

women of all ages fearlessly forging through the countless designer boutiques, high priced showrooms, spas etc. Many were out with families getting dinners or with other female friends for an all to familiar western concept of a "girls night out"! I sincerely feel this may not have been possible without the advent of globalization which has seeped deeply into the Indian culture and sub-cultures today. With globalization came the opportunities of employment, the need for education, which (at least in most metropolitan areas and second tier cities) included the endorsement of women partaking in this phenomenon as well. And lo and behold with the increase in employment opportunities and more disposable income came into being a generation of women who are smart with the realization that they make as much if not more money than the men in their lives and the knowledge and power to spend this money as per their best knowledge. However, with this wonderful picture I paint there is another aspect of globalization that has impacted the women of today to a great extent. They now have additional responsibilities both on the job and off it, more decisions, and more issues with time management and maybe less time to spend with the families. But how has this globalization affected their relationship with the men in their life? Are they more supportive? Are they more tolerant? Has the effect of globalization on women, especially in Indian women, led to only more economic independence? What are some of the effects that are felt but not seen? These are some of the thoughts that I would like to discuss during the conference.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN IRAN

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This article examines developments in 'Islamic feminism', and offers a critique of feminist theories, which construct it as an authentic and indigenous emancipation alternative to secular feminisms. Focusing on Iran after the victory of 1979 Islamic Revolution, This study explores women's right advances in a society where combined God's will as well as people's decisions are at place. Some of women's rights are quite common everywhere in the world as there are inherent and subject to the womanly sexuality whereas others acquisitive and thus different from one society and region to another. This paper argues that some women rights in Iran, though not recognized by the government laws, were common and widely applicable before the 1979 revolution and later approved in the Constitutional Law of 1979 and some more new rights recognized by the Constitution though took some longer times to be realized. This study explores the most obvious and popular legal rights explicitly mentioned in the Constitution, civil code and other statutes and government bylaws and regulations currently applying in Iran.

WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN IRANIAN CINEMA

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Nowadays the position of women and gender equality are controversial issues especially in developing countries. Women's presence in personal and public realms shows their empowerment and indicates the partial removal of gender discriminations in patriarchal society. Women's empowerment with the knowledge, skills and self-confidence helps reduce inequalities and also acts as a means to improve their status within the family and also for changing women's position and development process in the society. The situation of women in Iran has been the subject of much reporting, commentary and analysis over the past several years. The position of women in the society, family, and workplace is undergoing a change in Iran. Although in recent years a great deal of discussion at the international level has addressed the issue of the place and status of women in present day Iranian society and the influence their social position has exerted in the spheres of art, literature, religion, politics, economics and history and so on, critical eyes are