

DOHA INTERNATIONAL FAMILY INSTITUTE TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Leading Researchers and Policymakers will Shed Light on Impact of Wars and Conflicts on Arab Families

Doha, Qatar, 3 October 2016: Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) has announced the dates and agenda for its second International Conference on Family Research and Policy, which will address the theme of ‘The Impact of Wars and Conflicts on Arab Families’.

The conference will once again host researchers and policymakers from across the world at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) from 17th to 18th October 2016. The gathering will provide a unique platform for discussion and debate on the impacts of wars and conflicts on Arab families, as well as the role of public policies in promoting family well-being and protection.

The conference’s agenda will address relevant issues around six overarching themes, including: family formation and breakdown; social and economic conditions; gender and health issues; the conditions of refugees and internally displaced families; the impact of wars and conflicts on women, men and children; and the roles and experiences of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in responding to the needs of families during and post wars and conflicts.

Commenting on the announcement of the conference, Noor Al Malki Al-Jehani, Executive Director of DIFI, said: “Through our conference, I believe we will greatly enhance research and policy discussions by highlighting new trends in the challenges Arab families face as a result of the impacts of wars and conflicts. We will build on our work in influencing regional and international family research and policy agendas by providing a platform for social scientists, policymakers, NGOs and CSOs to interact and exchange ideas and expertise.”

The conference will feature plenary sessions as well as panel discussions which will bring together a number of notable speakers and moderators. The first day will explore a variety of topics focusing on family formation, socio-economic impact of wars on families, and gender dimensions during conflicts.

The second day will offer a series of sessions including the experience of NGOs in zones of war and conflict, post-war family transition and resettlement, conditions of Arab refugees and health issues in wars and conflicts.

For details of speakers and sessions, and to register for the conference, prospective participants should visit: <http://www.difi.org.qa/annual-conference>



DIFI, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), was established to support the aims of the 2004 Doha Declaration on the Family. The organisation aims to become a global knowledge leader on the Arab family, and to contribute to the knowledge base on current issues through the development of high-quality research and networks.

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Image 1: Ms Noor Al Malki Al-Jehani, Executive Director of Doha International Family Institute (DIFI).

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About Doha International Family Institute (DIFI):

DIFI is a pioneer international organization in the State of Qatar that supports research programs, policies and social outreach to promote the development of Arab families. Focusing primarily on research, DIFI supports a wide range of national, regional and international evidence based studies pertaining to marriage, family building, women, fertility, demographics, children, family safety, child safety, fatherhood and motherhood. DIFI comprises three divisions: family research division, family policy division and social outreach division. DIFI is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development and has a special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC).

Qatar Foundation- Unlocking Human Potential:

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