

Seminar IRH-ICUB

Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach

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Becoming Conscious of New Gender Issues in the Middle East

When the Westerners think about women in the Arab world nowadays, they still imagine the same stereotypical powerless housewives concealed behind their veils and the doors of their houses. The identity of the Arab women is still very poorly reflected outside the Arab world and many misperceptions ensue from this. This lecture will show that, in some respects, the emancipation of the Arab women may have actually begun even before the one of the Western women – it was actually 1400 years ago that the Islam gave some rights to the women such as the right to own property and wealth and the right to work and to keep their earnings for themselves. But, beyond such historical antecedents that need to be better contextualised, in order to correctly understand the rights of the women in the Middle East nowadays, we will also take into account Arab social and religious values that are different from the Western ones and we will particularly focus on the role played by education in the last 50-70 years and by the new awareness that has been raised on the role of the women there – from being more outspoken regarding their problems to obtaining more leadership and executive positions than in the past. We will also note the new gender issues raised by such situations.