# The Women of the Middle East: A Week-Long Conference and Cultural Program

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| 4pm to 5:15pm        | **Panel:** The Role of Female Faculty in Higher Education – UAlbany – Science Library – Standish Room  
**Speakers:** Dr. Samar Al-Saqaf (Saudi Arabia), Dr. Minoo Rafeie (Iran), Dr. Dina Refki (Egypt)  
**Moderator:** Dr. Dina Refki  
| 5:30pm to 6pm        | Opening Reception – UAlbany – Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  
| 6pm to 6:20pm        | Opening Remarks by President Robert Jones and President Penelope Andrews – UAlbany – Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  
| 6:30pm to 8:30pm     | **Piano Concert:** Tara Kamangar – UAlbany – Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  

| **Tuesday, October 22, 2013** |                 |                                                                      |
| 12:30pm to 1:30pm     | **Film Screening:** Showcase of Films by Anahita Ghazvinizadeh (Needle and When the Kid was a Kid) – UAlbany – Humanities B-39  
| 3pm to 5pm            | **Roundtable:** Art and Performing Arts as a Form of Activism – UAlbany – Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  
**Speakers:** Rana Farhan (blues vocalist), Banafshe Sayyad (performing artist), Amal Kassir (poet), Melek Ozman (Filmmor Women’s Cooperative founder)  
| 5:30pm to 6pm         | Sufi Dance Performance by Banafshe Sayyad – Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  
| 7:00pm                | **Film Screening:** No One Knows About Persian Cats – UAlbany – Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  
**Introduction and Postscreening Talkback by Rana Farhan**  

| **Wednesday, October 23, 2013** |                 |                                                                      |
| 12:30pm to 1:30pm     | **Short Documentary Film Screening:** 70-80-90 Masum, Kustah, Fettan (70-80-90 Innocent, Insolent, Enticing) by Filmmor’s Women Cooperative – UAlbany – Humanities B-39  
| 2pm to 3:30pm          | **Roundtable:** Social Change, Activism, and Human Rights – UAlbany – Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  
**Speakers:** Kaziwa Salih (human rights activist and writer), Ava Homa (human rights activist and writer), Dr. Pinar Nokay (economist); Ladan Alomar (social welfare); Dr. Seniha Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana (peacebuilding), **Moderator:** Ladan Alomar  
| 4:15pm                 | **Seminar:** Women of the Kurdish Diaspora on Literature and Writing, Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  
**Speakers:** Ava Homa and Kaziwa Salih  
| 7:30pm                 | **Film Screening:** The Pear Tree – UAlbany – Performing Arts Center – Recital Hall  

| **Thursday, October 24, 2013** |                 |                                                                      |
| 12pm to 1:30pm        | **Roundtable:** Law and Culture: Middle Eastern Women in the Region and Diaspora – Albany Law School  
**Speakers:** Gisoo Nia, (“The Impact of Discriminatory Laws Against Women in Iran”); Dr. Mehrangiz Kar (“Shari’a and Civil Law Regarding Women in Iran”); Dr. Seniha Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana; Dr. Gonul Tol; Dr. Marwa El-Bially  
| 2pm to 3:30pm          | **Roundtable:** Women and Religion: A View from the Abrahamic Faiths – Albany Law School  
| 4:15pm                 | **Seminar:** Goli Taragi – UAlbany – Science Library – Standish Room  
| 8pm                    | **Reading:** Goli Taragi – UAlbany – Science Library – Standish Room  

| **Friday, October 25, 2013** |                 |                                                                      |
| 10am to 12pm           | **Panel:** Female Students’ Experiences in Higher Education – Rockefeller College – Milne 200  
**Speakers:** Elmira Alhosseini (Iran), Bilge Avcı (Turkey), Samaa Saidi (Saudi Arabia)  
| 3:15pm to 6pm          | **Film Screening and Panel:** Film Screening of Asmaa and Panel on Health Status and Systems Structure in the Middle East – Rockefeller College – Milne 200  
**Speakers:** Zahra Alaali and Amal Meer (Saudi Arabia), Leila Kokabee and Jenna Murphy (Iran),  
**Moderators:** Drs. Arash and Kamiar Alaei  
| 6:30pm to 8:30pm       | Closing Ceremony and Middle Eastern Cultural Events – UAlbany – Alumni House  