International Colloquium

Women's struggles in the Cinema of Africa and the Middle East

12 - 13 May 2016

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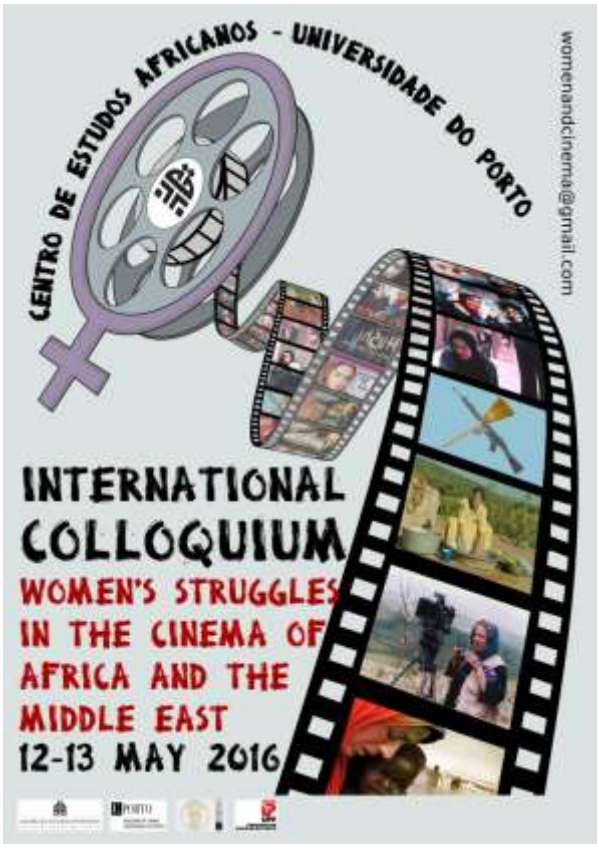
CALL FOR PAPERS

Cinema exposes realities characterizing the society which produces it, but it is at the same time a form of critical narrative that has questioned, challenged and even disrupted social and cultural patterns often proposing alternatives that may transform, overthrow and supersede them.

This conference thus aims at reflecting on the relations between cinema and society through a multidisciplinary debate around the representation of women and their struggles in the cinemas of Africa and the Middle East. This cinematographic production, still way too little disseminated and known in Europe, has been proposing broad and diverse readings on women's lives: readings for which female filmmakers whose approaches diverge from the hegemonic views have greatly contributed. It is this plurality of cinematographic views in the feminine and on the woman – different ways of questioning and expressing the polyphony of African and Middle Eastern worlds – that is intended to be discussed at this conference.



In this regard, the Center of African Studies of the University of Porto invites students, researchers, academics and cinematographers to contribute to this event through communications that may fall under the following topics:

- Women in conflicts and in social movements;
- Women and war movies;
- Female directors: "She" on "She";
- Representations of gender;
- Creation, production and film distribution.

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Places

Conference – Faculdade de Letras, University of Porto

Film exhibition – Universidade Popular do Porto

Dates and deadlines

Submission of abstracts: until March 15, 2016

Notification to applicants: until March 31, 2016

Inscriptions: May 1-10, 2016

Registration fee

30€

Guidelines for abstracts and communications

Abstracts are limited to 1500 characters (incl. spacing).

Abstracts and communications must be presented in Portuguese, French or English.

Communications may not exceed 15 minutes.

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