THE TRAINING TO ENGAGED RESEARCH GROUP

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Training to Transformative Gender Research

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ABOUT

About the Training to Transformative Gender Research Program
The Training to Transformative Gender Research Program has created a mentoring relationship between distinguished professors and researchers and junior faculty and Ph.D. students in universities in the Arab region in order that their research might be a catalyst for transformative developments in their communities.

Participants attend a series of four seminars over the course of two years. During this time, with the guidance of their mentors, they gather and analyze their data, hone their writing and research, and produce a finished piece for publication. The final seminar, the culmination of participants' efforts, will be a workshop for participants to finalize their projects for publication.

About Dr. Suad Joseph
Dr. Suad Joseph is the founder and lead trainer of the Training to Engaged Research Group and is Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies at the University of California Davis (USA). She is General Editor of the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (Brill, 2003-2007) and EWIC Online (2009 – present) and has edited/co-edited 8 books, and authored more than 100 articles. She has founded or co-founded a number of scholarly organizations and groups, and currently leads a Consortium of 5 universities in Egypt, Lebanon, and Palestine, with UC Davis. She is the founding Director of the Middle East/South Asia Studies Program at University of California, Davis, and has been recognized with numerous awards for her teaching and service activities at that university. Dr. Joseph has received grants from a number of international organizations, including the Ford Foundation, the Henry Luce Foundation, the International Development Research Center, the National Science Foundation, the Open Society Institute among others. She completed her PhD in Anthropology from Columbia University (USA) and has taught proposal writing and research design for over 30 years. For more information about Dr. Joseph, please visit http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu.

About the Arab Council for the Social Sciences
The Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS) is a regional, independent, non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening social science research and knowledge production in the Arab world. By supporting researchers and academic/research institutions, the ACSS aims to contribute to the creation, dissemination, validation and utilization of social science research and to enrich public debate about the challenges facing Arab societies. The ACSS also aims to enhance the role of social science in Arab public life and inform public policy in the region. For more information, please visit http://www.theacss.org.
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(Note that the readings for this seminar will be available on the dropbox link that was sent to you via email)
OVERVIEW

In advance of the seminar, participants will be invited to read key documents on Dr. Suad Joseph’s website on proposal writing: [http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu](http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu). The key documents are available in Arabic and English. The workshop includes intensive lectures that present all the components of a research proposal in condensed form on the first day of the seminar (Dr. Suad Joseph). The second day will have lectures on feminist approaches to gathering data on gender violence and on human subjects protocols (Drs. Zeina Zaatari, Lena Meari, Nadine Naber and Suad Joseph). Participants will work in writing groups on assignments. On the last day, each participant is required to give a presentation on their data gathering approaches to their research problem to the whole seminar. Following the seminar, the trainers will inform the participants whether their applications for funding were successful and how much funding they will receive. They will be required to commit to the methods and budget itemized in their successful proposal. During the following six months, participants will work with assigned mentors to gather data on their topic of research related to gender violence in the Arab region. The third seminar on data analysis will be in February 2019 and the final seminar, focusing on writing/publishing, will be in July 2019. In the two years, the researchers will complete a research proposal, the data gathering for that proposal, data analysis of the materials collected, and writing their report/article.

PRE-SEMINAR

1. Participants are to read again these documents BEFORE the workshop
   a. Components of a Humanities & Social Science Research Proposal
b. Ten Tips for Proposal Writing  
c. The Art of Proposal Writing  

2. All workshop participants should be comfortable in English- speaking and writing
3. Participants are to bring their completed proposals to the seminar and mail in advance to all trainers

**SEMINAR AGENDA**

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<td>Topic: Feminist Frameworks for Methods: How? Power relations &amp; ethics of research</td>
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10:30 – 11:00 am Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Topic: Feminist Approaches to Interview methods, note taking, focus groups
Presenter: Dr. Naber

For focus groups:

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 pm Topic: Feminist Approaches to Oral History/Life History
Presenter: Dr. Zaatari

2:00 – 3:00 pm Topic: Feminist Approaches to Documents as Data Sources
Presenter: Dr. Meari

3:00 – 3:30 pm Break
3:30 – 4:30 pm Topic: Interviewing Persons who have been traumatized
Presenter: Dr. Zaatari

Presenter: Dr. Joseph
Readings: Browse the following link: [UC Davis IRB](https://irb.ucdavis.edu)

5:30 – 5:45 pm  Discussion of Assignment for Next Day
6:00 – 8:00 pm  Group Dinner

**September 29, 2018**

8:30 – 9:00 am  Coffee
9:00 – 10:30 am  PRESENTATIONS: Participants
10:30 – 11:00 am  Break
11:00 am – 1:00 pm  PRESENTATIONS: Participants
1:00 – 2:00 pm  Lunch
2:00 – 5:00 pm  PRESENTATIONS: Participants
5:00 – 6:00 pm  Planning for the year