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# FATIHA BENATSOU

ON DIVERSITY, DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES



**Tuesday October 19, 2010, 6:30 PM in GC Panther Suite 325**

In 2009 Mme Benatsou became “la préfète déléguée à l'égalité des chances”, the first female prefect of France for equal opportunity born to immigrant Algerian parents. Her daily social struggle led her to be appointed to the Economic and Social Council in 2004, to join the cabinet for the Minister of Veterans Affairs as a technical advisor responsible for memory in 2005 and to be the head of the Mission for the Social and Professional Integration of the Youth in 2006. Raised in a shantytown located in one of the poorest suburbs of Paris, Mme Benatsou never let obstacles daunt her determination to fulfill the wishes of her mother and grandmother to leave the shantytown (“the bidonville”) and become a woman in her own right. She holds a M.A. in Business Engineering. She is the author of a memoir entitled “Le Rêve de Djamilia” (2009) and the recipient of several awards and honors. Today she is one of France’s most prominent political figures.

*«Je suis une enfant légitime de la République»*

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