Promoting Gender Equality and Diversity Through Shared Knowledge Production

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Structure and Setting

- develop a collaborative and interdisciplinary platform for gender and diversity expertise and excellence in research and education between Switzerland and North Africa / the Middle East
- high-quality cooperation in knowledge production and exchange, involving joint efforts at disseminating competencies with respect to gender and diversity through mutual dialogue and learning processes supported by strong international networks
- three main **focal points**
- three **thematic fields**

Main focal points

I. Research, knowledge production and knowledge circulation

- Cross-regional interdisciplinary approach along three thematic fields:
- a) Gender, Memory and Development
- b) Gender and DiversityKnowledge in Public andPrivate Organisations
- c) Gender, Diversity and Public Space

II. Bridging the gap between academia and society

- III. Network and institution building
- Shared knowledge production and knowledge transfer in reducing inequalities
- Intensifying and extending existing strong networks
- Exchange and mutual learning in institution building
- Creation of shared teaching and outreach programmes
- Academic and practical solution-finding in different institutional settings and methodological contexts



Goals



- Organising **academic events**, such as conferences and major workshops centred on the three main thematic fields
- Designing and implementing **educational programmes**, such as a graduate course on collaborative cross-regional and transcultural gender and diversity studies, as well as exchange programmes
- Preparing targeted joint publications for both academic and non-academic fora
- Facilitating transfer of knowledge and expertise in gender and diversity among academia, activists and practitioners across the involved regions with a strong focus on competence and capacity building

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Swiss and South partners

- Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Gender
 Studies and Islamic Studies, University of Zurich (lead institution)
- Institute of Gender Studies, University of Geneva
- Institute for Human Resource Management & Organization, School of Business, University of Applied Arts and Sciences Northwestern Switzerland
- Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) and the Department of Social Sciences, Lebanese American University, Beirut, Lebanon
- The Women and Memory Forum (WMF), Cairo, Egypt
- ISIS Center for Women and Development, Fez, Morocco
- INLAC Center for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Fez, Morocco