

# MALMÖ ARAB FILM FESTIVAL

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### Critics without Borders – Nordic – Middle East 2021

Fifteen film critics from the Nordic countries and the Middle East will participate in the workshop that will be held During Arab Women Film Days in Malmö, Sweden, October 1-4. During these four days, the critics will participate in panel debates and masterclasses. With this workshop we want to create a sustainable network of Nordic and Arab film critics and provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

After three previous editions in 2015, 2017 and 2018, “Critics without Borders” focused specifically on critics from Egypt and the Maghreb region, the 2021 edition will focus on critics coming from Five Middle Eastern countries (Lebanon – Jordan – Palestine – Syria – Iraq).

“Critics without Borders” will continue to support the discussion and networking between Arab critics and their counterparts from the Nordic countries (Sweden – Denmark – Norway – Finland – Iceland).



We want to turn the attention to the critics since they have the special power of highlighting important societal issues.

- The film market is a male-dominated field, and it is vital therefore that film critics engage in discussions of gender inequality and discrimination. We will strive to have gender equality among the participants and a mix of ages.
- All critics must struggle with some sort of censorship, we want to examine what censorship means in different contexts.
- Democracy and freedom through film, what does this mean?

#### Activities of “Critics without Borders” 2021

- Panel discussions, and masterclasses.
- A collective article, in which all the participants will contribute during their presence in Malmö.

#### Who is eligible to participate?

- Nordic applicant must be a citizen or a resident of one of the following countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.
- Arab applicant must be a citizen of one of the following countries: Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Syria and Iraq.
- The applicant must be practicing film criticism in one or more written, visual or audio media.
- The applicant must not be less than 18 years old.

#### Acceptance requirements

- To agree to participate in the program activities during the period of Arab Women Film Days, in which MAFF holds the right to photograph, record, stream or broadcast all activities and sessions through its official platforms or in any other media.
- To agree to write a research paper, whose topic and size will be discussed after acceptance with the workshop coordinator.

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