOM/1999/4), in Arabic
23. *Gender-sensitive participatory development* in Chapter Six of ESCWA, *Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA region 1998-1999*
24. *Building Social Capital*, in Chapter Six of ESCWA, *Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA region 2000-2001*
25. *Partnership in the family: Gender roles*, 2001
26. *CAWTAR, Arab Women Development Report, Globalization and Gender: Economic Participation of Arab Women*, served as project adviser and **Editor, 2001**
27. *Arab Plan of Action for the Ageing*, launched in Madrid and Cairo (2002)
28. *Studies on Arab Women and Development Series : Gender and citizenship and the role of NGOs in the Gulf Cooperation Countries*, in *Series of Arab Women and Development* (No. 30), prepared by Mounira Fakhrou, PhD, ESCWA consultant, 2004
29. *Studies on Arab Women and Development Series : Gender and citizenship and the role of NGOs in Egypt*, in *Series of Arab Women and Development* (No. 31), prepared by Shahida El-Baz, PhD, ESCWA consultant, 2005
30. *Studies on Arab Women and Development Series : Women and Information & Communication Technologies (ICTs) in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries* (No. 32), prepared by Fatima Balloushi, ESCWA consultant, 2005
31. *Regional Report on Evaluation of Progress Achieved in Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action*, drafted by Farida Bennani, PhD, on the occasion of the ten-year review of Beijing Conference, 2004
32. *Arab Women: Beijing + 10*, launched in Cairo, Damascus and Beirut (2005)
33. *Status of Arab Women Report 2005: History of Women's movements in the Arab World*, ed. Fatima Sbaity Kassem, co-authors Farida Bennani and Nabila Hamza, United Nations New York, April 2006 (launched in Beirut at ESCWA headquarters and in Washington DC at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars).
34. *Implementation of CEDAW in the Arab States*, prepared by Rabia Naciri & Rania El-Jazairi, ESCWA, 2011
35. *Guidelines to gender mainstreaming in ministries of labor & social affairs*, ESCWA, 2011
36. *Women's partnership in political leadership & decision-making in the Arab countries*, ed. Fatima Sbaity Kassem, main/lead author Marierose Zalzal, ESCWA, 2011

## **B. Intergovernmental and Expert Group Meetings & Workshops (indicative not exclusive listing)**

### **Organization & facilitation of workshops**

1. National workshops (12) on Formulating National Plans of Action for the Advancement of Women in Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria (from May 1993 to August 1995)
2. Regional Workshop for Arab Delegations to the 23<sup>rd</sup> special session of the General Assembly on Beijing + 5 (New York from 5-9 June 2000), Cairo in collaboration with the League of Arab States and CAWTAR , facilitated by ESCWA, Cairo, May 2000
3. Regional Workshop for Arab Delegations to the Ten-Year review of the Beijing Conference, Cairo April 2004, organized in collaboration with the League of Arab States, UNIFEM and CAWTAR
4. National workshops (6) on Building a New Iraq: Empowerment of Iraqi Women, in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson Centre (WWC), Middle East Program (July 2004 to September 2005).
5. Regional workshop on gender auditing in the Arab countries, July 2011

### **Organization & Coordination of regional intergovernmental & Expert Group Meetings**

1. ESCWA/LAS/CAWTAR/Jordan National Committee for Women, **First Segment of the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Expert Group Meeting for formulating the Arab Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women** (Amman, 6-8 November 1994)
2. ESCWA/LAS/CAWTAR/Jordan National Committee for Women, **High-Level Segment of the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995** (Amman, 9-10 November 1994)
3. ESCWA/IYF/UAE General Union for Women, **Expert Group Meeting on the Arab Family in a Changing Society: A New Concept of Partnership** (Abu Dhabi, 10-14 Dec. 1994)
4. ESCWA/UNIFEM/UNDP/UNFPA/Lebanon Joint National Preparatory Committee for the FWCW, **Regional Meeting on Lobbying and Leadership Skills and Coordination among Arab Official Delegations to the Fourth World Conference on Women** (Beirut, 6-8 July 1995)
5. ESCWA/ Birzeit University **Expert Group Meeting on the Role of NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and Prospects for Networking** (Ramallah, 13-15 December 1997), participated as Chief of the Women and Development Unit
6. ESCWA/UNIFEM/LAS **Second Arab Meeting for Follow up to the Beijing Conference** (Beirut, 12-15 December 1998)
7. Arab Regional Preparatory Conference for the Second Assembly on Ageing, Beirut October 2002
8. Arab Regional Meeting for the ten-year review of the International Year of the Family, Beirut, October 2003
9. Arab Regional Conference for the ten-year review of the Beijing Conference, Beirut, July 2004
10. Role of the media in empowering women in the Arab States, Beirut, June 2011
11. Role of Young Women and Men activists in the Arab Uprisings, Cairo, October 2011
12. Review of the draft report on women and political leadership in the Arab states, Beirut, December 2011
13. Fifth Session of the ESCWA Subsidiary Intergovernmental Committee on Women, Beirut, December 2011

### **C. Representation of ESCWA & presentation of technical papers**

1. **Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 4-15 September 1995)**
  - Co-organization with the League of Arab States & substantive servicing of the Arab States daily coordination meetings during the FWCW in Beijing (5-15 September 1995)
  - Co-organization of the United Nations Five Regional Commissions (ESCWA/ECE/ECA/ECLAC/ESCAP) Panel Discussion: **Call for Regional Action Beyond Beijing**, held in Beijing on 13 September 1995.
2. **Arab Conference on Formulation of a Regional Programme for Action and Mechanism for Follow-up to the FWCW**, Amman, 25-29 September 1996
3. **Towards Formulating a Strategy for the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR)** held in Tunis, 28-30 July 1997

