Combating Violence against Women

In its process of raising awareness among Lebanese women concerning issues of violence and abuse, the Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) at the Lebanese American University (LAU) in cooperation with the Embassy of the United States of America in Beirut organized a two-day workshop entitled: Combating Violence against Women, that took place on the 12th and 13th of March, 2009 at LAU’s Beirut campus (Irwin Hall).

Thirty-five participants from different Lebanese NGO’s attended the workshop that was led by Ms. Itedal Shalabi, the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Arab American Family Services in Bridgeview (Illinois, USA).

The different sessions of the workshop focused on: 1) effective methods of advocating for greater social and legal protections for women; 2) how to design effective awareness campaigns about violence against women and the avenues of recourse victims of violence can pursue.
Fathers and Sons for Citizenship

The Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) in collaboration with the CRTD-A organized an awareness campaign: “Fathers and Sons for Citizenship” that took place on April 8, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at the Dr. Najla Atiyah Conference rooms in Riyadh Nassar Library. The event hosted lawyer Iqbal Doughan as the guest speaker.

This event is part of the citizenship campaign for Lebanese women’s right to pass on their citizenship to their children and husbands.
Festival of Lebanese Art Books

IWSAW participated in the “Festival of Lebanese Art Books” that was held at the UNESCO Palace from Tuesday October 13 till Saturday October 17, 2009. This event is part of Beirut’s designation as the World Book Capital for 2009.

The main objective of this festival was to exhibit all books and electronic publications by and about Lebanese artists and their works. During the festival, IWSAW exhibited the following art books: *The Woman Artist in Lebanon* (Soft and Hard Cover) by Helen El Khal, *Women by Women: A Collective Exhibition of Contemporary Lebanese Women Artists*, and *A Cosmicomics Illustration Workshops*.

In addition to IWSAW’s art publications, the following LAU art books were exhibited: *LAU Students Art Exposition* (2008, 2006–2007, 2005, 2004), *Art in Lebanon*, *The Development of Contemporary Art in Lebanon 1930–1975*, *Abstract Painting in Lebanese Art*, *Graphic Art in Lebanon Group Exhibition*, *LAU Alumni Artists*, *Human Figure in Lebanese Painting A Collective Art Exhibition*, *Lebanese American University commemorates Moustafa Farroukh (1957–2007).*

The opening ceremony was under the patronage of H.E. Tammam Salam, Minister of Culture.