

## WOMEN & HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Women and Human Rights in the Middle East Program at Rice University's Baker Institute invites submissions for the third volume of its academic journal. This journal volume seeks to contextualize women in conflict, particularly since the onset of the Arab Awakening. The Arab Awakening not only led to political and social transformation, but also spurred conflict and violent clashes in many parts of the region. Despite remarkable gains by women in Egypt and Tunisia, violence and displacement continued to oppress women across the region. Basic human rights and protections were largely absent amid mounting crises and struggles for power. With no end to the violence in sight, these political and social realities also call attention to the immediate need to change perceptions of the concepts of citizenship and to focus on more inclusive policies and legal mechanisms for those directly affected by conflict — especially women and children.

Specific research questions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- How does conflict impact the status of women in the region? How does conflict change women's roles in the home, workforce or public sphere?
- What protections are provided by international organizations to the women and children in conflict zones?
- What are the experiences of crisis refugees, and how can the international community better serve their needs?
- What is the role of women in armed conflict? Are women the perpetrators as well as the victims of violence?

Submissions should not exceed 7,000 words, including footnotes and a bibliography. The paper should be double-spaced with one-inch margins.

### **Who May Submit:**

Submissions are welcome from undergraduate and graduate students from academic or policy institutions in both the United States and the Middle East. Doctoral candidates in advanced stages of research are especially encouraged to apply.

### **Submission Deadline:**

Final papers and a C.V. must be submitted by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Authors of papers selected for publication will be notified by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Submission Procedure:**

All interested scholars should send their submissions via email to Ariana Marnicio at [amarnicio@rice.edu](mailto:amarnicio@rice.edu). Please write "Submission for Third Volume – YOUR LAST NAME" in the subject line.