4. **Gender Mainstreaming in the Policies and Programmes of the United Nations** (Geneva, 15-17 September 1997)
5. Formulation of a National Strategy for Advancement of Kuwaiti Women organized by the Kuwaiti Scientific Research Association for Women (NGO), Kuwait, May 1996;
6. Conference on Gender and Citizenship in Lebanon organized by the Ford Foundation, OXFAM, the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies and the AUB, Beirut, 19-22 March 1997.
7. Conference on Women in Development in Lebanon organized by the Renee Moawad Foundation and sponsored by the World Bank and the Center for Global South of the American University of Washington (Washington, 6-8 November 1997)
8. Commission on the Status of Women, all annual sessions as of 1994 until March 2005, New York
9. Inter-agency Committee on Women and Gender equality, annual sessions as of 1997 until February 2005, New York
10. Committee of Arab Women of the League of Arab States, all annual sessions as of 1995 to date, Cairo
11. INSTRAW Board of Trustees, 19<sup>th</sup> Session, New York, May 1999, as ex-officio member
12. Institute of Arab-American Women Dialogue Conference, Kuwait, June 1999, as the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations by delivering his Statement to the Conference
13. Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (Tunis), representing ESCWA as a member of the Board of Trustees –very close collaboration-, particularly in the production of the CAWTAR Arab Women Report: Globalization and Economic Participation of Arab Women (2001)
14. League of Arab States/ESCWA/CAWTAR Arab Conference on gender dimensions of poverty, Casablanca, March 2001, presentation of a paper on “*Arab Women and feminization of poverty*”.
15. First Arab Women’s Summit, Cairo, November 2000
16. 23<sup>rd</sup> Special session of the General Assembly for Beijing + 5 review, June 2000
17. Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, April 2002
18. International Conference on the Ten-year Review of the International Year of the Family, Doha, Qatar, 2004
19. Ten-Year review of the Fourth World Conference on Women, New York, March 2005: Statement at the General Assembly on the Role of the five Regional Commissions in the Advancement of Women.
20. Violence Against Women: Crimes of honour in the Arab countries, Stockholm, 2004

#### **D. Provision of Technical Assistance to Arab National Mechanisms for Women**

- In report-writing on the situation of women in their countries for submission to international conferences
- In report-writing to the UN Committee of the Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- In institutional and capacity-building (newly established ministries for women, viz, Iraq, Palestine) or recently established mechanisms for women and the family (Bahrain, Qatar, Syria),

#### **Part Three: Authorship of book chapters & conference papers**

- ✓ “*Evolution of Economic Co-operation and Integration in Western Asia*”, in Part I of United Nations Economic Commission ESCWA Economic Integration in Western Asia (Frances Pinter Publisher LTD, London)1985, in English, ISBN 0-86187-325-4. And, all the Annexes.
- ✓ “*Building a Common Agenda in West Asia*”, in Section III of Anita Anand with Gouri Salvi, Beijing! UN Fourth World Conference on Women (Women’s Feature Service, New Delhi, India 1998), in English, ISBN 81-90 1005-0-5
- ✓ “*Arab Women and Development in Western Asia*”, in Chapter Six of ESCWA, Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA region 1996-1997 (E/ESCWA/ED/1997/2) in English and Arabic, ISBN 92-1-128179-2
- ✓ “*Where are Iraqi Women? International instruments and conventions on gender discrimination*”, in Gender Justice in Iraq, 2006, in Arabic with introduction in English, ISBN: 1-889001-14-7; publication of the proceedings of the Gender Justice in Iraq Conference, organized by the

- International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University College of Law in cooperation with the National Democratic Institute, Amman, November 2005.
- ✓ *Arab Women: Achievements, Gaps and Challenges*, Keynote address at the Woodrow Wilson Centre for Scholars, Washington DC, 7 March 2005
  - ✓ *The Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women in Arab Countries*, Lecture at the Global Conference of the YWCA, Beirut, June 2005
  - ✓ *Arab Women and political leadership*, Panel paper presented on International Women's Day at the Academy for Educational Development (AED), Washington DC, 8 March 2006;
  - ✓ *The Status of Arab Women and the role of ESCWA as an agent of change*, Keynote address at the Woodrow Wilson Centre for Scholars, Washington, DC, 1 May 2006.
  - ✓ *Political Parties --Participation of Women in Decision-Making in Public Office: Comparative Analysis*, December 2011 (E/ESCWA/ECW/2011/IG.1/5), Original Arabic
  - ✓ “ Can Women Break Through? Women in Municipalities: Lebanon in Comparative Perspective”, *Journal of Women's Studies International Forum* 35 (2012), pp. 233-255, (Elsevier Ltd), 18 June 2012, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.wsif.2012.04.002>
  - ✓ “Women's Wings in Political Parties: Marginalization or Empowerment Mechanisms”, Volume 15, *Al-Bahithat* , Beirut, Lebanon, December 2012
  - ✓ *Party Politics, Religion and Women's Leadership: Lebanon in Comparative perspective* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), December 2013;
  - ✓ سياسة الأحزاب والدين والمرأة في القيادة: لبنان من منظور مقارن (Beirut: Center of Arab Unity Studies (CAUS), March 2015.

#### **Membership in Profesional Associations & Advisory Boards**

- American Political Science Association
- Association of Lebanese Women Researchers (Al-Bahithat)
- Board of Trustees of the Centre of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR) in Tunis
- Advisory Board of the United Nations Development Porgram (UNDP) *Arab Human Development Report 2005: Towards the Rise of Women in the Arab World*
- Cited in the 56<sup>th</sup> edition of *Who's Who* in America (2002)