

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENS FOR DOHA INTERNATIONAL FAMILY INSTITUTE'S 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Deadline for Submissions is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

**Doha, Qatar, 30 November 2015:** The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), is pleased to invite applicants to submit abstracts for its second International Conference on Family Research and Policy to be held in Doha, Qatar from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

The theme of next year's conference is 'Wars, Conflicts and their Impact on Arab Families', which is in-line with DIFI's vision to ensure family issues constitute a top priority for policy makers and are promoted nationally, regionally, and internationally. Through the conference, DIFI is also supporting QF's mission to enhance community development and promote positive and constructive change in Qatar.

DIFI especially welcomes abstracts from young researchers affiliated to universities in the Arab world, as well as current PhD students. DIFI will sponsor participants to attend the conference, which will include accommodation and transportation.

Abstracts are welcome on any of the sub-themes: 'Family Formation and Breakdown under War and Conflict Conditions', 'Economic Impacts of Wars & Conflicts on Family Life', 'Conditions of Arab Refugees and Internally Displaced Families (IDFs)', 'Impact of Wars and Conflicts on Men, Women, Children, Youth and Elderly'.

Building on the success of its first international conference on Family Research and Policy, which took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015, DIFI's second conference will provide a platform for researchers and policymakers to discuss the impact of wars and conflicts on Arab families while taking into account contextual factors.

The conference aims to investigate the role of policy, national, regional, and international, in promoting the well-being and protection of Arab families and their members under conditions of wars and conflicts. Through thought-provoking sessions and stimulating panel discussions, the conference will provide avenues through which social scientists, policymakers, NGOs, and CSOs can interact.

To submit the abstract and read more about the submission criteria, kindly visit the website [www.difi.org.qa/Call\\_for\\_Abstracts](http://www.difi.org.qa/Call_for_Abstracts). The deadline for submitting abstracts is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

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## 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).

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