Elizabeth Warnock Fernea (1927–2008)—“BJ” to those who knew her—was a prolific educator, author, and filmmaker whose work was a pioneering effort to bring the discussion of gender, politics, and culture in the Middle East/North Africa region to a much larger audience.

She served on the faculty of UT’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Department of English for over three decades, was appointed the first chair of the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, and was the first woman elected president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA).

Her passionate dedication to her interests and her tireless teaching and mentoring influenced generations of scholars and students. In her memory and honor, the University of Texas is holding a three day conference on gender, politics, and culture, featuring selected panels of colleagues, friends, and former students.

**October 15–17**

**THURSDAY EVENING:**
Keynote Event featuring Samia Mehrez and Caroline Williams, 5:00 PM

**FRIDAY:**
Panels 8:30 AM–4:30 PM
Evening Keynote Address by Emily Apter, 5:00 PM (in conjunction with the “Postcolonial Actualities: Past and Present” conference)

**SATURDAY:**
Panel: 9:30 AM
Roundtable and Open Mic: 1:30 PM

The University of Texas
AVAYA Auditorium
ACES Building, 24th and Speedway

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For full schedule or more information, visit: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/mes/ or contact Christopher Rose, csrose@austin.utexas.edu.