



Angela Jurdak Khoury, the first woman diplomat in Lebanon (1915-2011)

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Abstract

Angela Jurdak Khoury is born in 1915 in Lebanon, and died in 2011 in Washington D.C. She was the first woman studying in the Department of Sociology at the American University of Beirut, and the first to be graduated with an M.A degree from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in 1938.

In 1945, Angela Jurdak Khoury joined the diplomatic affairs to become the first woman diplomat in Lebanon, representing her country in the Commission on the Status of Women at the UN between 1946 and 1951.

Her story is not really included in the History of Lebanon. For that reason, our paper would relate about "Herstory", in order to shed the light on the role of women in social sciences through the study of individual experiences. It would focus on the status of Arab protestant women in Lebanon under the mandate between 1930s and 1940s, where they were considered as subaltern citizens and would analyze the role of education in changing that status into a Postcolonial citizenship.

From a subaltern subject during the mandate to a diplomat, Angela Jurdak Khoury has a very interesting path, worth to be studied.

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