

## TRENDS OF SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH IN KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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### Abstract

The First Programs of Social Work Education established in the kingdom were located at King Saud University (Riyadh City) 1971 "Department of Social Studies". In 1973 and 1974, the study of specialist social work and sociology for males and females began.

In the same year that social work education for girls was established, most of the Saudi university established a department for social work education with sociology specialist as: Al E mam Bin Saud University 1982, Umm Al-Qura University 1984, King Faisal University 1980-1981, and Hail University 2005.

Although a girl's college and department of Social work in Saudi Arabia were available, there is not an academic journal specialist for social work in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

All specialists in social work deal with published research and literature and cooperate with other specialists.

This research aims to analyze social work research directions, attitudes, perspectives, using quantitative and qualitative methods. Depending on content analysis for studies in social work and human sciences journal published by faculty of social work Helwan University in Egypt. That faculty is the old one at the Middle East.

However, this journal deals with social work education publishing scientific research and literature reviews for all researchers who specialize in social work with all levels of Saudi universities 'and gulf countries.

Therefore, we are using 65 researchers for Saudi Faculty from period 1996-2012.and most of these researchers focused on descriptive studies, rarely within experimental studies.

Finally, there is not research based evidence, beside this there is little corporation research that depends on teamwork. So this research achieved some suggestions to enhance research experimental studies and based evidence.

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